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Southern Low Countries (Tournai?), s. XII¹

Bede, Works

1. f. 1v In hoc volumine continentur libri inferius annotati: Beda de templo Salomonis. Item eiusdem de XXX questionibus. Item idem de VIII questionibus. Item expositio eiusdem in libro Tobie [*corr. in Thobie*]. Item brevis explanatio de templo Salomonis extracta de omeliis Bede super duo ewangelia: “Non est arbor bona” et “Facta sunt enchenia”.

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2. ff. 2r-3r *Incipit prologus venerabilis Bede presbiteri in expositione templi Salomonis*. Hortatur nos vas electionis et magister gentium ad lectionem divinorum eloquiorum ... vel metuenda constat esse vel amanda. Bene vale semper, dilectissime, et pro nobis intercede.

Prologue to art. 4. Ed., pp. 143-145.

3. f. 3r *Incipiunt capitula. I. Quod edificatio tabernaculi et templi unam eandemque Christi ecclesiam designet. II. Quomodo Hiram rex Salomonem in opere templi iuverit ... XXV. De cardinibus ostiorum et perfectione operis domus Domini. Expliciunt capitula.*

Table of Contents of art. 4. Ed., p. 146.

4. ff. 3r-45ra *Incipit expositio venerabilis Bede presbiteri de templo Salomonis*. Domus Dei, quam edificavit rex Salomon in Hierusalem, in figuram facta est sanctę universalis ecclesię ... sed multę in ea mansiones ad recipiendos omnes timentes se ac diligentes. Dominus benedicit pusillis cum maioribus. Amen. *Explicit expositio Bede presbiteri de templo Salomonis*.

Beda Venerabilis (the Venerable Bede, d. 735), *De templo Salomonis*. CPL 1348. D. Hurst, ed., CCSL, v. 119A (1969), pp. 147-234.

5. f. 45ra-va *Incipit prologus venerabilis Bede presbiteri in opusculo ad Nothelmum de questionibus*. Dilectissimo fratri Nothelmo Beda salutem. Quę de libro Regum dilucidanda tibi [*above the line: vel michi*], frater dilectissime, misisti ... nobis quoque ocius hoc destinare non graveris. Bene vale semper, dilectissime frater. *Explicit prologus*.

Prologue to art. 7. Ed., p. 293.

6. ff. 45va- 46ra *Incipiunt capitula. I. Et suscitabo michi sacerdotem fidelem, qui iuxta cor meum et animam faciat. II. Et non cecidit ex omnibus verbis eius in terram ... XXX. Et transtulit omnem Ierusalem. Expliciunt capitula.*

Table of Contents of art. 7. Ed., pp. 294-295.

7. ff. 46ra-58vb *Incipit de questionibus.* Quod ait propheta ad Heli loquens ex persona Dei: Et suscitabo michi sacerdotem fidelem ... nobis reversus a nuptiis summus pater familias dicere dignetur: Quia super pauca fuistis fideles, supra multa vos constituam: intra in gaudium Domini vestri. *Explicit de XXX questionibus.*

Beda Venerabilis, *In librum Regum quaestiones XXX*. CPL 1347. D. Hurst, ed., CCSL, v. 119 (1962), pp. 296-322.

8. f. 58vb *Incipit ad eundem de octo subiectis questionibus. I.* De magis Dominum natum adorantibus et de stella. *II.* A Iudeis quinquies quadragenas una minus accepi ... *VIII.* Quod David reduxit archam de domo Aminadab.

Table of Contents of art. 9, written on erasure. The textus deleticius is a heading written in red.

9. ff. 59ra-64rb *De Epiphania.* [P]utant quidam magos, qui ad Dominum in carne natum ab Oriente venerunt eumque oblatis muneribus adoraverunt, nequaquam ipsos in eisdem muneribus misteria nobilissima, quae nunc sancta ecclesia sublimeriter intelligit, intellexisse ... quia, qui verbum Dei auretenu percipiunt absque boni operis prole, diem perpetuae mortis expectant. *Explicit de questionibus.*

Beda Venerabilis, *Aliquot quaestionum liber*. CPL 1364. PL 93.455-462.

10. ff. 64rb-71v *Incipit liber explanationis allegorice Bede famuli Christi in libro Thobie.* Liber sancti patris Tobiae et in superficie litterae salubris patet legentibus, utpote qui maximis vitae moralis et exemplis abundat et monitis ... hi sunt etenim habitatores illius terrae, de qua Dominus dicit: Beati mites, quoniam ipsi possidebunt terram, quam videre psalmista desiderans dicebat: Credo videre bona Domini in terra viventium.

Beda Venerabilis, *In librum Tobiae allegorica expositio*. CPL 1350. D. Hurst, ed., CCSL, v. 119B (1983), pp. 3-19.

11. f. 71v *Brevis explanatio de templo Salomonis extracta de venerabilis Bede presbiteri omeliis super duo evangelia, id est "Non est arbor bona faciens" et "Facta sunt enchenia". I.* De constructione templi. *II.* De quali lapide sit factum ... *X.* Quod completa dedicatione Salomon dimisit populum.

Table of Contents of art. 12.

12. ff. 72r-75v *Quod edificatio tabernaculi et templi sanctam ecclesiam designet.* [Q]uando Moyses tabernaculum vel templum Domino Salomon in tipum sancte condidit ecclesiae, utraque domus refertur firmiter fundata esse ... donabitque videre nos bona sua in terra viventium Ihesus Christus Dominus noster, qui vivit et regnat cum Patre in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus per omnia secula seculorum. Amen.

