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<fol. 3ra>it gladly for luf . not for drede also wele in
 desese as *in* hele . so þ^t is *traauayle in* godes
 seruyse . be w^t-o^t noye . For suche a *monnus* wille
 is not ydel nor schort . For hit is þoghtful
in goddus lawe & not o^t *per*-of *in* vanite & synne as
 as euel *mennus* is But bysyly þenkyng *per*
 jnne *in* wele & *in* wo boþe day & nyȝt . For A
 deuoute *monnus* þoght is euer-more *per*-jnne .
 not only *in* þe letteres of þe lawe but *in* holynes
 of stabul purpos of *cristus* luf . For stabul þoȝt
in goddus lawe is lastyng kepyng of holines

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Ande he schal be as a tre þ^t is set by-sydes
 stremes of wateres . þe whuche schal ȝif his
 frut *in* his tyme ¶ As ho say . he þ^t lasteþ
in godnes . schal not only be goode *in* hym-self .
 but he schal be as tre þ^t is *profitabul* to mony
 & norischynge þ^t haþe euer wetyng of wateres
 of *grace* . & of holy lore . ȝif a tre be leyde *in* þe
 fyre it is tende *in* it-self & ȝifeþ lyȝt to oþer
 Ryȝt so a ryȝtwys mon brenneþ *in* þe luf
 of god *in* his hert & schyneþ to men w^t-o^t . w^t
 lyȝt of goode lyffynge w^t-outen veyn-glorie
 For suche+on ȝifeþ his frutes . þ^t is deuote
 wordes & holy werkes *in* ensaumpul of oþer .
 counseylenge & helpynge hem frely þ^t han nede
 not sellyng is help for faylyng goodes of
 þis worlde . or *fauour* . or . preysynge of men
 as ypocrites done . but wilfully helpynge vch

on oþer aftur his power~ for þe luf of god .
 þ^t quiteþ an-hundert-folde . & þ^t in his tyme
 For alle þinges þ^t are gode w^t descrecioun asken
 tyme . 3if þey schul be wele done . Ande þis
 a-3eyn selfe-willed men þe whuche 3ifen en
 saumpul of couetyse þ^t wol nouþer prey for
 men ne conseyle men but 3if þey 3ifen hom
 of hir godes . & so þey 3ifen not of hur frut
 frely in tyme as a treo þ^t schulde growe in
 cristus vyne-3erde . þ^t is holy chirche . But
 ben bastard braunches þ^t beren no frut . &
 þer-fore þey schulde be kut a-wey for peyring
 of þe treo Ande al-so þis by-houeful tyme
 <fol. 3rb>is a-3eynus *<ill><crease></ill>aueros & churchus þ^t 3ifen no frut
 but whenn hit is rotun & o^t of tyme . Ande
 þey schal ou3t 3if to hem . þ^t þey ben holden þ^t
 is to pore nedy men . hit is w^t so meche
 delaynge & so wrothly 3ifen . þ^t hit is
 worþe no mede þ^t þey do . for god loueþ
 tymeþul 3ifers & gladd . suche treos ben
 wiccud þ^t for elde in synne beren no frut þ^t
 goode is . Ande forþi þey schulden be smytun
 doun & cast into þe fuyr~ of helle . & goode
 treos schulde be planted in þe londe
 of lyf þ^t neuer schal fayle & so euere lyfe in
 joye <lat></lat>
 <lat></lat> Ande þe lefe of hym schal <not added in margin by later hand>
 welwe or falle doun . & alle þinge þ^t he
 schal do schal habunde ¶ þe ry3twyse
 mon euere doþe in tyme his dede . Ande
 also is lef þ^t is his worde schal not fayle
 for hit schal be certeyn & trewe not ydel
 ne veyne ne deceyvable in vrthly þinges
 ne lyinge . for suche vnresonable wordes . þ^t
 ben vngrounded fallen doun in synne . where
 vch worde trewly sayde . þey schal be medeful
 ledyng þe wey to heuen . Ande so renne vp
 warde in goddus plesaunce . & alle þingus þ^t he
 schal do . wheþer þey be wordus or werkus . euere

