

## **CHRONICON ORIENTALE**

A [chronicle](#) of world history composed by an unknown thirteenth-century author who put events he thought important into a table of secular and ecclesiastical rulers. Its [chronological](#) bases are the Old Testament for the pre-Christian era, the Roman [emperors](#) for the period from the time of [Christ](#) to Muhammad, and thereafter the Arab regimes in Syria and Egypt, along with a history of the caliphs to his own time (1260).

It includes a section that gives an outline history of the Alexandrian patriarchs from Saint MARK (43-68) to ATHANASIUS III (1250- 1261). The dates are in good order but untrustworthy as to actual calendar years.

The Copt ABU SHAKIR ibn Butrus al-Rahib has been taken to be the author since the *Chronicon's* first translation into Latin was done by a Maronite, [Abraham](#) Ecchelensis (*Chronicon orientale, nunc primum latinitate donatum . . .*, Paris, 1651; Paris, 1685). This translation was revised by J. ASSEMANI and published with four added dissertations in *Corpus Scriptorum Historiae Byzantinae* (Vol. 17, Venice, 1729).

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