

Petrus Comestor, Historia scholastica**Petri Comestoris Historia Scholastica**

Codicology: Vellum, mm 348 x 250, (13.8 x 10.1 in.), ff. 158 + 11, double columns of 49 lines. Cent. **xiii early**, in two main hands, both very good.

Collation: 3 flyleaves, a²² b⁶, 1⁸-20⁸ (wants 7-8). One page at each end covered with paper.

2 fo.: “considerans” or “uocat”

Additions: Three flyleaves at the beginning are from a **xiii**th cent. MS. of decretals in small hand. Then a blank leaf (f, |iv|).

Additions: f. **iii**, |**vr**| a has **xv**th cent. note and title.

Decoration: On **iiiv**, |**vv**| a drawing of the seven-branched candlestick with allegorical explanation, and diagram of 'transitus filiorum israel per mare rubrum'.

Additions: ff. **iii**, |**vir**|-**viii**, |**xir**| have the compendium of sacred history up to the time of Christ which is often found written on rolls and attributed to Petrus Pictavensis¹:

“Considerans hystorie sacre prolixitatem”
with genealogical tables.

Decoration: On **viiiv**, |**xiv**| a drawing of a seraph, with the allegorical significance of the six wings and feathers.

Decoration: There are some very handsome decorative initials containing grotesque figures, e.g. Genesis f. 1v; Exodus (a centaur) f. 19r; Numbers (retaining its cloth guard) f. 34v; Joshua, curious figure f. 44r.

Foliation: ff. a-b + i-xi + 1-157 + xii + c-d.

Language: Latin.

Contents:**0.**

vir-xir [Peter of Poitiers¹, Genealogia historiarum](#)

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1r-xiiv [Petrus Comestor¹, Historia scholastica](#)

- 1r () *Rubric:* Petri Comestoris¹ *Historia Scholastica*
 1r *Rubric:* Incipit prologus epistolaris
 1r () *Incipit:* Reuerendo patri et domino suo Willelmo¹
 1r () *Explicit* per omnia benedictus deus. Amen
 Capitula
 1r () *Rubric:* Incipit prefatio
 1v *Incipit:* Imperatorie maiestatis
 (P. L. CXCVIII 1053^[Migne 198])
 1v () *Explicit* princeps est et principium
 1v *Rubric:* Incipit hystoria scolastica de creatione
 1v () *Incipit:* In principio erat uerbum
 66r Hand changes
 157v *Explicit* in catacumbis
 157v () Epitaph of P. Comestor¹ in a later hand
 xiiir (158r) blank
 xiiiv (158v) Verso covered with paper

CCC: space available for notes on the current status of the encoding

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