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Basic Calligraphy: Materials

Ground

- Paper
- Pergamenata
- Vellum & Parchment

Prep Materials

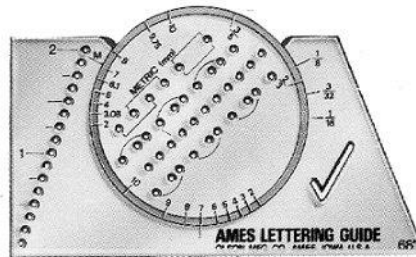
- Ruler
- Ames Lettering Guide
- White Eraser

Writing Tools

- Pen-staff
- Nibs

Inks

- Blacks
- Sepia/Walnut
- Vermillion



Basic Calligraphy: Nib Preparation

Remove the Coating

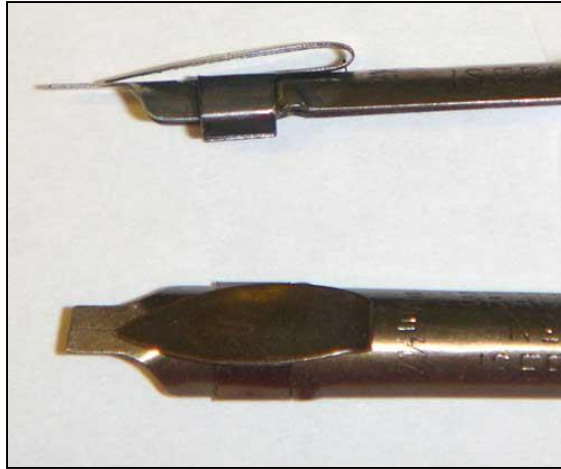
- * Flame method
- * Boiling Water
- * Tooth-paste
- * Ammonia

Sharpen the Tip

- * Finest grade stone
- * Moisten stone
- * Hold inverted but at writing angle

Position the Reservoir

- * check orientation
- * check position along the nib
- * fill using brush, dropper. or dipping



Basic Calligraphy: Ground Preparation

Paper

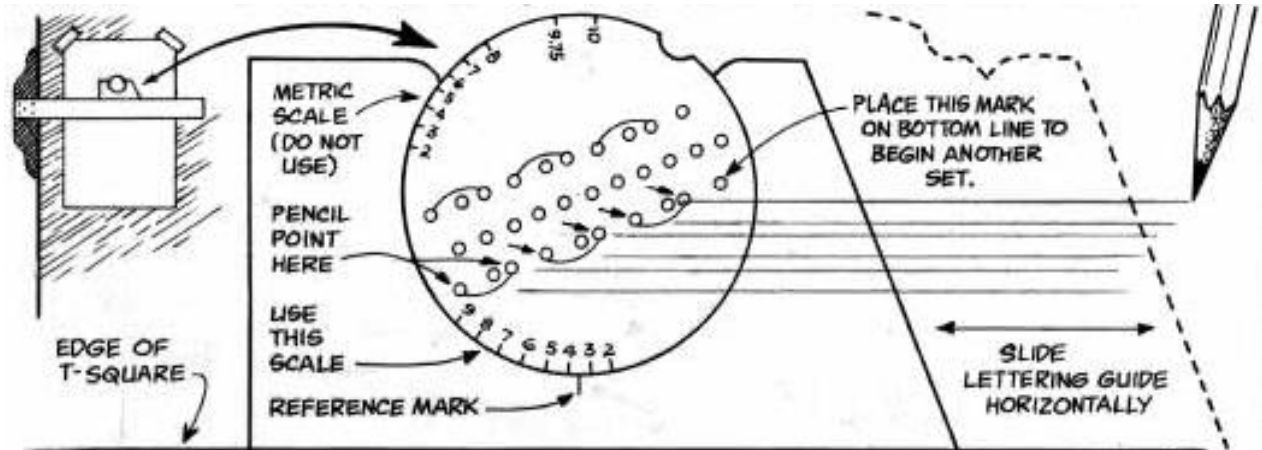
- * cuttle-bone or pumice for degreasing
- * sandarac to avoid feathering

Vellum

- * use the hair side
- * 400 grit sandpaper to "raise the tooth"

Lining

- * Measure exemplar
- * Ames Guide



SET UP YOUR **PAPER, T-SQUARE** AND **GUIDE** AS IN THE SMALL DRAWING. SET THE WHEEL AT $3\frac{1}{2}$, AS SHOWN IN LARGE DRAWING, FOR STANDARD COMIC LETTERING. PLACE PENCIL POINT IN ONE OF HOLES MARKED, AND WHILE HOLDING T-SQUARE WITH ONE HAND, SLIDE **GUIDE** ACROSS PAPER WITH PENCIL POINT. REPEAT WITH EACH HOLE, AND YOU WILL HAVE THE GUIDE-LINES FOR **THREE ROWS** OF LETTERS.

<http://members.shaw.ca/warmlandcalligraphers/ames.htm>

Basic Calligraphy: Hand Position

Work on slanted surface

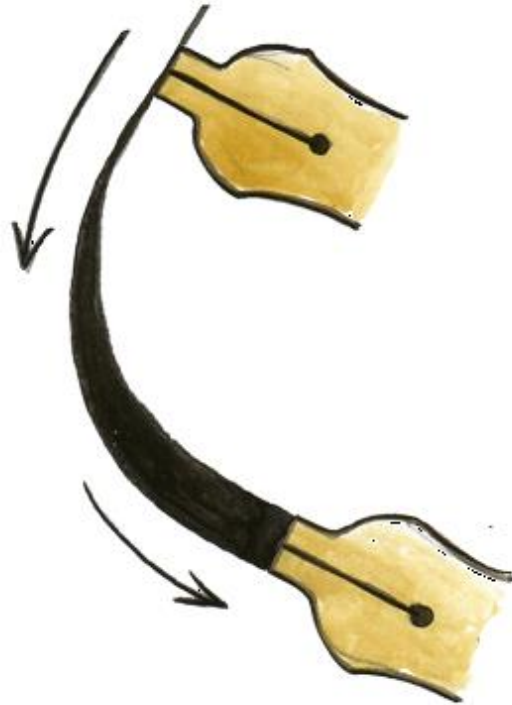
- * control of staff
- * gravity helps ink flow

