

Armenia and the Armenians in the Writings of John Chrysostom

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Introduction

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- Ἀρμενιογενής : *of Armenian origin*
- Ἀρμενογενής : *of Armenian origin*
- Ἀρμενίσσα : *Armenian woman*
- Ἀρμενίζω : *to follow the Armenian teaching/faith*



386-397: Presbyter / Antioch

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For since you were bound to each other by the bond of love, not the introduction of trials, nor an increase in dangers, nor the length of the road, nor the abundance of time, nor anything else was able to distance you from being in the company of the blessed shepherd. Instead, although he was expelled, and as a result was at a long distance from his children, the opposite took place. For you were all the more constrained by the bonds of love. And he took the entire city with him when he went off to Armenia (Ἀρμενίαν). [...] For, although you were situated here and circumscribed by the city, by love's spirit you were lifted up to Armenia (Ἀρμενίαν) day after day and saw his holy face and heard his most pleasurable voice, and so came back again.

[PG 50,517]

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The whole world received some of that Spirit. While the gift began in Palestine, it moved on to Egypt, Phoenicia, Syriac, Cilicia, the Euphrates, Mesopotamia, Cappadocia, Galatia, Scythia, Thracia, Greece, Gaul, Italy, the whole of Libya, Europe, Asia, even to the Outward Sea itself.

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397-404: Bishop / Constantinople

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Do you then believe that the deluge took place? Or does it seem to you a fable? And yet even the mountains where the ark rested, bear witness; I speak of those in Armenia (τὰ Ἀρμενίας).

[PG 62,442]

404-407: Exile / Armenia Secunda





- Ca. 240 Letters
- Ep. 121, 5, 64, 52, 77, 127, 136, 68, 17, 142, 63
- PG 52

Conclusions

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Thank you!