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**MS 976**

Northern France (?), s. IX<sup>in</sup>

**Esther** (fragm.)

f. 1ra-vb [prout legere] // [po]terant et audire. Ipseque [e]pistule, quae ex regis nominae  
[sic] mittebantur, anulo illius obsignate sunt et misse per veredarios ... decem filios Aman.  
Quantum putas eos exercere caedem in universis provinciis? Quid ultra postu//[las]

Esther 8:9-9:12.

Parchment, 1 leaf almost complete, 285 x 235 mm. (codex quadratus); the inner margin is trimmed, brown and damaged by paste, making reading of the text of part of the inner column difficult; a rust hole at the top of that column has caused a small loss of text. A modern hand has written "15" in red ink in the upper outer corner of f. 1r.

Ruled with hard point for two columns of 26 lines above top line; single bounding lines; the prickings for the horizontal lines are on the outer bounding line.

Copied by a single hand writing an uneven Carolina with numerous errors, many of them corrected by a contemporary hand; typical features are the indifferent use of *e* and *ae*, the large majuscules, and the very short straight *s*.

No decoration.

Used in a binding.