

Bible

Biblia

Codicology: Vellum, mm 345 x 225, (13.6 x 8.8 in.), ff. 444 + 7, double columns of 54 lines. Cent. **xiii**, very well written, wide margins. Three hands.

Collation: a⁴, 1⁴ 2¹⁰-21¹⁰ 22¹² 23¹⁰-30¹⁰ 31¹²-33¹² | 34¹⁰ 35¹⁰ 36¹²-38¹² 39¹⁰ 40¹²-43¹², b³.

2 fo.: "phantur. D. I. G. i."

Provenance: From St Augustine's, Canterbury¹. On flyleaf:

"Biblia G. de Langele minor¹."

See the Catalogue (Ancient Libraries^[James 1903], p. 197, no. 9), Biblia Galfridi de Langle minor¹.

Additions: Also on flyleaf (**xv**):

"Mem. quod dominus Thomas elnam(?)¹ habet 4 (or x) s. viz. sed consummatum est. hec scripta sunt in libro Ihesus exiuit de templo et corroborauit templum."

Old pencil notes follow.

Foliation: ff. a-b + i-iv + 1-444 + v-viii + c-d

Language: Latin.

Contents:

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1r-444r *Bible*

- 1r Jerome¹ ad Paulinum¹
Prologue to Pentateuch
- 4r blank
- 5r Genesis - 2 Paralipomenon, Prayer of Manasses¹ absent
- 72v Proll. and Capp. to Joshua¹ (73r). Capp. to Judges (81v)
- 90v Ruth¹. Prol. Post Samsonem iudicauit
- 92r I Reg. Prol. Capp. (92v). 3 Reg. Capp. (115v)
- 139v I Par. Prol.
- 163r Esdr. - Job (Proll.) (185r)
- 195r Psalter Gallican
- 215v Prov. (Proll.) - Ecclus. (233r)
- 247r Isaiah¹ - Malachi¹ (330r)
Baruch¹ absent: no unusual prologues
- 331r 1, 2 Maccabees. The quire begins with the end of Rabanus¹'s prologue, followed by Prol. Jeronimi¹, Machabeorum Libri. The hand is that of the Psalter and other portions of the book
- 349v Evv. Proll. Plures fuisse. Matheus¹ ex iudea (350r)
- 392r Acts, Catholic Epistles, Pauline¹ Epistles (Laodiceans follows Heb.)
- 438r Apocalypse
- 444v On this page is
- 444v A.d. millesimo quingentesimo sexagesimo.
In domino confido (etc.)
- viir On the next flyleaves are old pencil notes, and (**xv**) "Sancte augustine¹ ora pro nobis" With a sketch of a shield bearing a cross (viiv)
Three scribes seem to be distinguishable. One writes the Pentateuch (?), Psalms, Maccabees etc. Another is seen in Proverbs etc. The third in the Prophets and Epistles. On the whole I believe the work to be French
In the book (at Ecclus. XXXV) is a contemporary book-marker, consisting of a disc of vellum which revolves between two other pieces so shaped that only half of the disc is exposed. It is inscribed in this wise:
See a description of a somewhat similar medieval book-marker in Wordsworth and Littlehale^[Wordsworth and Littlehales 1904]'s Service-books of the English Church, p. 280 (Methuen)
The historiated initials are interesting and spirited. The colours used in them are as a rule pale. The subjects are as follows
- 1r *Prologue.* Jerome¹ nimbed, tonsured, under trefoiled arch facing R. writing, with knife in L. hand, at desk. Buildings in spandrels. Gold ground
- 5r *Genesis.* Eight medallions (lozenge in quatrefoil). *a.* Christ holds globe with dove on it. *b.* Points to clouds, *c.* Creates trees, *d.* Holds moon and puts sun into sky. *e.* Half-length, buds below, *f.* Creates Adam¹: beasts on R. and L. *g.* Sits blessing. *h.* Crucified with the Virgin and St John¹. He is beardless in all these pictures.
A Stork or Crane on the projecting foot of the initial
- 22r *Exodus.* Moses¹ takes off shoe. Christ in flames on R. with scroll *Moyses Moyses*. Sheep below
- 36v *Leviticus.* Man slaughters lamb on table on L. Man on R. marks lintel of door