þey schun habounde . þ^t is þey schul sprynge
 from hym þ^t sayþe hem truly to oþer þe weche
 per goddus grace he schal edifye in habundaunce
 of euerlastynge mede . he þ^t feynet not in his
 tonge is a perfyt mon . for is lufe schal not
 fayle . þ^t is worde her~ sayde in charite . schal
 preyse god w^t-o^t ende . But <lat></lat>
 <lat></lat>

**Nou3t so þe wiccod no3t so but as þe dust þ^t
 þe wynde castē from þe face of þe vrthe**

Here þe prophete departē euel men from crist &
 from all þe company of alle goode men þe
 wheche ben meke to god . & kepen of his
 comaundemts . but he sayþe þe wicked men
 ben not so buxum to god ne fastened in his
 lawe . as ben goode men þ^t forsaken synne
 & pride of þe worlde & 3ifen hem to vertues
 <fol. 3va>lyfyng . but þe wyccod ben as þe drye
 dust . þ^t þe wynde blowē a-way . þ^t is
 þey ben drye w^t-o^t wetyng of grace . For
 grace may not come to hem for synne & wic
 codnes þ^t is in hem . & þer-fore þey Assent in
 ly3tul to vche tempthaciun . for defaute of
 luf to god & his lawe . & so þe wynde of
 of pride hy3eth hem & blowē hem a-bowt in-to
 diuerse synnus . as þe wynde blowē þe dust in
 to diuerse partes . so ben þe wiccod men blowen
 fro stabulnes in cristus luf . þ^t norischip our soulus
 in grace . as frutes of þe vrthe our bodies in
 strengēþ & for euel men hauen no sauour to be
 fed w^t þ^t fode <lat></lat>

<lat></lat> **þerfore þe wiccod**

**rysun not in dome . ne synful in conseyle of ry3t
 wyse men ¶** For þ^t þey ben dryfen per pride
 fro god to þe deuelus seruyse . þer-fore þey rysun
 not in dome . þ^t is þey deme not hur self per
 gostly rysynge fro synne per verrey forsakyng~
 þer-of . & penaunce doynge þerfore . Ande 3it
 mony euel men vse gret penaunce but hit a

valyeþ hem nou3t to saualcoun of her~ soulus
 þe whyles þey lasten whylful *in* her~ synnus
 For such~ rysen not o^t of hur synne . aftur þe
conseyle of ry3twyse men . þ^t is þei þ^t ben blowen
 w^t pride couetyse & oþer synnus wole not set by
 þe conseyle þ^t gode men þus tellen hem aftur
 goddus lawe . ne setten not goddus wille by-fore
 hor wille . but aftur þe desyre of hor owne
 wille don aftur þe conseyl of þe deuele . &
 þer-fore haue þey no <exp>wille</exp> *grace* to do wel aftur
 þe techynge of goddus lawe . ne make wilfully
 ne sufficiently a-mendus to god ne to hom whom
 þey haue done wronges . þerfore ry3tfully wole
 þ^t suche þ^t suche ben punysched aftur hor ma
 lice . For-þi such schul not ryse to deme *in* þe
 dome w^t ry3twys+men . but to be demed & dam
 ned *in-to* helle w^t wiccod men Ande vndurston
 deþ þ^t *in* þe dome schun be four orderes . On
 schal be þ^t schal deme . & not be de-med . as
 þe appostelus & oþer men moost perfyte . Oþer men
 þer schul be . þ^t schul nouþer deme ne be demed
 <fol. 3vb>as hethen men . for hor dampnacoun is knowen
 to all holy chirche . For he þ^t trowes not nowe
 he is demed . Ande he þ^t synneþ w^t-o^t lawe . he
 schal perisch w^t-o^t lawe . þe þrid folke schal be
 demed & saued . as þese þ^t ben trewe wedded
 folke . & oþer þ^t byen hem heuen w^t hor trauay
 le & trewe lyuyng . almes-dede doynge . pen
 aunce for hor synnes . w^t oþer goode dedes to pore
 nedy men & wymen . but þey comen not to
 þe most perfyt liif *in crist* . as þe apostelus duden
 & hor folwers . þe furþe folke schal be de
 med & dampned as falles *cristen* men þ^t han
 þe trewþ of jhesu *crist* w^t-o^t luf & gode werkus
 Suche fals *cristen* men schul be dampned to
 harder payne þenn hethen men . whi so for þey wy
 tynli wrathed *crist* w^t hor euel lyuyng~ & wolde
 not luf hym kepyng his lawe . for alle þe go
 denes þ^t he dud to hem . For þe wiche vnkyn

