

HISTORY OF INTERPRETATION

4 RULES OF INTERPRETATION

Any Interpretation MUST NOT...

Contradict the PLAIN TEACHING of the Bible

Change the NATURE of Christ's Kingdom

Change the NATURE of man, or infringe on his

FREE WILL

Change the ETERNAL PROMISES of God

WHAT DID THE 1ST CENTURY CHURCH KNOW?

PAUL

I Thessalonians 4:13

I Thessalonians 5:1

II Thessalonians 2:3-8

JOHN

I John 2:18-23

II John 2:7-11

PETER

I Peter 5:13

SPOILERS!

FROM JOHN TO CONSTANTINE

Pseudo-Sibylline Oracles Middle of the 2nd Century

Not the Sibylline Book kept by the ancient Romans

Book 8 Primary Topic is the Destruction of Rome Mystical Babylon

Antichrist: Latin Equal to God A Persecutor Like Nero

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Justin Martyr 100-165

Earthly Millennial Kingdom

First in writing to connect:

Daniel's 4th Beast = Revelation's Beast

Paul's "Man of Sin" = John's "Antichrist"

FROM JOHN TO CONSTANTINE

Irenaeus Early 100s-202 Polycarp (Smyrna) John

The Beast & Antichrist: Roman Empire to Divide into 10

Antichrist Manifest Shortly Thereafter

Jewish

Roman

666

Lateinos

“Latin Man”

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Tertullian 155-240

Roman Empire divided into 10 Antichrist not Jewish

Daniel's 70 Weeks Prophecy fulfilled in the 1st Century

History of Events to Judgement Day Proleptic Epilogue

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Hippolytus 170-235 Irenaeus *Christ and Antichrist*

“...**appear**...like the Son of God” “...he will...send out **false apostles.**”

Daniel's 4th Beast is Rome Daniel's Little Horn is Antichrist Rome

Revelation 17 & 18 Rome Struck by a Fatal Blow Revived by Antichrist

666 = *Lateinos* True Church Would Flee Due to Antichrist

Antichrist/Man of Sin would only be destroyed on the Last Day

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Origen 184-254

Revelation 7 & 14 144K = Small Number of Faithful

Antichrist Usurper False Christ

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Dionysus & Nepos ca.250 Egypt

Figurative or Literal Millennium? Revelation?

Allegorist/Spiritualist Interpretation Rising

Dionysus levels the first charge of
Non-apostolicity against Revelation

FROM JOHN TO CONSTANTINE

Victorinus 302 Diocletian's Great Persecution

First known full commentary on Revelation

Only surviving commentary of his many

Historicist

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Methodius Died in Diocletian's Persecution

The Virginal Banquet Never Looks Back past "the things which must shortly take place"

Revelation 12 Woman & Man-child Cannot be Mary & Jesus

"things which were" or "have already taken place"

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Lactantius Survived Diocletian's Persecution

Divine Institutions

Era of Civil War, Calamities and Multiplication of Emperors

Rome split into 10 Kingdoms 1 would rise to destroy 3 of them

Antichrist would appear and defeat this tyrant

RECAP FROM JOHN TO CONSTANTINE

Historicist Interpretation was the Earliest & Universal

Antichrist would be Roman

70 Weeks already Fulfilled Year-Day Principle

O.T. was the Key to Deciphering Revelation

Time is our Friend!

FROM CONSTANTINE TO THE FALL OF ROME

Undeveloped Premillennialism Prevailed

Revelation 20

Christ's return would be the beginning of a
1000 year earthly kingdom

Literal

Undeveloped Postmillennialism Grows

There would be 1000 years BEFORE Christ's return

Figurative

Birth of CHRISTENDOM

State Religion

II Thessalonians 2:7

Mystery of
Lawlessness

FROM CONSTANTINE TO THE FALL OF ROME

Eusebius 300s Arian Friend of Constantine

New Jerusalem = Rome Revelation 12 Dragon = Paganism cast down

Athanasius of Alexandria 298-373

Antichrist was Imminent Arise from Arianism I John 2:22-23

Jerome 347-420 Revelation = Spiritual Metaphor Say "NO!" to Jewish Fables

10 Contemporary Germanic Confederations of his own time = Daniel's 10
Horns

Augustine 354-430 *City of God* Historicist Millennium = Luke 10:18

Antichrist would be an Individual reigning 3 ½
Years Babylon = World