

Transcription of M.R. James's unpublished description
Cambridge, University Library, MS Dd.1.27

Title	Bible in English
Secundo folio	thou
Language	English
Material	vellum
Measurements	17 ½ x 12 ins.
Collation	a ⁸ – z ⁸ x ⁸ con ⁸ A ⁸ – Z ⁸ & ⁸ con ⁸ 4 ⁸ ?? ¹⁰ A ⁸ (wants 1) a ⁸ – n ⁸ o ⁴ (wants 4)
Number of leaves	539
Columns	double
Lines to a page	63 to 64
Date	c. 1430
Handwriting	two (?) clear hands; the better one begins and ends the book
Binding	cent. xix. blind? tooling? and owner? (University and Rotheram) in gold

Provenance ...

Contents

- I No prologue
Gen – 2 Par. with Prayer of Manasses
Esdr., Neh. (2 Esdr.), Tob. – Job
???
Prov. – Ecclus.
Isa. (with prol.) – Mal. 1, 2 Macc.
ffinitur secundi machabeorum Capitulum quintum decimum. 418^b blank, 419 gone.
- II Table of Epistles and Gospels for the year. 420
after the usse of salisberi. 428^b blank
Euu. Paul. Epp. (no Laod.) Act. Cath. Epp. Apoc.
Here eendeþ þe apocalips þe last book of goddes lawe.
See Forshall and Madden, liii.

The decoration is better than any I have seen in a Wycliffite Bible. f. 1 has a very fine full border and an initial containing seven medallions of Creation, of which the two first are much defaced. The Creator is a half length figure in pink robe. In the 6th Adam and Eve kneel before Him nude, with the beasts. In the 7th He is in air? blessing them as they kneel in the garden. The other Books all have very good decorative initials with partial border, but those in the N.T. volume are rather less elaborate.