

Anotace

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The work is attempting to give certain survey of process of christianization on west side of river Vltava and surrounding of Levy Hradec. It starts with foundation of first church by prince Borivoj and finishes in 12th century, when the Christianity prevailed in this area and whole Czech territory.

Based on chronicler texts (Kosma's texts about heathenism appear as very authentic), legends and selected archaeological evidence this work endeavours to illustrate that kirk's structures found by Premysl's clan and provincial churches found by bishops, magnates and bailiffs were important for the fact the new religion could prevail at Czech territory. These churches appear in 11th century rarely, but most of them are found in 12th century so in areas west from Prague rises relatively dense system of parish churches. In the appendix and summary chapter, based on literature, is this work attempting to observe the progress with building churches in district bounded by Tetin and Libusin on the West.

Only the system of provincial churches completes the process of christianization and grassroots leave the tradition to bury at heathen graveyards off. They come to burying at burial places around churches.

This work is mostly focused on history of St.Kliment's rotunda at Levy Hradec and includes information about constructional progress of this church. It helps to understand the reason why early funerals in the oldest church at Czech territory are dated in 11th century when at the same time old heathen burial places in Zalov and Levy Hradec become extinct. Although burials around Budec church are dated since beginning of 10th century. In early period churches at Prague castle were used for burials of Premysl's clan members.

References to oldest churches at Budec and Prague, interpretation of their different purposes and current opinion of origin of Tetin's churches support the interpretation of Christianity's roots with new details.