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Hippolyts Schrift In Danielelem

Kommunikative Strategien eines frühchristlichen Kommentars



Hippolytus' writing *In Danielelem* (around 204 AD) is the oldest complete extant consecutive interpretation of an entire book of the Bible written by a Christian author. It is one of the oldest of this kind of texts which is still being actively discussed by exegesis scholars up to this day and are used a great deal in the study and teaching of theology as well as in church practice. Katharina Bracht analyzes *In Danielelem*, focusing in particular on its communication strategies in the communication triangle of pretext, commentary and readership in order to gain an exemplary insight into the early Christian Bible commentaries and to shed light on the origins of the "Christian Bible commentary" genre. In addition, the analysis and interpretation of Hippolytus's work contribute to the clarification of its authorship and thus to the so-called Hippolytus question.

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