denes þe worme of consciens schal more bit
 turly & more scharpely byte hem þen any heþen
 men & peyne hem sarr~ þenn any mon may þenke
 But as summ men sayn . þe dome of heþen
 folke schal . [be more] vyle . for þey schal be dampned
 þere w^t-oute demynge . But false *cristen mennus*
 dome schal be more peynful for knowynge
 of treweþ . & nou3t worchyng þer-aftur . &
 most of alle þey schul be punished for hur
 wilful a-3eynstondynge saynge þe treweþ of
 of *cristus* lawe . tolde by his *seruaundes* & his
 folwers <lat></lat>

<lat></lat> For our lord knoweþ þe wey of ry3twes
 men . & goynge of wiccod men schal perisch~

¶ þ^t is our lord knoweþ deuoute þoghtus & holy
 preyeres & *perfy*t werkus of ry3^twyse men re
 wardynge hem w^t euer-lastynge joye . for lufynge
 her~ of his lawe & lyfyng þer-aftur . for þ^t is
 þe ry3twes weye of his louers . þe whuch schul
 be rewarded w^t euerlastynge blisse . Ande þe go
 ynge of wiccod men schal perisch . for *crist* hateþ
 alle þ^t gon wytynly in synne . & for-þⁱ hur werkus
 schun perisch for wantynge of mede . for þey
 schul not receyue þe joye of heuen w^t
 ry3twyse men þ^t lufed *crist* her~ fulfillynge
 <fol. 4ra>Ande for þe wiccod lifeden her~ in lust & in lykyng .
 þe weye of hem schal perisch euer~ in helle peyne
 <lat></lat>

<lat></lat> whi gnaysted þe folke & þe pe
 pul . þoght veyn þou3tus . ¶ þe prophete bla
 med hem þ^t schulde *turment crist* as who wolde
 say . what enchesoun hade þey . soþly non but
 euel wille . For he contraried hir euel lyfyng
 in werke & worde . þe folke þey wer~ þe kny3tes
 of rome þ^t crucifixsed *crist* & gnasted a-3eynus
 hym as wode bestus w^t-o^t resoun & þe pepul þ^t
 was þe jewes þou3t in ydel . þ^t is in veyn was
 hir þoghtus whenn þey wende to haue holde *crist*
 euer ded . þ^t þey my3t not do . for þⁱ in veyn þey

