

The Compendium Historiæ is preceded by an allegorical interpretation of the seven-branched candlestick: In principio huius disposicionis et intellectus figura maiestatis candelabro semper ponitur ... in fine seculorum Amen. In tabernaculo federis collocatum fuit candelabrum ... a singula suis significacionibus conuenientia. De descripcione candelabri et significacione. Tres calami et tria branchia ... ab ipso diuiduntur.

The preface of the Compendium runs: Causa descripcionis huius rotuli est ut illi qui ad plenam testim[?onii] doctrinam non possunt pertingere saltem per historia causa successionem noticiam rerum gestarum habeant. Considerans historie sacre prolixitatem necnon et difficultatem ... usque ad Christum finem scilicet nostrum ordinem nomina singulorum et generaciones describens perdux. Alia prefacio. Nolentes igitur intellectu huius compilacionis ... de historiaca successione eruditis amputare per istam.

The text begins: Incipit historia de formacione primi hominis ... et de sentencia domini uerbis edicta. Adam in agro damasceno ...

It ends with a notice of the apostles and their martyrdom: Paulus et Barnabus a spiritu sancto segregati ... in quibus consistit fides. Sequitur dominica oracio.

There follows, within a square representing the quatuor tempores, a circular table representing the eight vices and virtues and the gifts associated with the seven petitions of the Lord's Prayer. This in turn is followed by an explanation of the figure: Linee iste quatuor exteriores ... Hec oracio pater noster dignior est aliis ... in apocalipsi legitur Ego sum Amen.