

CALPURNIUS FLACCUS, *Declamationes* [CALP.FLACC.Decl.]: *DNP* 2.945; *OCD* p 197; *RE* 3/1.1371–72.

ed.: Håkanson 1978.

MSS – Quots/Cits none.

Refs see below.

Calpurnius Flaccus was an orator during the second century AD and the author of a collection of *declamationes*, exercises in courtroom oratory. Excerpts from fifty-three of these speeches survive. There is some question as to the identity of Calpurnius, and whether he is the author of all the excerpts attributed to him (see *RE* 3/1.1371–72 and Schanz-Hosius 3.153–54).

The only allusion to one of Calpurnius's declamations by an Anglo-Saxon writer is an apparently mistaken reference in **ALCUIN's IN GENESIM 234** (*PL* 100.550D) taken from **JEROME's LIBER QUAESTIONUM HEBRAICORUM IN GENESIM 30** (*CCSL* 72.38). Jerome refers to **QUINTILIAN** as the author of a *controuersia* in which the orator defends a woman accused of adultery after bearing an Ethiopian child. Although Winterbottom (1984 p 290) suggests that Jerome's reference is to a lost major declamation by Quintilian, Hagendahl (1958 p 297) notes that the "matrona" who "Aethiopem peperit" is the subject of Calpurnius's *Declamatio* 2. The mistake is easily understandable, since declamations of Calpurnius and Quintilian are found together in most extant manuscripts.

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