traueled . as uche mon dop . þ^t *per* pride & ypocrysy
uenus cristus lawe to hyde . & is ry3tful ordinaunce
 & medeful . <lat></lat>
 <lat></lat> Þe kyn
gus of þe vrthe stoden to þe princes comen to-ge
 der in on a-3eynus *our* lord & 3eynus his *crist* ¶ Nowe
 only kny3tus of rome & jewes rysen a-3eynus
crist But also kyngus þ^t slowe þe jnnocentus &
 þ^t oþer heroude his sone þ^t assented to *cristus* deþ
 & princes as anna & cayphas þe whuche prin
 ces of pru<hole in ms>stes assented to *cristus* deþ in a wic
 cod willeful *presumpcou*@ .lo monnus foly þe
 kyng of erþe comen to-geder a-3eynus þe
 of heuen . For þey comen in a-3eyn saynge in
 on . jhesu *crist* goddus sone . & nowe kyngus & princes
 of erþe comen in on a-3eynus *ihesu crist* . whenn þey
 <hole> do or suffer synne & vnry3twesnes in hor
 sewurus & specialy for puttyng & suffryng~
 in holy chirche But to gostly vndurstondyng
 kyngus ben wicod þoghtus þe whuch~ spryngen
 to euel worchyng folke . þ^t is . ydel þoghtus
 & veyn in dede but nou3t in wille . þenn þese
 folke gnasten whenn 3yrnyngus rysen & waxen
 a-3eynus skylle . For þo þ^t stabulun not hir
 þoght in god bysyly in tyme of temptacoun
 deceyuen hem-self vnskilfully . & folke
 þenken veyn þoghtus whenn þey schulde
 3if hem holy to goddus luf . þen kynde wolr
 ly vanite & sotiltees þe whuch drawen
 hem fro þe þoghte of heuen to worldely
 <fol. 4rb>bysines To suche stonden kyngus of erþe
 assenting whenn þey done euel wytingely .
 & sufferen oþer in hor euel . not usynge hor
 power~ aftur hor conynge ne hor swerd
 aftur þe wille of god . but þey by-gylen
 hom-self & oþer . whenn þey for lust of co
 uetyse dwellen & sufferen oþer to dwelle
 in hor synne 3ifinge hom to vices & not
 to liue as goddes lawe techep . Ande þen

þese princes þ^t ben here *prestus* comen a-3eynus
 þe fader of heuen & his sone *ihesu crist* .
 whenn *per synne* of couetyse & *pride* & lusty
 lyfyng bycomen þe lymes of þe fende
 of helle . For alle suche þ^t ben set to reule
 holy chirche & folwen not *crist in trewe* ly
 fyng in mekenes & pouerte & clene lifyng
 in charite putten god o^t of hor soule . &
 per hor owne wiccod ensaunpul of alle oþer
 þ^t in hom is . þ^t knowen or seen hor wic
 cod lyf . & maken hem-self a restyng-place
 to fendes . *per false pride* & couetyse & oþer
 mony synnus Ande þerfore <lat></lat>
 <lat></lat>

**Br~ke we bondes of home & caste we from
 vs hor 3oke** ¶ þ^t is breke & alle-to-brest
 we þe wiccod & cursed custome of synne
 þ^t we haue lyued jnne . & caste we fro vs
 alle þe spices & occasiun þer-of & wiccod cum
 panie þ^t 3ifeus vs euel ensaumpul *per pride*
 & couetyse & oþer synnus lyfen a-3eynus *crist* &
 hele of soule . & 3if we wol drawe tow
 arde heuen berste we hor bondes . þ^t is des
 pise we hor werkus hor blandischyng
 of *pride* w^t ypocrisye & hor bostfully . & kaste
 we from vs hor 3ok þ^t is veyn-glorie
 of þis false worlde . wher~fore þey
 traueyle bysile to gete grete lordschip
 wher~ *per* þey be hyed a-boue knowyng
 of hem-self . Al þis we schul set at
 nou3t . so þ^t þe fendes haue no maystrey
 of vs . for *our* assent <lat></lat>
 <lat></lat> **For he**

þ^t woneþ in heuenus schal dryue hem
 to scorken & *our* lord schal priuely scorn <mrg>hem</mrg>
 <fol. 4va>hem For þey setten hor wit byfore þe
 wysdam of god & holdun hor ordynaunce
 & rewle more *perfyte* þenn þe rewle & þe or
 denaunce of god as *goddus* lawe seyþe God

schal lawe *in* hor slaw3tre . þ^t is whenⁿ
 þey ben dampned to þe peyne of helle
 fro endeles lyf *in* ioy . & whenⁿ þ^t 3e drede
 com^{us} to 3ow seys god . j schal priuely skorn
 3ow . þ^t is þey þ^t sechen euer to be *in* ese & wor
 schip & ryches of þis world & wroþest
 & most gruchyng~ whenⁿ ani desese & tri
 bulaciun or sekenes fallen to hem . & dreden
 þis most god wol put hem when þey part
 of þis worlde *in*-to euerlastyng peyne scha
 me & repref w^t þe fendes of helle Ande
 þer-fore wel owes vs to berst þe bond^{us}
 of ^[such] couetyse & false ese of þe flesch &
 desyre & euel drede þ^t byndeþ men *in*
 synne . for god þ^t wonet *in* heuen^{us} þ^t is *in* ho
 ly soul^{us} . & aungel^{us} schun schewe þ^t þe foly
 of suche folke is worthy to be skornet þ^t
 nowe ben deceyuet *per* couetyse of þe deuel
 & styryng of hur flesch & couetyse of þe
 worlde <lat></lat>

