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<Tranche 1>

<p. 14>So sall he at ye last mak endyng
Of alle thynges . bot of heuen and helle
And of man . and feende . and awngelle
Yat efter yis lyfe salle lyf ay
And no whycke creature bot yai
Als men may se in yis boke conteende
Yat wyll it se or here . tyll eende
And godd yat made man sall ay be yan~
Als he es nowe godd and man~
Alle thyng thorgh hys myght made he
For wyth-owten~ hym moght no-tyng be
Alle thyng yat he made and wrought
Was be-fore ye begynnyng noght
Alle thyng he ordayne eftyr hys wylle
For sere kyndes for certayne skylle
Wharfore ye creaturs yat are *domme*
And no wytte ne skylle has ere *boghsomme*
To loue hym als ye boke beres wytnes
On yaire maner~ als yer~ kynde es
For ylke a thyng yat godd has wrought
Yat folowse hys kynde and passes it noght
Loues hys maker and hym worschepes
Jn yat at he hys kynde <exp>y</exp> ryght kepes
Sythen ye creatures yat skylle has none
Hym loues in ye kynde yat yai hafe tone
Yan aught man~ yat has skylle and mynde
Hys creature worschype in hys kynde
And noght to be of wers condicyon~

Yan ye creature w^t-owten resowne
 Mans kynde es to folow <exp>þe</exp> goddes wyllle
 And alle hys *commandementes* to fulfyllle
 For of alle yat godd made more and les
 Man ye moste pryncipalle creature es
 <p. 15>And how stalworth godd es and howe myghty
 And how man godd greues yat dos noght wele
 And what man es worthy yarfore to feele
 How mercyfull and gracyouse godd es
 And how full he es of alle godnes
 How ryghtwyse godd es . and how sothefast
 And what he has done . and sall do at ye last
 And ylke day dos vnto mans kynde
 Yis solde ylk man~ knawe and hafe in mynde
 For ye ryght way yat lygges to blysse
 And yat leedes a man yider es yisse
 Ye way of meeknes pryncipally
 And of dreede and luf of godd all-myghty
 Yat may be calde ye way of wysdome
 In-to w.^[h]ylke way no man may *comme*
 W^t-owten~ knawying of godd here
 And of hys myght and hys werkes seere
 Bot ar he may to yat knawying wyne
 Hym be-hofes knawe hym-selfe w^t-Jnne
 Elles may he hafe no knawynges to *comme*
 In-to ye forsayde way of wysdomme
 Bot som men has wytte to vndyrstand
 And yhit yai are full vnconand
 And of som thyng has no knawynges
 Yat moght styrre yaim to gode lyfynges
 Swylke men had neede to lere ylk day
 Of othyr men yat kan~ more yan yai
 To knawe yat moght yaim styrre and leede
 Tyll meeknes and to luf and dreede
 Ye whylke es way als be-fore-sayde es
 To ye blys of heuen yat es endles
 <p. 16>In grete perill of sawle es yat man~
 Yat has wytte and mynde . And no gode kan~
 And wyll noght leere for to knawe

Ye werkes of godd . and goddes lawe
 Ne what hym-self es . yat es leste
 Bor lyfes als ane vnskylwys beste
 Yat nowthyr has skylle . wytte ne mynde
 Yat man lyfes agayns hys kynde
 For A+man excuses noght hys vnconnyng
 Yat hys wytte oyses noght in leerenyng
 Namely of yat at hym felle to knawe
 Yat moght meeke hys hert and mak it lawe
 Bot he yat can noght solde hafe wylle
 To leere to knawe bothe gode and Jlle
 And he yat oght kan~ solde leere mare
 To knawe alle yat to hym needfull were
 For ane vnkonand man thorgh leernyng
 May be broght tyll vndyrstandyng
 Of many thynges to knawe and se
 Yat has beene . and es . and yhit sall be .
 Yat to meeknes moght styrre hys wylle
 And to lufe . and dreede . and flee alle Jlle
 Many has lykyng trwfles to here
 And vanytes wylle blythely leere
 And are besy in wylle and thoght
 To leere yat at ye sawle helpes noght
 Bot yat at needfull war to kon~ and knawe
 To lysten~ and leere yai ar~ full slawe
 For-yi yai kan noght knawe ne se
 Ye perylles yat yai solde dreede and flee
 And whylke way yai solde dreede ^[cheese] and take
 <p. 17>And wylk way yai solde leue and forsake
 Bot no wonderes yf yai go wrange
 For in myrknes of vnknawynge yai gang
 Wyth-owten lyght of vnderstandyng
 Of yat . yat falles tulle ryght knawynge
 Yarfore ylke crysten man and woman~
 Yat has wytte and mynde and skylle kan~
 Yat knawes noght ye ryght way to cheese
 Ne ye perylles yat ylke wyse man fleese
 Solde be boxome ay and besy
 To here . and leere of yaime namely

