Reims: The Coronation Cathedral

Begun 1210
West Portal:
The coronation of the Virgin Mary by Christ
The Coronation of the Virgin
Upper West façade.
The baptism of Clovis 496 by Saint Remi, “apostle” of Reims who thus converts the entire Frankish people.
Hypothetical reconstruction of cathedral built by Saint Nicaise early, martyred c. 451

Early Christian baptistery
A digital reconstruction of the original baptistery at Reims
The legend of the *Sainte Ampoule*, the holy oil for baptism and coronation

1: baptism of the dying pagan
2. The hand of God fills the vials
3. The holy chrism used to baptize Clovis
The Coronation of Louis IX, 1226
The coronation of King Charles V of France, 1354
Reims, the Roman city
Pilgrim’s badge, made of lead

St. Nicaise
Destroyed Church of St.-Nicaise, early 5th century bishop
Benedictine Abbey of St.-Remi
Cathedral
Reims: the cathedral complex
Reims in the 16\textsuperscript{th} century: the areas of the \textit{chapter}
Reims: the chapter’s prisons, the chapter’s quarters; the hospital, bishop’s palace and prison
La Cathédrale de Reims

Les fouilles:
- Vᵉ siècle
- IXᵉ siècle (Elben, Hinoic; 817-862)
- Xᵉ siècle (Hervé et Adalbéron)
- XIᵉ siècle (Samson 1140-1160)

La Cathédrale du XIIᵉ siècle:
- Jean d'Orbais
- Jean le Loup
- Gaucher de Reims
- Bernard de Soissons

Emplacement du chantier établi en 1598
The axial window: Archbishop Henri de Dreux, 1227-1240
Town-Gown relations in Reims:

1210: new cathedral begun under the direction of Master Mason Jean D’Orbais under Archbishop Henri of Dreux
Choir completed 1241

Papal indulgences in 1221, 1246, and two in 1251

Burghers subsidize coronation of Louis VIII in 1223 and Louis IX in 1231

Riot of 1233: Archb. Henri demanded percentage of burgher loan to cities of Troyes and Auxerre
burghers besieged archbishop’s palace, attacked chapter and killed marshal; stones from cathedral used as barricades in the streets
chapter and Archb. Fled and lived in exile until 1236
Reims, the Carolingian church (8th-9th centuries)
Reims, Archbishop Samson’s extensions, c. 115
The new cathedral begun 1210; location of liturgical choir.
BAR TRACERY

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Plate tracery at Chartres

Bar tracery at Reims, invented by first architect, Jean d’Orbais