- 46v *Numbers*. L. God with scroll *tollite summam*. Moses⁰, the Israelites
- 60v *Deuteronomy*. Moses⁰ horned addresses group on R
- 73r *Joshua*. Two priests bear ark : two blow trumpets
- 81v *Judges*. Battle of horsemen, chain-mail and surcoats
- 90v *Ruth*. a. Man and woman (Naomi⁰ and Elimelech⁰?). b. Ruth⁰ gleaning, c. Reapers
- 93v *1 Regnum*. Hannah⁰ in prayer at altar on R. Eli⁰ listens on L.
- 106r *2 Regnum*. Zadok⁰ anoints Solomon⁰ (full-face). Another on R. holds crown. Fine work
- 116v *3 Regnum*. Judgment of Solomon⁰: the dead child lies in front
- 128v *4 Regnum*. Elisha⁰ kneels and receives the mantle of Elijah⁰ who ascends on R. in two wheeled car drawn by horse
- 140r *1 Paralipomenon*. A king seated with joined hands crowned by a priest on L. Two spectators
- 150r *2 Paralipomenon*. Solomon⁰ on L. crowned directs four workmen, one mixes mortar, a 2nd climbs ladder, a 3rd has plummet, the 4th listens
- 163r *Prologue to Esdras*. Josiah⁰ at altar: people adore on L.
- 172v *Tobit*. Tobias⁰ with staff. Raphael⁰ points to Tobit⁰ on R.
- 176r *Judith*. Judith⁰ beheads Holofernes⁰ (crowned). Maid's head seen on R.
- 180v *Esther*, a Ahasuerus⁰ stretches his sceptre down to b Esther⁰, c Mordecai⁰ in broad hat, d Haman⁰ hanging. Fine work
- 185v *Job*⁰ nude on dunghill, his wife on R.
- 195r *Psalter*. *Beatus vir*. Above. David⁰ plays harp, another plays fiddle. Below. David⁰ slings at and then beheads Goliath⁰.
This is a splendid initial with very fine grotesques in the stalk and foot of it
- 198r *Dominus illuminatio*. Christ. David⁰ points to his eye
- 200r *Dixi custodiam*. David⁰ seated points to his mouth
- 202r *Quid gloriaris*. A man about to slay a young woman in blue
- 202r *Dixit insipiens*. David⁰ seated. The fool with bauble and cake before him
- 204r *Salvum*. Above, two men cast out Jonah⁰. Below, he emerges from the fish and grasps a tree
- 206v *Exultate*. David⁰ sits playing on seven bells
- 208v *Cantate*. Two coped clerks sing at desk
- 211r *Dixit dominus*. The Father and Son (both beardless). The Dove descends between them
- 213r *Ad dominum cxix (cix)* has a large decorative initial
- 216r *Proverbs*. Solomon⁰ on L. Rehoboam⁰ in green before him holding a ball
- 223v *Ecclesiastes*. A young woman seated. A young man in blue also seated holds up a wreath of flowers and lays his hand on her arm
- 226r *Canticum Canticorum*. The Virgin seated, with the Child kissing her
- 227v *Sapientia*. Wisdom seated crowned with open book
- 233r *Ecclesiasticus*. Crowned man seated
- 247r *Isaiah*⁰ nude bound head down between two posts and sawn by two men
- 263v *Jeremiah*. Ezekiel⁰ in bed. Above, the heads of the four cherubic beasts (wrongly put here)
Lamentation. No initial
- 284v *Ezekiel*. The prophet seated with scroll
- 304r *Daniel* (Prologue). In the den, at window of a tower on R. Lions' heads seen at opening below. On L. Habakkuk⁰ with food, and angel above
- 304v Text. Decorative initial
- 313r *Hosea*⁰. seated with book. *Joel*⁰ (316r), *Amos*⁰ (317v), *Obadiah*⁰ (320r), similar
- 320v *Jonah*⁰. sits nude under tree looking at Nineveh⁰ on R.
The remainder except *Haggai* and *Zechariah*. (which have no initial) have single figures
- 331r *1 Maccabees*. Alexander⁰ dying in bed, two men listen to him, fine work
- 342r *2 Maccabees*. Nehemiah⁰ kneels with people behind him. Christ seen in air on R.: below, a lamb among flames: fine work
- 350r *Matheus*. Jesse⁰ reclines. Six heads in tree above: one crowned
- 361v *Marcus*. Decorative
- 369r () *Lucas*. writes on board on his knee
- 382r () *John*⁰. looks at his pen
- 392r *Acts*. Four Apostles seated : Peter⁰, Paul⁰ and two others
- 404v *Catholic Epistles*. Single figures and decorative
- 411r *Romans - Philemon*. Paul⁰ seated, with or without sword
- 433v *Hebrews*. Decorative
- 437v *Laodiceans*. Paul⁰ with sword
- 438r *Apocalypse*. John⁰ writing

CCC: space available for notes on the current status of the encoding

- text: copied from James.txt BA
- markup: BA
- markupCheck: checked by BA, CF
- msCheck: NJM 04.06.2008
- remarks: There are two bookmarks in this manuscript. The one James describes is now marking the beginning of the psalter at 195r. The second is within Kings at 119v-120r opening. These have been photographed but are not yet included.