Yat . vnderstandes and knawes be skylle
 Whylke es gode way ; and whylk es Ille
 He yat ryght ordyr of lyfyng wyll loke
 Solde be-gyn~ *yus* als says ye boke
 To knawe fyrst what hym-self es
 So may he tyttest com to meeknes
 Yat es grownde of alle vertowse to last
 On whylke alle vertows may be sette fast
 For he yat knawes wele and kan~ se
 What *hym*-self was and es and sall be
 A wyser man he may be taulde
 Whethyr he be 3owng man or awlde
 Yan he yat kan alle othyr thyng
 And of hym-self has no knawyng
 For he may noght ryght knawe godd ne feele
 Bot he kan fyrst knawe hym-selfe wele
 Yarefore a+man solde fyrst leere
 To knawe hym-self propyrly here
 For yf he hym-self knowe kyndely
 <p. 18>He solde hafe knawyng of godd almyghty
 And of hys endyng thynke solde he
 And of ye day yat last sall be
 He solde knawe what yis worlde es
 Yat es full of pomppe and lythernes
 And leere to knawe and thynk w^t alle
 What salle *eter* yis lyfe be-falle
 For knawyng of alle yese solde *hym* leede
 And mynde w^t alle . to meeknes and dreede
 And so may he com~ to gode lyfyng
 And at ye last to gode endyng
 And when he sall owte of yis worlde weende
 Be broght to yat lyfe yat has none eende
 Ye begynnyng of alle yis processe
 Ye ryght knawyng of man selfe es
 Bot som men hase mykell lettyng
 Yat lettes *yaim* to hafe ryght knawyng
 Of *yaime*-self yat *yai* fyrst solde knawe
 Yat *yaime* to meeknes fyrst solde drawe
 And of yat fowre thynges J . fynde

Yat mase A mans wytte oft blynde
 And knawying of hym-selfe oft lettes
 Thorgh whylke fowre he hym-self forgettes
 Of yese saynt Bernard . wytnes . beres
 And are ya fowre wryten in yis verse
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Yat es fauor of ye folke and fayrnes
 And feruowre of yhowthe and ryches
 Reues a+man syght skylle and mynde
 To knawe hym-selfe what he es of kynde
 <p. 19>Yus yeese fowre lettes hys insyght
 Yat he knawes noght+hym-self ryght
 And mase hys hert full hawntayne
 And full fraward to hys souerayne
 Yeese fowre norysches pomppe and pride
 And othyr vyces yat men can noght hyde
 For in hym yat Ane of yere fun~ es
 Es seldom~ seene any meeknes
 Also yai leete A+man@ yat he noght seese
 Ye perylles of yis worlde and vanyteese
 Ne of tyme of deede yat es to *comme*
 Thynckes noght ne of ye day of dome
 Ne he kan noght vndyrstand ne se
 Ye paynes yat eftyr yis lyfe sall be
 To synfull men yat here lufes foly
 Ne ye blys yat gode men are worthy
 Bot in hys delytes settes hys hert fast
 And farse als yis lyfe solde ay last
 And gyfe hym noght bot to vanyte
 And to alle yat lykyng moght to hym be
 Swylk men~ are noght ledde wyth skylle
 Bot yai folow ay yaire awen wylle
 And oft noght elles thynkes ne tas heede
 What wonndyr es yf yai hafe no dreede
 For what yai solde dreded yai knaw noght
 yarfore yai kan~ hafe no dreede in thoght
 And yat es thorgh ye defawte of knawying
 Of yat at moght yaim to dreede bryng