Angle of staff in hand

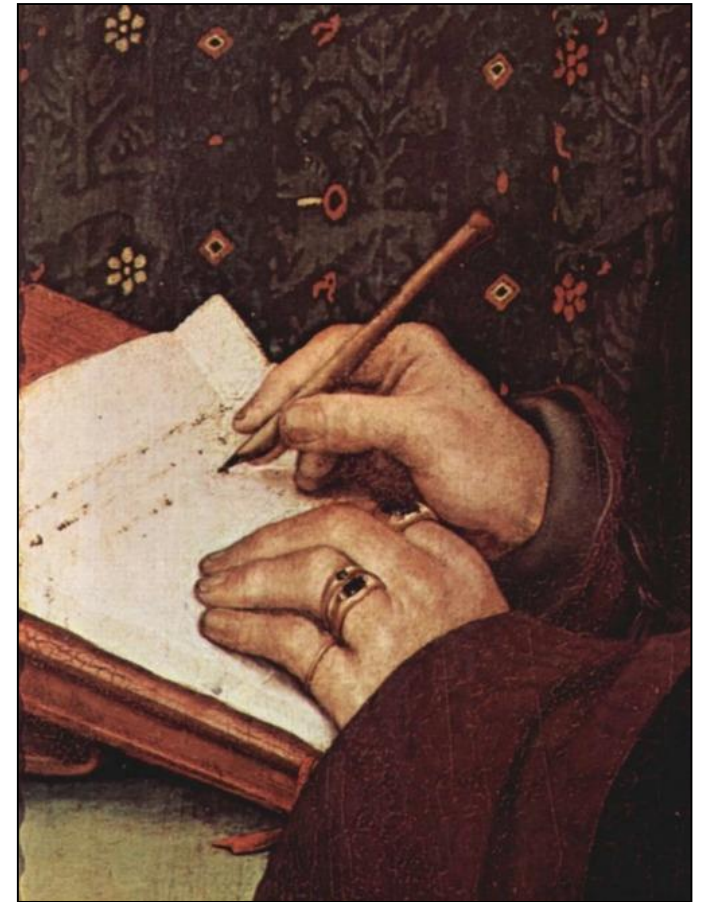
- * tripod stance
- * staff between 50° and vertical

Angle of nib on paper

- * thick and thin ink marks come from the angle of the nib
- * Always pull the nib or slide to the side; never push the nib!



<http://www.calligraphy-skills.com/how-to-write-calligraphy.html>



<http://posterous.com/getfile/files.posterous.com/doug-note/huBCzshtBkBjjqGeGJhjoqHqxBzolipDBpqroySFavCbiegpBIFfhgArw/p961.jpg.scaled1000.jpg>

In reparatione correpta paenitentia. *Quintus*. Quis luxuria. ex *superbia*
 epuditione desepuit. quis auaritia. quis superbia. declinauit.



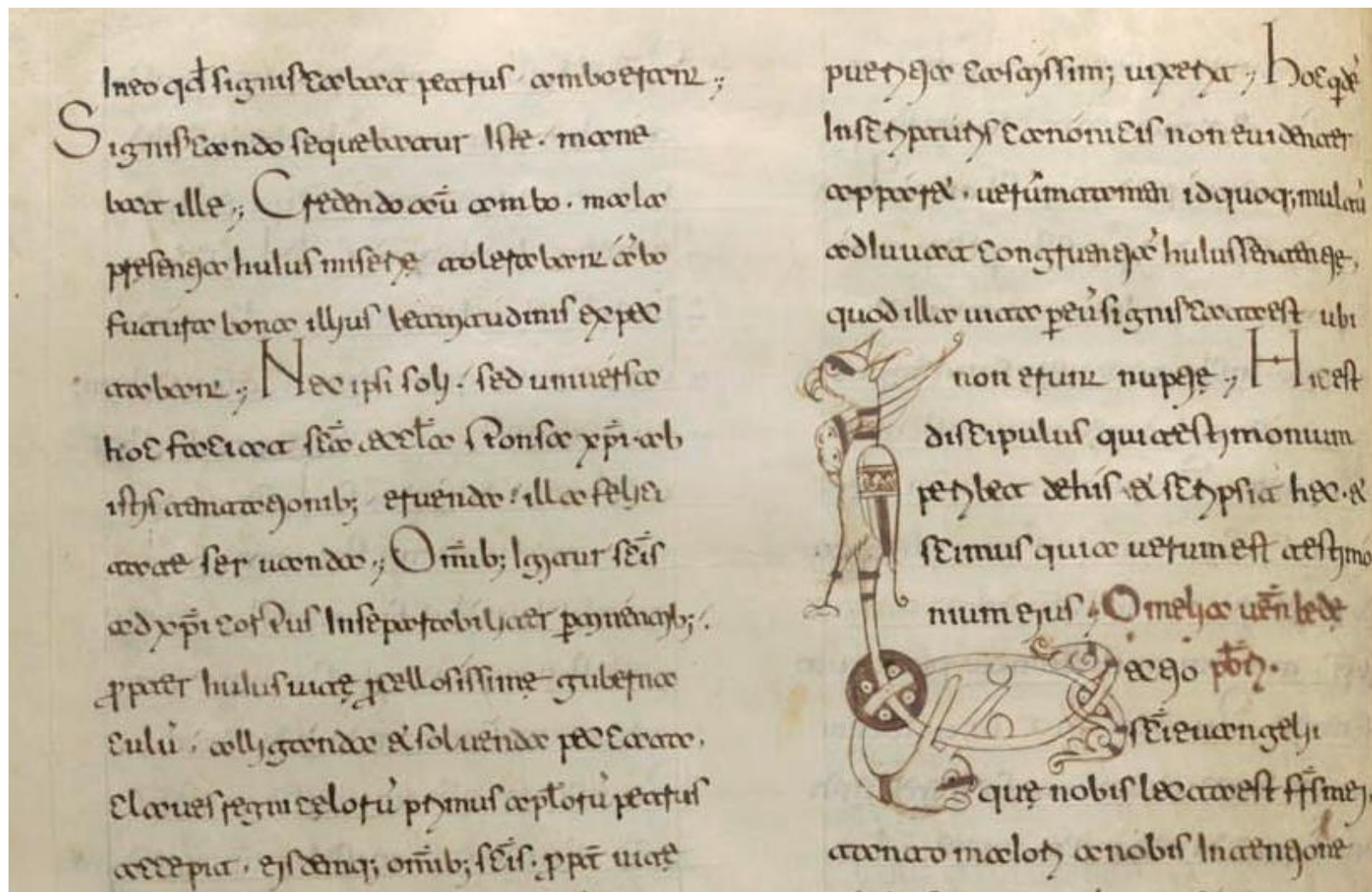
DIXIT *in euangelio*, *Item* In euangelio, *Item* In euangelio,
 ecce anniter sunt ex quo uenio quaerens puctum. In ficul
 nea. hac. & non Inuenio. Succide hinc illa. ut quid tunc. tunc. occu
 pat. *At ille* perpondit dixit illi. *Domine* demitte illa. & hoc anno usq;
 dum podeam circa illa. & mittam cophinum pteopur & si quidam pe
 cuit puctum *in hinc*. In puturo succeditea. *Quid* ^{annos} *semper* *per* *domine*
 ad ficulneam uinde uent. *Uiri* ante *legem* *publice* *subgratia*. *expec*
 tando. ammonendo. uisitando. *requirunt* & puctum *quasi* *non*
 Inuenit. *Quid* uniusquisq;. *Uenit* ante *legem* quia. *per* *naturalon* *Intel*
 lectum. *quid* uniusquisq;. *hinc* *primo* *agere* *debuisset*. *Innotuit*. *Uenit*.
 In *legem* *quasi* *per* *gratia*. *qui* *apertat* *suas*

