

6679 BIBLIA

Vellum, 16½ x 11 in., 294 ff. (numbered as 292, 178 and 254 being used twice), double columns, 61-62 lines to the page. Early XIII cent., very well written, with wide margins, in a small hand. Headings in red; running titles, capitals and marginal section-numbers in red and blue, the larger capitals boldly flourished. Illuminated initials (see below), formerly with seven-on guards.

1⁴ (wants 1⁴, blank) 2-18¹⁰ 19¹⁰⁺¹ | 20¹⁰ (wants 1, 2) 21-29¹⁰ 30¹². Quires ~~2-17~~ are numbered at the end ~~in Roman figures~~, some later in the book have catchwords.

Early XIX cent. green morocco, gold tooled, over bevelled wooden boards (badly warped); gilt inside border, covers lined with purple watered silk, blue silk marker. Probably bound for ~~the~~ Lee of Hartwell, whose quartered coat-of-arms, with two crests and mantling, is illuminated on a modern vellum flyleaf at the end of the book. 2^o f^o die de terra.

1-292^b BIBLIA LATINA, preceded on 1-3 by Jerome's epistle to Paulinus (Frater Ambrosius—) and his prefaces to the Pentateuch and Joshua (Berger 2, 22); 3^b is blank. The order of Books, and their preface-numbers, are as follows: Gen-Ruth, 1-4 Kings (30), 1-2 Par. (36, 37) without Prayer of Manassis, Esdr. and Neem. continuously as one book headed Liber Esdre (42 and argument: Esdras et Neemias adiutor videlicet et consolator—). Tobit (45), Judith (48, 49), Hester (51). 1-2 Macc. (189). ~~150~~ Isa. (150), ^{followed by a paragraph on the Hebrew alphabet} Jer. (155) Lam/Prayer of Jeremiah, Baruch (Liber iste—, cf. PL 114, 63), Ezek. (162) followed by a short note on the interpretation of some Hebrew names (Ubi-cumque medicina vel sanitas—), Daniel (166, 169). Oseas (170, 174, 178), ~~179~~ Joel (179, perhaps 182, 181), Amos (Amos propheta qui sequitur— PL 25, 989), 184, 185), Abdias (Jacob patriarcha fratrem habuit Esau— and Abdias qui interpretatur—), Jonas (Jonam sanctum— and Jonas columba—), Micheas (Temporibus Joathan—) and Micheas de Morasthi—, Nahum (Naum prophetam— and Naum consolator—), Abbauc (Quattuor prophete— and Commentatur Jeronimus—), Soph.— Mal. Job (55). 183^b is blank. Psalter, Gallican and Hebrew-Latin in parallel columns. Prov. (129, 130), Eccles., Cant., Sap. (142), Eccles (Multorum nobis— PL 29, 421).

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Math. (195, 196, 198, 197^p, 199), Mark (225), Luke (230), John (236).
Acts (244). Cath. Epp. (290). Apoc. (310). Paul. Epp. (254, 278,
253, 255, and before each ep. the usual brief argument), Hebr. (283).

Most of the books of the O.T. have the stichometry recorded at the end. There
are numerous marginal corrections of the text in pencil.

Every Book has ^{an} illuminated initial of ^{varying size but} first-class quality, on burnished gold ground edged with
narrow borders of green and orange. Two only are historiated: f. 1 Jerome writing and
f. 4, in a tall I the whole height of the page, the Creator, Six Days of Creation (the Creator ap-
pearing as a hand out of the sky, except in the sixth), the Fall, and ^{the} Expulsion from Eden, in
circular medallions. The remainder are confined to conventional foliage, five-pointed leaves,
^{grotesques} ~~monsters~~ (which sometimes play musical instruments, e.g. ff. 52^b 168^b) and small white or
red lions; f. 184, with the two B's at the head of the Psalter (one of which contains a small
figure of David harping), is specially effective. The style is comparable with that of the
Cîteaux Martyrology of AD 1224-36 (Bulletin de la Société française de Reproductions de MSS
à peintures VII, 1923, plate X), but probably a little earlier.

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in the book's description

From the Cistercian mother-house of Cîteaux: the inscription Liber sancte Marie Cistercii
cut from the top of f. 184 can still be read in offset on 183^b, and has been erased from
ff. 1 and 292^b (on the latter it was repeated in red). (Why rectangular patches have been
cut from the lower margin of 4, 139, 226 together with the foot of 292, does not appear.)
No. 4301 in an English bookseller's catalogue, priced £31. 10s. (early XIX cent.). Subsequently belonged
to Dr John Lee of Hartwell House, near Aylesbury (Bucks); his signature and bookplate are inside
the front cover, with a note by him that the book was 'exhibited to the members of the Anglo-
Biblical Society in the spring of 1854', and comments by the antiquaries Thomas Wright
and J.O. Westwood. Lot 96 in the Lee sale at Sotheby's, 8 Nov. 1888; purchased for
£70 in February 1889 by A.W. Young ~~of Trinity College~~, who presented it to the Library in 1933.

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