Yhyt som men wyll noght vndyrstand
 Yat . yat moght mak yaime dreedand
 For yai walde noght here bot yat . yaime payse
 Yarfore ye *prophet* in ye sawter sayse
 <p. 20>He says he has no wyllle to feele
 Ne to vndyrstande for to do weele
 Yeees wordes he *yaim* may be sayde here
 Yat wyl+noght vnderstand ne leere
 To dreede godd . and to do hys wyllle
 Bot folowse yaire lykyng and lyfes Ille
 Som vndyrstandes als yei here telle
 Bot no dreede in yaire hertes may dwelle
 And thorgh de-fawte of trowthe yat may be
 For yai trowe nothyng bot at yai may se
 Bot groches when yai dreedfull thyng here
 Yarfore ye *prophet* says on yis maneere
 Ye *prophet* says yai trowed noght
 Yai groched and was angred in thoght
 Yous ar~ many y^t trowes no-tyng
 Yat men *yaim* says agayne yaire lykyng
 Bot groches gretly and waxes fraward
 When men says oght y^t yaime thynke hard
 Som kan se in boke swylke thyng and reede
 Bot lyghtnes of hert reefes *yaim* dreede
 So yat it may noght w^t *yaim* dwelle
 And yarfor says godd *yus* in ye gospels
 To a tyme he says som trowes a thyng
 And passes yarfra in tyme of fandyng
 Also *yus* says ye *prophet* Daudid
 In a salme yat Acordes yarwyth
 He says in hys worde trowed yai
 And loued hys louyng als yai cowthe say
 Bot tyte yai had done and sone forgat
 Hys werkes and thoght no more of yat
 Swylk men~ here ay are vnstedfast

<Tranche 2>

<p. 139>Yus sall yai enden sodaynely
 Bot yhit when yai all are *yus* fordone
 Ye grete doome sal noght be eftyr als sone
 For ye ye glose of Danyel yus says
 Godd sall grawnte fyue and fowrty dayse
 To all yose yat deceyued sal be
 Thorgh Antecryste and hys meneyhe
 Yat yai may amende yaime of yaire synne
 And do penawnce are ye doome begynne
 Ye Jewes sal yan all turned be
 To yat ryght trowthe ye whylk hafe we
 Yan sall godd fulfyll in ye last dayes
 Ye wordes yat he in ye godspell says
 He says al flockes to o fawlde sal falle
 And o hyrd sal be to keepe yaime alle
 Yat flocke Jewes and crysten men sal be tawlde
 Vndyr o trowthe in holy kyrckes fawlde
 For yat tyme Forth sal holy kyrck be
 In pees and rystte w^t-owten adversyte
 For yan sal fayle alle ye powere of ye feende
 Fro yat tyme to ye worldes eende
 So yat he sal nowthyr temppe ne greefe
 Holy kyrk ne man yat yan sal lyefe
 Bot how mykel space sal be fro yan
 To ye day of doome wayte no man
 For of alle ye prophetes yat men may neuen
 And alle ye Awngels and haloghes of hefen
 Moght neuer none wytte yat pryuyte
 What tyme ye day of doome sal be
 For godd wyll yat none it be-fore wytte
 Bot yf hym-self yat hase ordayne itt
 Yarfore cryste sayde to hys dyscyples yus
 Als ye bucke of ye Aposteles werckes schewes vs
 <p. 140>Jt falles noght yhowe knawe ye tyme pryue
 Yat ye fadyr has sette in hys awen powste
 Yarfore no man solde ask ne say
 Howe mykel we hafe to doomesday