Her onginnes kypan ymbe þiser middan gearde
 ylda seo foruma yld pat adame od noe þ is þonne
 þreo þurend pinta. 77x 7hund seofontig pinta.
 (Seda noe. usq: ad abrahā fuerit anni. ccc. xxvii.
 Ðon is seo oðer yld ffrā noe. od abrahā þ is þon þreo
 hund pinta. Tercia abrahā usq: ad moysen fuerit
 anni. d cccc. l. xx. Ðon is seo ðrude yld ffrā abrahā
 we od moysen þ is þon migan hund pinta 7hund
 seofontig pinta. Quarta ad moysen usq: ad dauid.

1.
D
 cōplendū. q̄ dñs in p̄cedenti psalmo p̄dixerat uentū. q̄ sic ic̄ip̄.
 H̄S BEUIT ME. it̄a. h̄ dictū: ad similitudinē alicui strenu
 p̄ncipis exercitū suū caute irrationabilit̄ ita ut nichil
 necessariū ei desit regentis. ⁊ recto ordine sic legendū. y. Dñs.
 ⁊ ubū humane nat̄e unū. ⁊ ut aā meā. s̄ ad fidē. ⁊ p̄tea me
 positā. y. Sup̄ aq̄ refectiois. ⁊ sup̄ baptismū q̄ fundamētū bonorū
 opū. y. educaū. s̄ lacte p̄dicatiois. ⁊ de ide. y. collocaū me iloco
 pascue. ⁊ fec̄ me studē ī scriptis. y. ubi reḡ me. s̄ nep̄ue itelli
 gā. y. ⁊ nichil m̄ de eī. ⁊ ita copiose ded̄ m̄ scriptās q̄ eis m̄
 necessariū ad itelligendū m̄ desit. ⁊ h̄ m̄. y. De dux̄ me s̄ s̄. ⁊ id̄
 de uirtute i uirtute ita me p̄uex̄ ut q̄ aliis q̄b; dā arta q̄dā aḡ.

Egerton 2889 f. 72v

Italy, 11th century

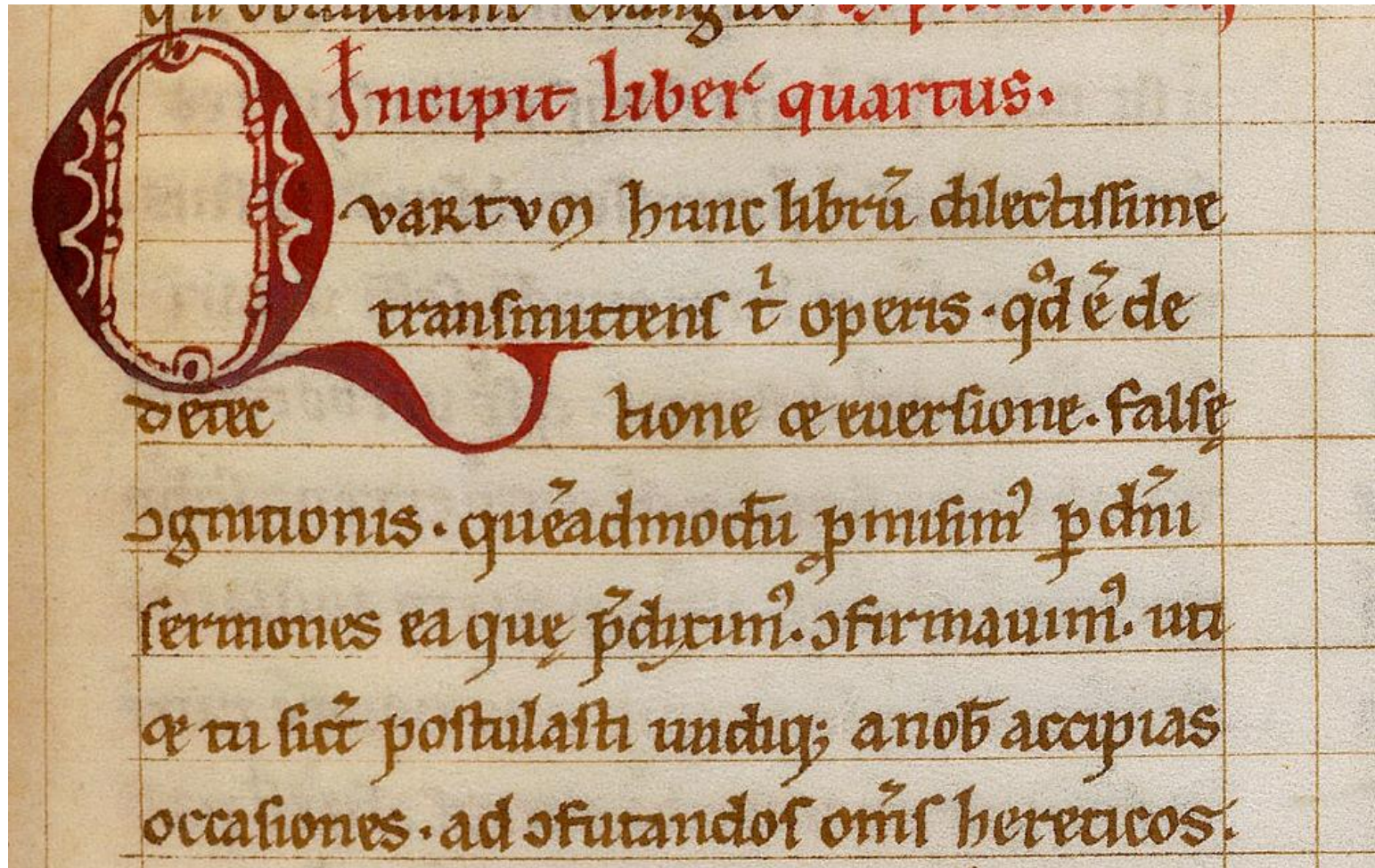


epicuri luxuriā sūteperunt. **E**x p l i c i t.

