

Chapter 19

Origen's Christology in the Context of the Second and Third Centuries

Abstract

This chapter grapples with the problem that the theological terms used to interpret Origen's Christology and eschatology map a later set of terms and relations crafted in a different intellectual milieu. Origen's Christology preceded the Chalcedonian binary of heresy and orthodoxy; 'Christology' did not become a theological term until the seventeenth century. The term 'eschatology' originated in the Scholastic period and 'apocalyptic' in the early twentieth century. To expand the scope of what Origen would have considered Christology, the author of this chapter introduces the notion of a biography of Christ that begins with protology, moves through Incarnation and the ministry of Jesus, and ends with eschatology. He then tracks Origen's titles across the long arc between protology and eschatology, thus using Origen's own categories to map a biography of Christ.

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