Ne we sold noght yhit yherne it to leere
 To wyte whethyr it be ferre or neere
 Bot we solde makes vs redy alle
 Als ye day of doome war or to-morne sold falle
 And thynk ay on yat dreedefull doome
 Als ye holy man says sayntes Jerome
 Yat ay yaron thocht bothe nyghtes and dayse
 And yarefore yus in a buke he says
 He sayse whethyr J ete . or dryncke
 Or oghtes elles do . ay me-thynke
 Pat ye beeme yat blawe sal on doomesday
 Sownddes in myne eres yat yus sayse ay
 Ryse yhe yat are deede and comme
 Vnto ye greete dreedful doome
 Nowe hafe yhe hard of ye begynnynges
 Of Antecryste and of hys lyfe and hys endynges
 Yat men may a verray taken calle
 Yat agayne ye day of doome sall falle
 MAny ma takenes yhit men sall se
 Be-fore yat dreedefull daye sall be
 Bothe yhit in erthe and in hefen~
 Als yhe here cryste in ye godspell neuen~
 Whore he speekes of takenes seere
 Yat sall falle and sayes on yis manere
 Yere er ye wordes of ye godspell
 Yat cryste to hys dyscyples gon tell
 He sayse yus als he ordayne be done
 Takenes sall be in ye sonne and monne
 And Jn ye sternes yat Jn hefen~ men~ may ken~
 <p. 141>And Jn erthe grete thrangge of men~
 For ye menggynges of ye noyese of ye see
 And of ye flodes yat yan sall be
 And men sall wax drye in þat dynne
 For drede of lang bydynges yare-Jnne
 Yat tyll alle ye worlde sall come sayse he
 For ye myghttes of hefen~ y^t yan styrde sall be
 And yai sall se ye sonne . of man~
 Commande downe in clowdes yan~
 W^t hys grete myght and maieste

And yat tyme sall ye grete dome be
 Yere takenes ar tawlde eftyr ye lettyr-es here
 Bot ye exposicyown~ may be on othyr manere
 Also godd yat alle thynges knowes wele
 Sayse *yus* thorgh ye *prophettes* Johele
 He sayse J sall gyff wondres sere
 Vppe Jn hefen~ als men sall here
 And takenes downe in erthe on to luke
 Yat es blode and fyre and brethe of smuke
 Ye sonne sall be turned in-to Myrknes
 And ye mone in-to blode and be lyghtles
 By-fore or ye day of owre lorde sall falle
 Yat sall be grete and openly schewed to alle
 Yat grete day es ye grete day of doome
 Agayne whylk all yere grete dayes sall *comme*
 Yan may men be swylk takenes wytt
 Yat it es ye moste day y^t euer was yhit
 And ye strayttest and ye moste harde
 Als men may here and se eftyrwarde
 Yhit spekes ye holy man saynt Jeromme
 Of fyftene takenes yat sall *comme*
 Be-fore crystes *commyn*g als he sayse
 <p. 142>Ye whylk sall falle in Fyftene dayes
 Bot whethyr any othyr dayes sall falle
 Be-tweene ye dayes or yai sall alle
 Contynuly fall day eftyr day
 Saynt Jerome sayse he can noght say
 And yhyt for certayne Approues noght he
 Pat ya Fyftene dayes of takenes sall be
 Bot he reherces ya takenes fyftene
 Als he yaime *fannde* and wryten had seene
 Jn *somme* buke of ye hebrewes
 Yat ya Fyftene dayes contynus
 Bot saynt Jerome schewes noght ne telles
 Yat he fand yaime wryten owre whare elles
 Bot Jn ye hebrewes bukes he yaime fande
 And reherces yaime als yhe sawe yaime stande
 Ylk a day eftyr othyr euen~
 Als yhe may here me now neuen~

YE fyrst day of ya fyftene dayes
 Ye Se sall ryse als ya bukes sayes
 Abowne ye heght of ylk+a Mowntayne
 Fully fowrty cubytttes certayne
 And in hys stede euen vppe stande
 Als a heghe hylle dos on ye lande
 YE secund day ye se sall be so lawe
 Yat vnnethes men may it knawe
 YE thryd day ye se sall seeme playne
 And stand euen in hys cowrs Agayne
 Als it stode fyrst at ye begynnynge
 W^t-owten~ more rysynges or fallynges
 YE Fyerthe day sall swylk a woundyr be
 Ye moste wowndyrfull fysches of ye se
 Sall com to-gyder and mak swylk romynges
 <p. 143>Pat it sall be hydowse to mannes herynges
 Bot what yat romynges sall sygynyfy
 No man wayte bot godd Alle-myghty
 YE Ffyft day ye see sall brynne
 And alle ye wattyres yan sall rynne
 And yat sall laste fro ye sounne rysynges
 To ye tyme of ye soun~ downe-gangynges
 YE sext day sall spryng A bloody dewe
 On grysse and treese als it sall schewe
 YE seuent day byuggynges downe sall falle
 And grete castelles and towres w^t alle
 YE aghtend day hard roches and stanes
 Sall stryke to-gyder alle at anes
 And ylk+ane of yaime sall othyr downe caste
 So yat ylk a stane on dyuers wyse
 Sall sondyr othyr in seere pertyse
 YE neghen day grete erthe dynne sall be
 Generaly in ylke cowntre
 And so grete erthe dynne als sall be yan~
 Was neuer herd sen ye worlde be-gan~
 YE tyende day yar-eftyr to neuene~
 Ye erthe sall be made playne and euen~
 For hylles and vallayse sall turned be
 Jn-tyll playne and made euen to se