Incipit plog in. l. scī athanasij habito cō hereticos. arriū. sabellū.



scō in manu strenui lectoris beatissime papa materne
 lib̄ iste a catholico sac̄dote. i. p̄batissime uite beato
 athanasio. cō hereticos. idē sabellū. fortinū. et arriū.
 disputat̄ puenit. uico respōdet. Et qm̄ fieri pot̄ ut cū ^{scō} athanasio
 successore beati alexand̄ ep̄i. habuit arriū oflictū. cū oflet eū sic
 ī hystoria eccliaistica legit̄. turpissima morte. idē exēplo uide tra
 ditōris dñi nr̄i ihu x̄ fuisse fusi. ut qd̄ fetida m̄te ocep̄at. fetido
 t̄minaret sine. S; si uls̄ recolat qd̄ in cronica sua beate memorie
 sulpiti seuer̄ posuit dies. duo arriū tamq̄ duo sp̄entes. ex uno ore
 sibilabant. duos arrios fuisse euident̄ resp̄iet. Vñ intelliḡ cū





Responsoriū de scā cruce. a.

VL ceter exul ta gens xpisti mor te sepulta
crucifixa crucem cole que reddidit tibi lu cem. evovae.

Perditus primus homo paradisi gaudia pōmo sed
crucis in lig no repa ra tur sanguine digno. evovae.

ors mortem morti dat. ce dunt for ti a forti uestes ueste

Sos erat eis
 ut quē morti
 adiudicassent.
 unctū iudici
 tērent. 7 nota
 dū q. nō tē pri
 mū ligauerūt.
 s̄ mos q̄phen
 sū nocte iorto
 ut iohs dic. 7
 sic adduxerūt
 eū ad annam
 primum.

me negab. Et cep̄ flere. Et cō
(E compungi.)
(vide quā sint solliciti in malo. tota nocte uigi
lauert. ut facerēt homicidiū.

festū mane consiliū faciente
sū misac̄dotes cū seniorib; 7
sēbis. 7 uniuerso cōcilio uincien
(nō solū ad pilatū. s; 7 ad herode duc
tus. ut illudēt ei utiq; s̄ cū pilatū meheri
ins

tes ih̄m duxerūt. 7 t̄diderūt pi
lato. Et interrogauit eū pilatū.
interrogaret n̄ an sit rex iudeorū. arguit impietas eorū. q̄ nec
falso q̄d q̄ dicunt inueniunt.

Tues rex iudōz: At ille r̄dēs
ait illi. Tu dicis. Et accusabāt
(Calmicū)

B. Et cepit. f. q̄ n̄q̄ria s̄t p̄uoz
 colloq̄a int̄ infideles. l' hoīe se ne
 gauit nosse. quē int̄ q̄d plōs iā
 dī filiū fuerat q̄fessus. s; nec inato
 canphe penitentiā agē pot. Egre
 ditur foras ut alii eugliste nar
 rant. ut ab impiis secretis nega
 tionis culpā libi abluat fletib;.

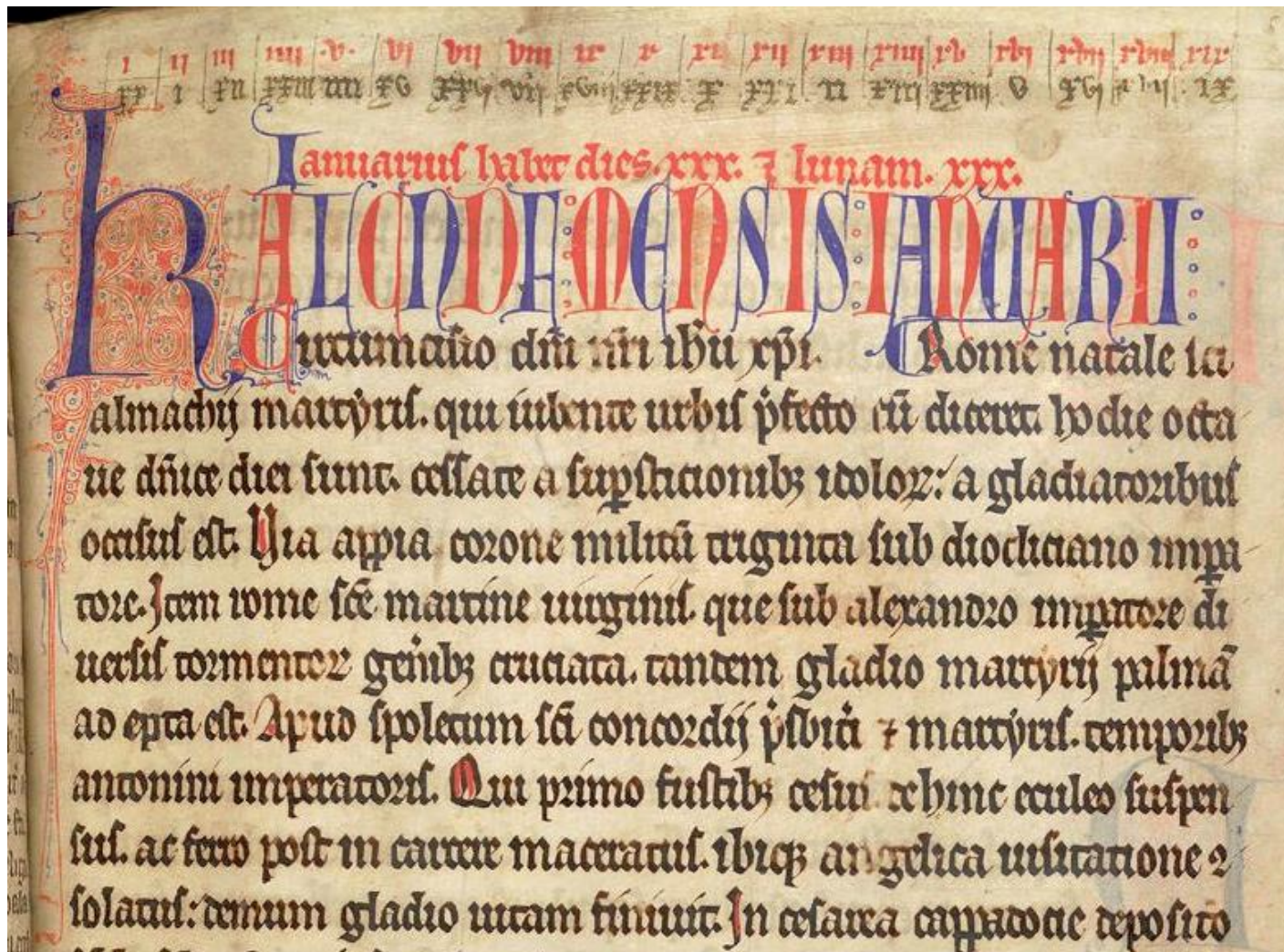
Ier. ad; samson uictus adalila.
 Samso soleoz q̄b; occubuit. sol
 in iudie. dalila. situla in t̄pre. i.
 s̄nagoga q̄ situle more. lim
 phidū liquore n̄ tenz. 7 q̄s̄lia
 immunda collig. Sāson in ma
 xila ubi sui inuās cateruas ca
 iudeoz 7 demonū h̄sternit. 7
 fonte ph̄nisi uite sitientib; nob
 i corpi suo apit.

