



THE RECONSTRUCTED PLATES OF THE HORTUS DELICARUM

The "Hortus Deliciarum" – "Garden of Delights", is a work intended for the teaching of nuns at the Hohenburg convent (now Mont Sainte-Odile) from the end of the 12th century. It is attributed to the abbess known as Herrade of Landsberg.

This manuscript presents the Old and New Testaments, religious life, and salvation. That said, it is the **didactic character** of its numerous illuminations accompanied by texts in the manner of a comic strip that makes it so interesting. The details (architecture, furniture, musical instruments, utensils, costumes, armour, etc.) provide an insight into the religious and secular culture of the Middle Ages in Alsace.

The original was unfortunately destroyed by fire in 1870. Fortunately 80% of the plates were copied in 1818 by Christian Moritz Engelhardt.

These illuminated plates, on loan from Rudi Langerman, are **reproductions, some with translations of the Latin texts.**

They are the result of reconstruction work carried out from 1981 to 1987 under the aegis of Canon Auguste Christen, former Director of the Monastery of Mont Sainte-Odile, formerly the Hohenburg convent.

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