Excerpts from Beda Venerabilis, *Homelie evangelii*, II.24 and II.25. CPL 1367. D. Hurst, ed., CCSL, v. 122 (1955), pp. 358-367 and 368-378, both for the dedication of the church.

Artt. 2-12: important corrections in the margins or in the text area.

Parchment, ff. II + 75 + II, 310 x 220 mm. Holes in the parchment and irregular edges and corners.

I-VIII⁸ (ff. 1-64), IX⁶ (+ the singleton f. 71; ff. 65-71), X⁴ (ff. 72-75).

Pricking in the upper, outer and lower margins and ruling in lead for one or two columns of normally 34 lines above top line; there is one column on ff. 2r-16v and 70r-71v (but note that there is ruling for two columns on f. 70r); ff. 17r-69v have two columns. The final section, ff. 72r-75v (art. 12), has two columns of 35 lines above top line; there are 36 lines on the recto of the inserted leaf 71. Single bounding lines everywhere; where there is two-column layout the horizontal lines cross the intercolumnar space.

Copied by several similar hands in Pregothisc script; a more angular hand on f. 5r1 to the bottom of the page and on ff. 6v19-7r20; on the recto of the inserted f. 71 the eight top lines are written on erasure.

Red headings and incipit and explicit formulae (sometimes in Capitalis); instructions for them are written in the margins; on some pages red stroking of majuscules. Red versals and plain, generally 2-line, initials. Red plain initials with interior reserved shapes, 4-5 lines, on ff. 2r, 45r and 64v. Large Romanesque initials on two-colour background on ff. 3v (containing grotesque animals, 12 lines, background purple and yellow) and 46r (drawn in red, with "clasps", 13 lines, background green and yellow). Space for more large initials was provided on ff. 59r (5 lines) and 72r (9 lines). *Nota*-monograms and pointing fingers. Art. 1 is not decorated.

S. XIX binding in light brown calf, silver-tooled with a large diamond-shaped central motif and four smaller motifs in the corners. Each cover is framed in dark brown leather, blind-tooled with several rolls. The spine, with five raised bands, is partly gold-tooled and partly blind-tooled. In the compartments there are three black morocco labels with the gold-tooled inscriptions: "VENER/ABILIS / BEDE", "DE / TEMPLO / SALOMON/IS / ET ALIA / OPUSCULA", "CODEX / IN MEMBRA / SAEC. XIII". Bound by J.N. Larrivière (signed at foot of spine). Brown marbled endleaves.

Belonged to (and was probably produced in) the Benedictine abbey of St Martin at Tournai: ownership inscriptions in s. XIII documentary cursive script in the lower margin of f. 2r: "Liber sancti Martini Tornacensis. Servanti benedictio" and on f. 75vb: "Liber sancti Martini Tornacensis". The manuscript is recorded in the c. 1160-1180 catalogue of this institution in the section "Opuscula venerabilis Bede presbiteri"; see *Corpus Catalogorum Belgii*, v. 4 (2001), 135.95: "Beda de templo Salomonis idemque ad Notelmum de questionibus et expositio ipsius in libro Thobie in uno volumine". It is also mentioned in the 1615 catalogue of St Martin's printed by A. Sanderus, *Bibliotheca Belgica manuscripta*, v. 1 (Lille, 1641), p. 102, no. 42. For the surviving manuscripts of St Martin, see *Corpus Catalogorum Belgii*, v. 7 (2009), nos. 4466-4556 (our manuscript is no. 4532, listed with the wrong shelfmark MS 1057). Collection of Thomas Phillipps (1792-1872), MS 2067. Jean-Baptiste Barrois (1780-1878). In 1849 his collection was sold to Bertram, Earl of Ashburnham (1797-1878). Sotheby sale, 10 June 1901, lot 52. John Scott, of Halkhill, Largs, Ayrshire. Sotheby sale, 27 March 1905. J. & J. Leighton, *Catalogue of Manuscripts, mostly Illuminated, many in Fine Bindings* (London, [1912]), no. 20. Sotheby sale, 27 Oct. 1919, lot 1919. Robert Leicester Harmsworth (1870-1934). Sotheby sale, 15 Oct. 1945, lot 1923. Estelle Doheny (1875-1958, bookplate; see L.V. Miller, *Catalogue of Books and Manuscripts in the Estelle Doheny Collection*, v. 2 (1946), p. 3. Given to St John's Seminary, Camarillo, no. 314. Christies' sale, 2 December 1987 (*The Estelle Doheny Collection ... sold on behalf of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles*, v. 2, lot 142). J.R. Ritman, Amsterdam, *Bibliotheca Philosophica Hermetica*, BPH 31 (bookplate). Sotheby sale, 19 June 2001. The Stock and Reference Library of H.P. Kraus, New York (ticket). Sotheby (New York) sale, 4 December 2003, lot 57. Sotheby sale, 22 June 2004, lot 53. Purchased on the Edwin J. Beinecke Fund.

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M.L.W. Laistner, H.H. King, *A Hand-List of Bede Manuscripts* (Ithaca, N.Y., 1943), pp. 65, 78, 82, 157 (the location of the manuscript at that time was unknown).