B. Sic responsū tēpat. ut um di

73
 xv.
 l. e. xxiij
 l. e. l.
 l. e. lxxxiij
 l. e. l.
 l. e. lxxxiij
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 l. e. l.
 l. e. l.

Arundel 68 f. 75

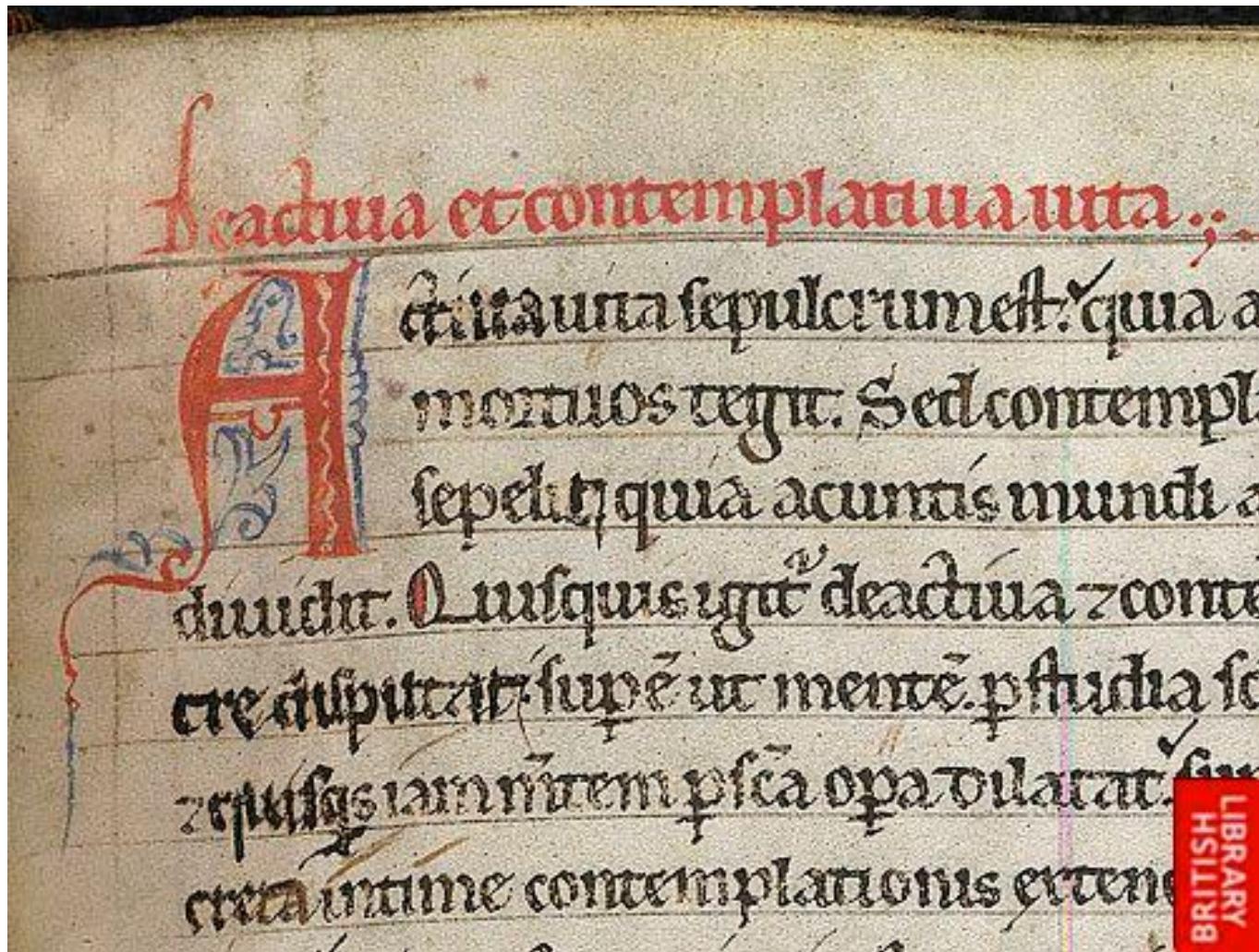
England, 13th c



priam hūit galileam. ig-
 nobilem uidelicet stulem
 q; prouinciam. Cui deſce-
 vant aſcēbe dicentes. a ga-
 lilea ppham non ſurgere.
 et ille uere iſrlita natha-
 nael ſ. cum philippo reſ-
 pondens dicere. Anazareth
 ciuitate uidelicet galilee
 poteſt aliquid boni eē. Nec
 de aliqua fuit in ſignū ut
 nominata uilla. ſ; de bech-
 ſaida p̄m hūit zebedeū
 piſcatorem uir ſ. artil et i-
 uocatus eandem. ſ. annā
 duxit ⁊ ex ea filiam uidem
 noie mariam genuit. Et
 h̄ etia zebedo nupſit: qui
 ex ea filios iacobum qui
 dictus eſt maior et iohem
 euangeliſtam genuit *de ar-*
te ipſius ⁊ pon. niſatione.
Habuit ḡ iohis ut dictū
 eſt p̄m zebedeum
 piſcatorem: a deo uidelicet
 egenum et pauperem. ut
 et filios ad eandem duceret
 opationē. Cumq; etiam
 in niſicatorib; alii quidē

