

The Eternal Kingdom

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Lesson #25

We have been looking at the apologists; tonight we will conclude our study of the apologists. Let's begin with Hippolytus (ns).

Hippolytus (170-236)

- Pronunciation: Hi-pol-i-tuh s
- Born around 170 A.D.
- Studied under Irenaeus in Gaul
- Spent his adult life in Rome
- What bishop did he oppose and why?
- What happened to him in 235 A.D.?
- What did his writings consist of?
- What did he believe to be the origin of heresy?

(Read bullets and discuss).

Origen (185-254)

- Born into a pagan family of Alexandria 185 A.D.
- Parents were converted when he was eight years old
- Who did he study under?
- What emotional story do we learn about his father?
- Who encouraged Origen to write and what do we know about this man's former life?
- What evidence do we have that Origen was a brilliant man?
- What mistakes did Origen make?

(Read bullets).

Again, let us be mindful of why the apologists were writing. For the most part, they are writing to those in authority and yes to the masses in general about the innocence of the Christian community. From about the middle part of the first century throughout the 2nd and part of the 3rd century, the church was in the crosshairs of the Roman government. Let's take a look at why this was so.

Through Persecution to Victory

54-325 AD

- Foreign religions were looked on by the Roman authorities with suspicion. What did the Jews do to arouse that suspicion? How does this jive with what we see in Acts 5:33-39?
- What view did the Roman government have of Christians and how did the Christians beliefs impact the Romans views?
- Christianity was considered “illegal” and they were accused of hideous crimes. What were those crimes?
- What were to two chief reasons accusations were made against Christians?
- Explain who the Druids and the Bacchants were and how they behaved.
- What two extreme views did the Gnostics hold to?
- What were the Christians called because they would not worship false gods?