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SLAVONIC MYTHOLOGICAL COMPILATIONS

(Summary)

This article examines a Slavonic mythological compilation, excerpts from which are found in the Raflī prophecy book, the Christian Topography of Cosmas Indicopleustes and in the Interpretation Paleia. The compilatory text presents the seven planets as ancient divinities: Cronos, Zeus, Ares, Mithra, Aphrodite, Hermes and Hecate. Two major sources were used in its construction: (a) Nonius' comments to three speeches by Gregory the Theologian, translated at the dawn of Cyrillic writing, and (b) a fragment from the novella “Barlaam and Josaphat”, representing a piece from the “Apology” by Aristides (2nd century A. D.), preserved in an unknown Slavonic translation.