<lat></lat> // þenn he schal

speke to hym *in* his wraþe & *in* his wodnes

he schal trouble hem . But wite wel
 þ^t god is not wroþe ne wode . but his
 wraþe is ry3tful peyne . þ^t he doþe to sinful
 men . Ande hem þ^t he dampnet gon ry3twys
 ly to helle . he makeþ hem as þey were
 wod *per* torment & peyne . so þ^t þey knowe not
 but of sorwe & wo & peyne þ^t þey ben jnne
 Ande for-þⁱ whenⁿ god vengip hym his ven
 gauns is cleped wodnes . for by his ry3twys
 nes he may spare no more þenn a wod
 mon . þ^t spareþ no þinge þe vndurston
 dinge of þis verse is whenⁿ god schal make
 skornyng to hem þ^t won not here stynt of
 syne . he schal speke to hem *in* his wraþe
 þ^t speche schal be resunable vnder-nymyng
 to hem þ^t wolden not kepe his commaunde
 ment^{us} Nowe he is styлле & sufferiþ lokyng

<fol. 4vb>3if synful won a-mende hem . But *in* þe
 dome he wol harde venge *hym* & punis
 che hem *in* euerlastynge peyne . *per* ry3twysnes .
 þ^t wolden not her~ forsaken hyr synne .
 & take hem to his *mercy* . Ande *in* his wod
 nes þ^t is *in* his vertue *in* þe which he
 vengeþ ry3tfully . he schal troubul hem . þ^t
 is he schal breue hem al hor bry3tnes
 & joye . & put hem to helle *in* woful der
 kenes wher~-jnne is fyre þ^t *neuer* schal be
 quenched & þe peyneful worme þ^t *neuer*
 schal dye . <lat></lat>
 <lat></lat>
 <lat></lat> J am ordeynet of *hym*
 kyng of syon is his holy hul . *prechyng*
 his *commandemnt* // þus schul wiccod men
 be dampned ry3twysely for drawynge *in* þe
 deueles 3oke & for-sakyng þe soft 3oke of
 crist . For *crist* by his fader is set kyng of
 syon þ^t is of holy churche for *crist* gouernes
 & reules alle meke actyfe men & deuote
contemplatyf men þe wiche haue þe hy3e
 of hor hert euer toward heuen . For suche
 moun be calde þe holy hul of god for þey be
 fast & hy3e *in* vertues . *prechyng* is *commoun*
demntus þ^t is charite . For *in* hit is contened
 alle his comaundemnt . & þer-fore he *commoun*
 det by-fore alle þingus . þ^t we be *in* þis worl
 de *in* lufe & charite . For w^t.^[owte] charite may we
 nou3t plese god . For þis makeþ men
 onyd w^t god . & .^[for] þis charite was most <ill><1 word></ill>
crist þer-fore <lat></lat>
 <lat></lat> Oure lord sayde
 to me my sone þ^u art . þis day j gat þe
 // here þe prophete sayþe . þ^t þe sone of *aur*
 lorde jhesu crist is of þe fadur of heuen . þ^t
 is al-my3ty god w^t-o^t bygynyng . & he
 euen to *hym* *in* godhed . þis day by-tokenus
 tyme present . nou3t tyme þ^t is gon . ne



tyme þ^t is to come . for þe lastyngnes
of god is *euermore* al at on*us* . For alle þ^t
þinge þ^t was . or is . or schal be . is *euere*
presente to god . & þer-w^t he is al-my³ty . & wyl
<fol. 5ra>ful to helpe all his luferes . & þer-fore he sayd
to his kyndely son *crist* <lat></lat>