

Paola Marone, *L'esegesi biblica di Ottato di Milevi*, (Studi e proposte, 5), Roma: Università La Sapienza, 2008, 889581407X, 9788895814070, 208 p.

Paola Marone studies the *Aduersus Donatistas* of Optatus of Milevis from the exegetical point of view. Although Optatus did not specifically intend to compose an exegetical study, this writing clearly reveals that interpreting Scripture was an integral part of anti-Donatist literature. In reacting against Parmenian, and in line with Cyprian, Optatus opted (similar to Parmenian) for allegorical exegesis, the framework within which Optatus engaged the debate with the Donatists. For this reason Optatus' reading of Scripture is aimed at collecting material which is relevant for the historical and theological/ecclesial context of fourth century Africa. The author first sketches the historical, ideological and literal context and offers a *status quaestionis* of the research regarding *Aduersus Donatistas*. Subsequently she compares the specific forms of exegesis of Parmenian, Optatus and Cyprian and analyses Optatus' particular way of quoting Scripture in general and in his *Aduersus Donatistas* in particular. Additionally, the present volume offers an overview of the general structure of Optatus' oeuvre and of his Biblical vocabulary.

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