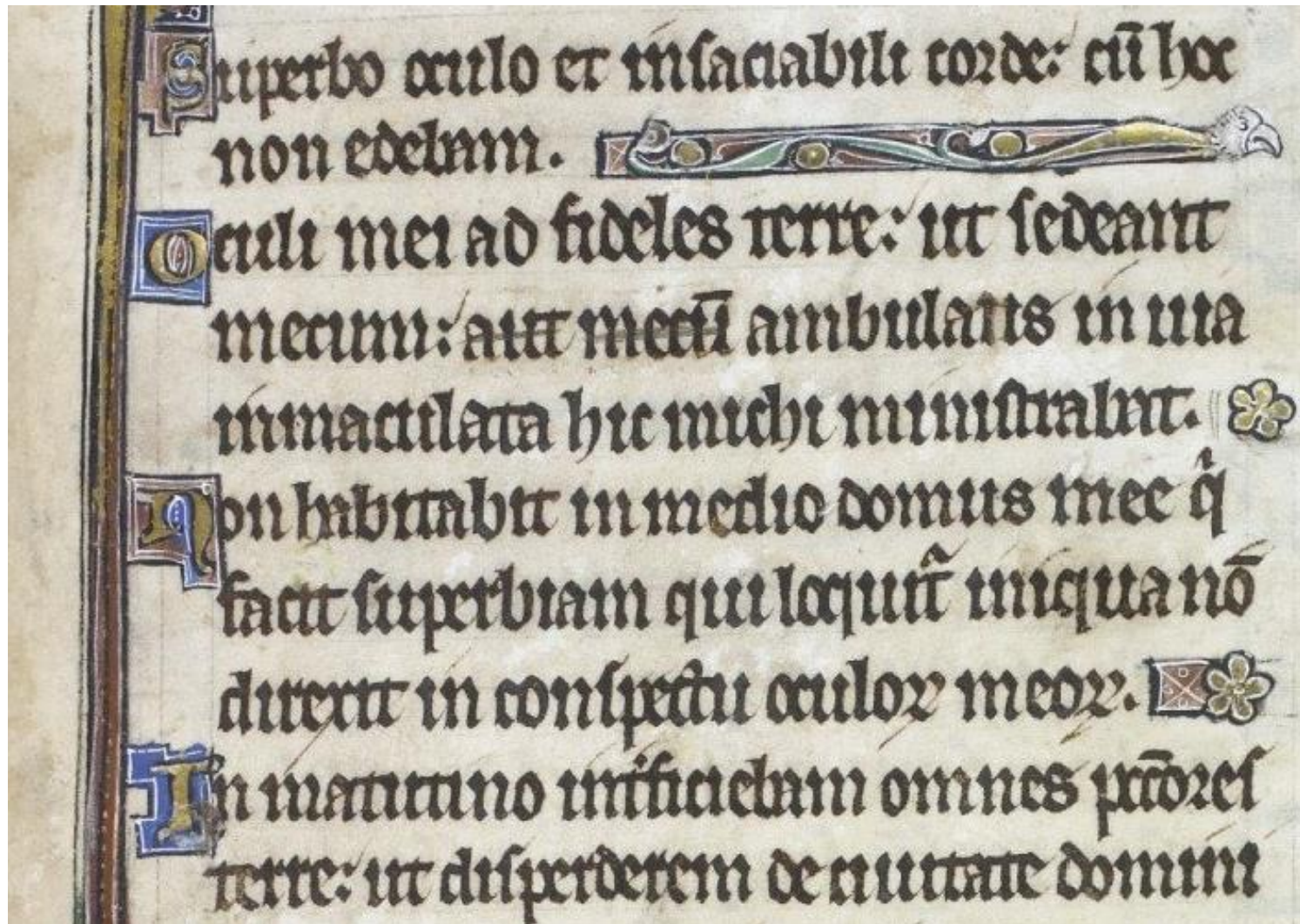
Arundel 363 f. 58

Germany, 13th c



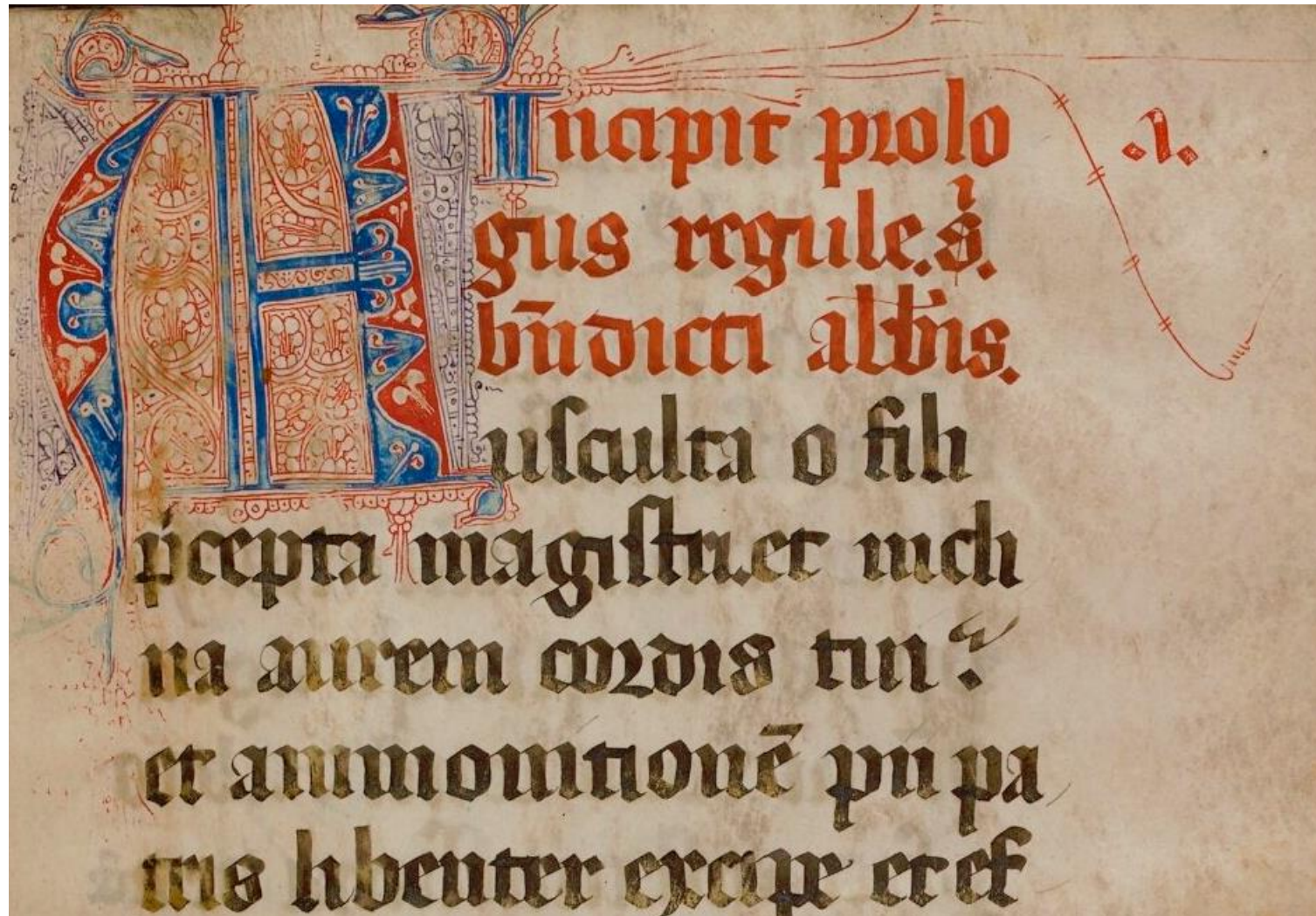
Harley 7640 f. 10

Netherlands, 13th c



Harley 3251 f. 86

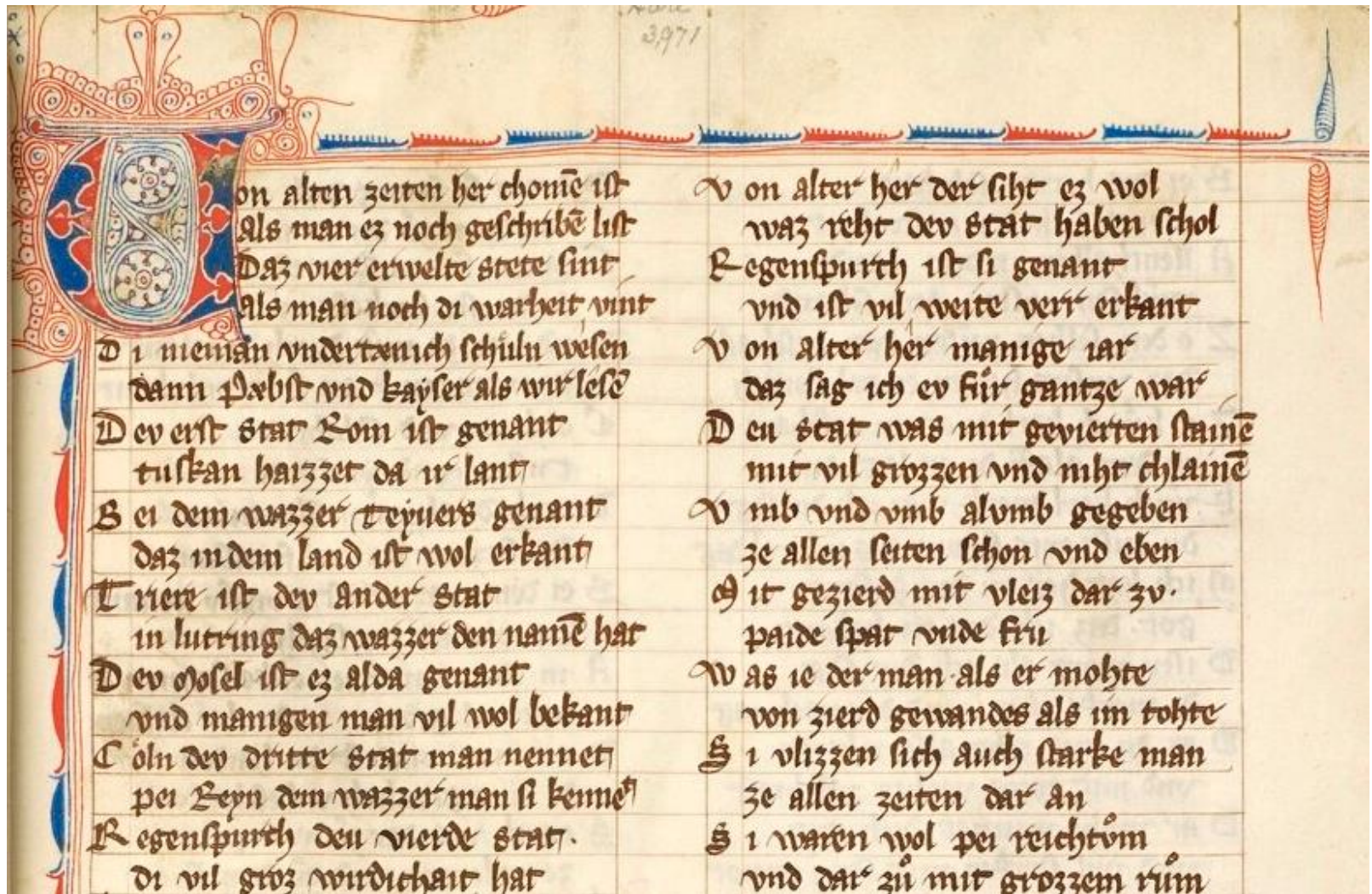
Spain, 13th c

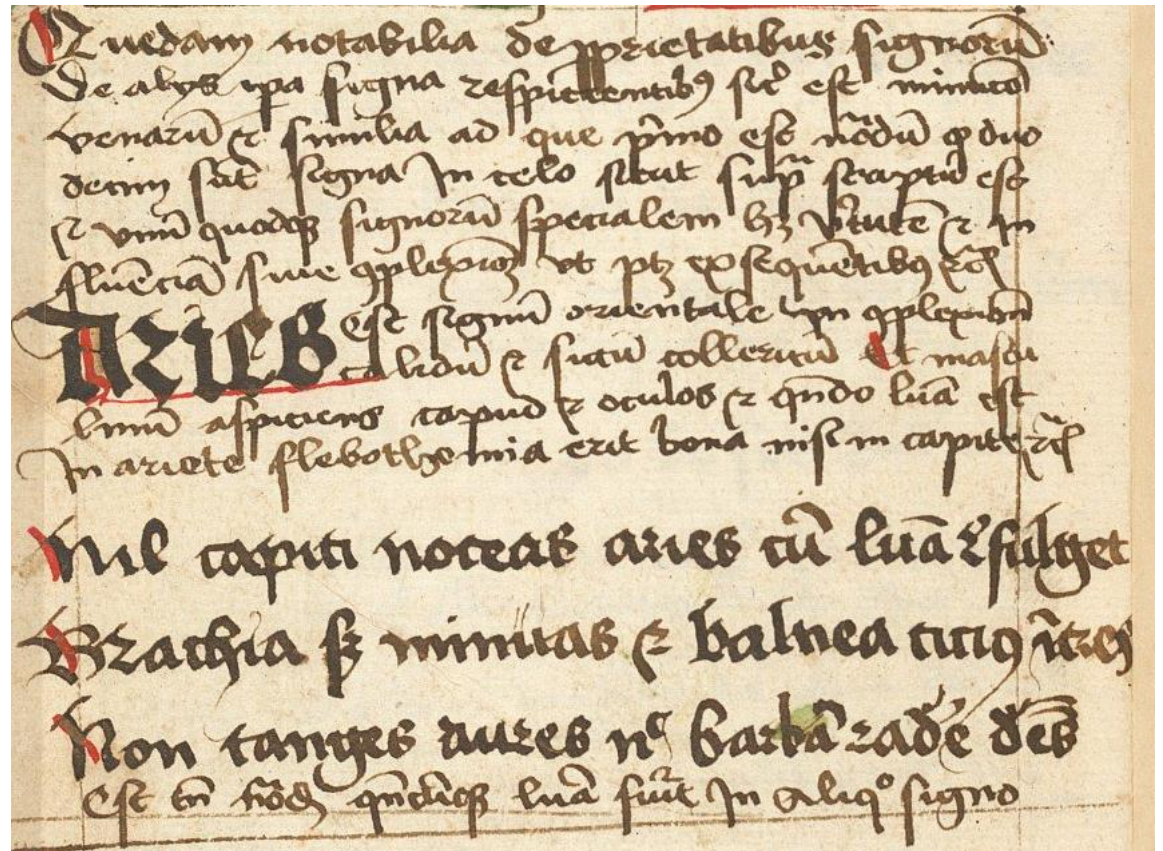


I. pe

Almyti god þas ten hestes me þe laze of ieltes þet moyses
 onderuung me þe helle of synny me tuo tables of ston þet
 were i wryte mid godes vngre. And him self efter his bevinge
 me his spelle þet hise healde and loki to ech man þet wile bi
 þ borze. And huo þet agelt me eme of þe ilke hestes: him sel þer of uoz
 þenche and him ssaue and bidde god me þe þe wile bi þ borze. þis
 boc is i wryte uoz englissemen þet hi wite hou hi solle ham zelue ssa
 ue and make ham kleue me þise hie. þis bochatte huo þet wryt ayeubite
 of mlyt. Auerst þe þe hestes ten þet loki solle alle men. **Þe uefte**
 gods heste.
Euefte heste þet god made and het: is þis. þou
 ne sset hadde uele godes. þet is to sigge þou ne sset hadde god
 bote me. ne wassipie ne serui. And þou ne sset do þine hope bote me
 me. Goe þe ilke þet deþ his hope hezliche me ssepe: zenezep dyadliche
