

COUNCIL OF NEOCAESAREA

A [synod held](#) during the period of toleration for the Christians (313-c. 321) in the reign of Licinius. The council's [canons](#) deal mainly with moral questions and indicate the ecclesiastical concern with sexual issues at this time. Other canons deal with the catechumenate, with the age for [ordination](#) to the priesthood (not below thirty), and with the status of the *chorepiscopi* (country bishops).

Though none of the [canons](#) refers, specifically to Egypt, their prescriptions passed into the general [canon law](#) of the East, and demonstrate the underlying ascetic temper of the [church](#) in the East at the time the monastic movement emerged in Egypt.

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