

Le Royaume et l'Eschatologie

- 2 No doubt that eschatological stage is the ultimate goal of Humanity. Question is whether it is the only stage. When Xd speaks of immortality of Kingdom does he mean end of world and of a Kingdom whose conditions differ from present!

According to Schürer, Harnack etc - messianism as understood by Jews was purely & simply regne final & éternité de Dieu. Messianic age quite different from conditions of this life, preceded by end of world, era of paix universelle et justice parfaite. Further, Jesus could think only in terms of contemporary utopias; ergo.

This theory of contemporary Jewish thought has been presumptively rejected by Lagrange - de messianisme chez les Juifs - Paris 1908.

Dist. apocalyptique & rabbinical literature - former stress eschatological idea - without identify regne messianique and regne final & éternité de Dieu

Regne de Dieu = monde à venir; attribution of just & sinners présente
Regne messianique = l'avenir d'Israël en ce monde provisoire conditions à venir

Difference between apocalyptic & rabbinical on religious value of messianism

Apocalyptic: no particular relation between Messiah & spiritual salvation

Rabbinical: quite the contrary

Hence: regne de Dieu eschatological in apocalyptic; in rabbinical it is first messianique then eschatological.

→ Hence: royaume de Dieu with mark exclusively of future stage [rabbinical] and messianic Kingdom understood only of this world [rabbinical & apocalyptic]

Did Jesus correct this notion & make regne de Dieu exclusively eschatological?

cf. Frey on Messianism

Arguments

- 2 Historicity of texts. Eschatologists maintain there is an irreducible contradiction.

Hence necessary to separate authentic from added texts. Texts on

Parousia are authentic because they would not be added after being falsified by event eg. Mt 10²³ / 16²⁸ 23^{36, 39} 24³⁴ 26^{29, 34} & parallel passages.

A risky procedure such as this division of such authenticated & clear-headed products of history as Gospels (contemporary) is the last step allowable, cannot be attempted if there is any plausible explanation.