YE elleuend day men sall com~ owte
 Of caues and hooles and weende abowte
 Als wode men~ yat no wytte kan~
 And none sall speke to othyr yan~
 YE twelft day aftyr ye sternnes sall alle
 And ye sygnes fro hefen sall falle
 YE thryttend day sall dede men banes
 <p. 144>Be sett to-gyder and ryse alle at anes
 And abowne on yaire grafes stande
 Yis sall be-fall in ylk a lande
 YE Fowrtend day alle yat lyffes yan~
 Sall dye . chylde . man . and womman~
 For yai solde ryse w^t yaime agayne
 Yat be-fore war dede owthyr to Joye or payne
 YE Fyftende day *yus* sal be-tyde
 Alle ye worlde sall brynne on ylk syde
 And ye erthe whar~ we nowe dwelle
 Vntyl ye vttyrrest ende of alle helle
Yus telles Jerome yere tokenes fyftene
 Als he in ye bukes of hebrewse had sene
 Bot for alle ye takenes yat men sall se
 Yhit sall no man~ certayne be
 What tyme cryste sall com~ to ye *domme*
 So sodaynly he sall downe *comme*
 For als a be-fell in Noe . and loth dayse
 So sall he *comme* for luke in ye gospell sayse
 Yere ar ye wordes of ye godspell
 Yat ar on Inglysche *yus* to tell
 Als was done in ye dayes of Noe
 Ryght so ye man~ son~ sall come sayse he
 Men ete and drancke and war glade
 And wedded wyfes and brydales made
 Vnto yat day namely yat . Noe
 Wentte to ye schyppe yat made he
 And sodaynely come ye flode yat tyde
 And fordydde alle ye worlde so wyde
 Also in ye dayes of loth by-felle
 Men ete and drancke schortly to telle
 Ylk+one w^t othyr and sawlde and boght

And planted and bygged and howses wrought
 And yat day yat loth yhode owte of sodome
 Sodaynly goddes vengeawnce come
 <p. 145>Yt rayned Fyre fro hefen and brimstane
 And tyntte all yat yare was and spared nane
 Ryght *yus* sall falle yat men may see
 Ye day yat mannes son schewed sall be
 JN ye ende of ye worlde by-for ye Dome
 Ane hydowse Fyre sall sodaynly come
 Yat alle ye worlde sall <exp>s</exp> holy brynne
 And no-thing spare yat es yar-Jnne
 For alle ye erthe sall brynne w^t-owte
 And ye Elementtes and ye Ayer~ abowte
 And alle yat godd in ye worlde has wrought
 Sall yan be brynned and wasted to nought
 Yis Fyre y^t throghe ye worlde sall ryse
 Sall com yan fro seere partyse
 For alle ye fyre yat es in ye speere
 And vndyr ye erthe and A-bowne erthe here
 Sall mete to-gyder at anes yan~
 And brynne alle yat lyffes beste and man~
 And all y^t grwes and erthe and ayer~
 To alle be clensted and made fayre
 And alle ye corrupcyowns yat men may see
 Ye whylk in ye ayer~ or in ye erthe may be
 Yis Fyre als ye buke vs says and leeres
 Sall brynne and wyrk on fowre maneres
 It sall wyrk als ye Fyre of helle
 To ponysche ye synfull yat yere sall dwelle
 It sall wyrk als ye Fyre of purgatory
 To clenste men of veniall synne Fully
 It sall wyrk als fyre of herthe here
 Yat owre alle sall brynne Ferre and nere
 To waste alle yat in erthe spryngges
 Als grysse and treese and alle erthly thynges
 And als so ye bodyse of ylk man
 To brynne holely in-to askes yan~