 and deþ aye þise heste. Zinche þe þe ilke þet wassipie þe mowenes.
 and make þe god of ssepe hinch þet hit bi. Aye þise heste zenezep
 þo þet to moche loune þe hie suod. gold. oþer zeluer. oþer oþre þise
 cyphiche. Huo þet me þise þingel agelteþ: zetteþ tuo moche þe hie herte
 and hie hope: þet hi uoz þeteþ þe ssepe. an let þe him þet alle þise
 and þe hie ssaue and þe hie ssaue and þe hie ssaue and þe hie ssaue

amittum. **D.** p altero fidem obstruere meam. **A.** p tempo ipam colues
 nil debere et sine compedibz age qm iocundum fit tuo distes incomodo.
D. Vadem p amico dedi me. **A.** Post hec amicus egentibz aurum argen-
 tum vinum oleum frumentum vestes domos pda consilium & solacium
 cum amicus deum sua impatit vultu tibi habe nulli q pny tuam de-
 ris libertatem. **D.** pmissio me astuere. **A.** Soluione te liberi
 quem vinculis meris manus soluat. **D.** dicit amicu fuisse cum euasens
 laqueos semp horrebit. **Dolor de amissione temporis Cap^m xiii.**
Temporis amissionem fleo. **A.** Effet hec eo iustior q supior
 querela. quo leuor est pecunie iactura q temporis. quod nec
 uita ad bene viuendum est. pecunia & amissa restaurari potest
 tempus & uita & psum irreparabile est nisi q uolenti pecunia. uolenti
 autem tempus qm illud fateat grauora dampna esse que culas
 patientis exaggetat iustam & querela cam nego ubi qui patit
 lens patitur. **D.** Non michi cupiditas temporis extorquet
 si uertat. **A.** Quena quelo uertat ista est que tibi uiuunt quod





Edgerton 856 f. 16v

Germany, 15c



Sie abraham vinn
 und bröte opfferte dem
 ersten priester melchisedach

so stant düt und vmyer here in in sin hant gut die staufer
 hede in der swachen hant von d' red wart hedes vast
 gestendet und ketter got mit feaden an und kam vrida
 zuo sine in manen und sprach ich sage uch sin wir düt
 uch got d' heden laden in alver hant vromt geben. Fab hat
 mir got zuo wipen gathen und habe keyne zwifel dar
 an dar noch do teute er in in man in drey teil. ye han
 dat man wyder vachundat künig stute die harte also
 vil wolte das sy meynte er mochte sich nyemā ir gewere
 und komet ye in gegen gottes man synem wie heden
 mit sine in manen ein yegulch künig ein barmhertig vutal
 in der hant und machtent ein gros geythal und lieffent
 by nach vber die hede und erlugent sy alle