Bible. Latin. XIII cent.

The Bible, in Latin, with Prologue of St. Jerome, and in a later hand at end, Gilbert de la Porre's Preface to his Commentary on the Apocalypse.

Manuscript on uterine vellum, written and illuminated in Southern Italy, at the end of the 13th or beginning of the 14th century.

Decoration: The style and colour of the decoration is unusual and evinces a strong Greek influence. It consists of 8 figures or groups of figures painted in the margins, 43 historiated initials and numerous illuminated initials, as well as smaller red or green capitals with similarly coloured pen-work and chapter numeration. No gold is employed in the MS. The predominant colours are opaque brick red, blue and green. Rubrics to indicate beginning and end of the Bible Books appear only on fol. 289.

Text: The text is written in a beautiful minute hand, in pale brown ink.

360 leaves (6 1/16 x 4 5/8 inches) 2 columns of 53 lines each. 16°.

Binding: French, 18th century red morocco with elaborate gold tooling on back. Lettered 'Biblia Sacra'.

History: From the collection of Richard Bennett (his ex-libris), of Manchester, England.

(For description of Pictures and Text see Morgan Cat. of Illum. MSS. 1906, no. 4.)

Add. Cards:

MSS. Illum. - Italian - XIII-XIV cent.
" " Uterine vellum
" " Borders

Single figures or group of figures, without any other decoration, in the borders.

(x-ref.) Apocalypse, see also Bible.
BG: 1933
 BINDINGS - French - XVIII cent.

La Brie, Gilbert de.

ca. 1070-1154.

(x-ref.) MSS. - Illum. - Vellum, see MSS - Illum. - Uterine vellum
CONTENTS:


16v Exodus. Initial Hec sunτι Group of heads representing the children of Israel.

28 Leviticus. Initial Βεοκατί. The Lord in a cloud calls to Moses.

47 Deuteronomy. In lower margin: Moses leaning on a staff, addressing the Israelites.

57 Joshua. In left margin: The Lord (without a halo) speaks from above to Joshua.

64 Judges. Initial Φεοστι. Half length figure.


99 III Reg.II. in lower margin: Elisha on his knees, begging Elija to be permitted to stay with him.

107 I. Paralip. Initial Αδυατι. The heads of the patriarchs.

114v II. Paralip. Initial Κονφορτάτι. Bust of Solomon, with crown and sceptre.

127v Nehemiah. Initial Βερβάτι. Half-length figure.


139 Judith. Initial Αθραχαδι. King Arphaxad with crown and sceptre.
Job: Initial Vₐr eratₐ job, in supplication.

Blank.

Proverbs. Initial Pₚₐraba₀, half-length figure of Solomon crowned and with sceptre.

Song of Solomon. Initial Qₚₛₛₜₜ₂, half-length figure of the Virgin.

Sapientae. Initial Dₚₐlₙₜₜₑ, bust of Solomon.

Isaiah. Initial Vₚₛₛₕₒ, half-length figure of Isaiah.

Jeremiah. Initial Vₚₑrₜₜₜₙₜ₂, Jeremiah with scroll.

Lamentations. Initial Qₚₛₙₜₜₜₜₚₙₜₜ, Jeremiah beating his breast.

Ezekiel. Initial Eₚₗ t factum₂, Ezekiel hears the word of the Lord.

Daniel. Initial Aₚₜₜₜₗₚₙₜₜ₂, bust of a king (Nebuchanezzar?)

Hosea. Initial Vₚₑrₜₜₜₜₜₜₜₜₜₜ, Hosea with a scroll.

Amos. Initial Vₚₚₑrₜₜₜₜₜₜₜₜ, Amos with a scroll.

Obadiah. Initial Vₚₖₛₙₒ, Obadiah with a scroll.

Jonah. Initial Eₚₗ t factum₂, Jonah in prayer.

Micah. Initial Vₚₑrₜₜₜₜₜₜₜₜ, Micah with a scroll.

Nahum. Initial Qₚₛₙₜₜₜₜₜₜₜₜ, Nahum with a scroll.

Habakkuk. Initial Qₚₛₙₜₜₜₜₜₜₜ, Habakkuk with a scroll.

Sophonia. Initial Vₚₑrₜₜₜₜₜₜₜₜ, Sophonia with book.

Malachi. Initial Qₚ₄ₙₜₜₜₜₜₜₜ, Malachi with scroll.

I. Machabees. Initial Eₚₗ t factum₂, Alexander with crown and sceptre.

In left margin: Figure of Matthew holding book.

In left margin: Mark holding book.

Romans. Initial Pₚₜₜₜₜₜₜₜ, head of Paul.

Corinthians. Initial Pₚₜₜₜₜₜₜₜ, head of Paul.

Timothy. Initial Pₚₜₜₜₜₜₜₜ, head of Paul.

Galatians. Initial Pₚₜₜₜₜₜₜₜ, head of Paul.
f. 331 Ephesians. Initial Paulus = Head of Paul.

332v Philippians. " " " "

333 Colossians " " " "

334 I. Thessalonians. " " " "

334v II. Thessalonians. " " " "

336 II. Timothy. " " " "

337 Titus. " " " "

337 Philemon. " " " "

351 Peter. Initial Petrus = Head of Peter.

354v Apocalypse. In left margin: John with book.

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359v In a later hand: Preface of Gilbert de la Porreéto the Apocalypse.

Collation: 116? (wants 1, 2 blank), 216, 2016, 2114, 2216, 2312.

CONTENTS

Incipit epistola beati Jeronimi super omnibus libris biblicis ad paulinum presbyterium contra nestorium hereticum.

1. Frater Ambrosius.
2. Prologue to the Pentateuch. Desiderii mei. 26
3. Genesis to 2 Chronicles.
4. Ezra. Nehemiah. 1 Esdras of Apocrypha (Esdras 1, 2, 3).
6. Psalter (Gallican).
7. Two blank leaves: in the next (three-quarter page left blank), Prologue to Proverbs, etc.

Proverbs—Ecclesiasticus. Ecclus. lxi is the Prayer of Solomon.
Isaiah to Malachi.
1, 2 Maccabees.
Prologue to Gospels.
Gospels.
Gilbert's Prologue to the Apocalypse added in a late hand :
Omnes qui pie volunt uiuere.

The ornament consists of decorative and historiated initials, and a few scenes painted on the lower margin of the pages in the Greek fashion, without back-
For printed text or notices of this MS. see:

Jules Leroy, *Les Manuscrits Coptes et Coptes-
Arabes Illustres*, Paris 1974 (Institut Francais
d'Archéologie de Beyrouth, Bibliothèque
Archéologique et Historique, T. XCVI)
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