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**Bible** (fragments)

f. 1r [veni in domum] // Ammon fratris tui et fac ei pul[mentum. Venitque] Thamar in domum Ammon fra[tris sui; ille autem] iacebat ... [veniat,] obsecro nobiscum saltem Am[mon frater meus. Dixitque] ad eum rex: non est necesse ut [vadat tecum. Coegit itaque] eum Absalon et d[imi]sit cu[m] eo Ammon et universos filio[s] // [regis] 2 Sam. 13:7-28.

f. 1v // [gravabat eum caesarie]s, ponderabat capillos capitis [sui ducentis siclis pon]dere publico ... et ait [David servis suis qui era]nt cum eo in Hierusalem: Surgi[te, fugiamus. Neque enim erit] nobi[s] effugium a facie Absalon. Festinate egredi, ne forte veniens occupet no]s // 2 Sam. 14:26-15:14.

f. 2r final letters of 10 lines preserved, containing Jon. 1:1-4.

f. 2v first letters of 12 lines preserved, containing Jon. 2:5-11.

f. 3r-v [et erunt quasi fortes E]phraim, et laetabitur [cor] eorum [quasi a vino, et filii eor]um videbunt et laeta[bu]ntur ... [unusquis]que ex [visi]one sua cum prophetaver[it; nec operientur] pall[i]o sa]ccino, ut mentiantur; s[ed] dicet: non sum propheta] // Zech. 10:7-13:5.

Parchment, fragments of 3 ff. constituted of 22 strips of parchment having served as sewing stays in a copy of the incunable Rainerius de Pisis, *Pantheologia* (Nuremberg, 1474). F. 1 consists of 8 strips (410-415 x 9-12 mm.) cut vertically, with c. 51 lines of text preserved, except the line endings on the recto, and the line beginnings on the verso; f. 2 consists of eight strips (9-13 x 65-70 mm.), cut horizontally, containing slight remnants of 10 lines of text on the recto, 12 lines on the verso; f. 3 consists of 6 strips (420-440 x 10-14 mm.), cut vertically, and containing on both sides 52 lines of text, except the line beginnings on the recto and the line endings on the verso; in the middle of the lines one strip is also missing. The original leaf dimensions according to Elder were 490-495 x c. 400 mm.

F. 1 contains the inner column of both pages; f. 2 parts of the outer column; f. 3 the outer column.

Hard-point ruling for 52 lines above top line (one column 370-375 x 110-126 mm.).

Written by one hand in Carolina.

2-line initial (Capitalis) and heading in Uncialis, both in red, on f. 3v.

According to Elder the leaves are part of the two-volume Bible pandect produced in Tours and belonging to the abbey of Saint-Maximin in Trier, studied in R. Nolden, ed., *Die touronische Bibel der Abtei St. Maximin vor Trier* (Trier, 2002). Purchased in the 1970s by John S. Keabian from H.P. Kraus, New York. Donated by his son John W. Keabian in memory of his father in January 1997.

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