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<Tranche 1>

<fol. 21v><line 15> ri3t so in þe se
 uene þousand of 3eeris þe noumbre of
 hem þat schullen be sauēd schal be ful
 fillid & reste schal be to seyntis ful *in* bodi
 & soule . 3if þan it be so as is semēþ to fo
 lewe of þis maydenes wordis þat seuē
 þousand of 3eeris *in* passynge of þe world
 acordiþ to seuene dayes *in* his makynge .
 <fol. 22r>lat see what lackid þat þese seuene þousand
 3eeris ne ben fulfillid . for 3if we rkene<sic> þe
 noumbre of 3eeris fro þe natyuyte of *crist*
 to þe 3eris fro þe bigynnyng of þe world
 to crist . 3if þou wult folewe austyn Bede
 & orosie & most *prouable* doctouris tretiynge
 of þis matere it is passid now almost sixe
 þousand & sixe hundrid as it is open in a
 bok þat is clepid *speculum iudiciale* / so it
 sueþ þat þis laste day is more þan half a
 goo . 3if we shulle 3eue credence to þis may
 denes resoun . bute 3if we schule leue to þe
 gospel ; þanne we schal fynnde in þe gospel
 of matheu þat þe disciplis axeden of crist
 þre questiouns . furst what tyme þe citee
 of ierusalem schulde be destroyed . þe *secun*
 de what tokene of his comynge to þe dom .
 & þe þridde what sygne were of þe endynge
 of þe world . & crist 3af hem no certeyn ty
 me þese þingis whan þei schulde falle .

¶ Bute he 3af hem tokenes bi whiche þei my3
 ten wyte whanne þei drowen ne3e / & so as
 <fol. 22v>þe firste questioun of distructionn of ierhusalem .
 he seide whan þe romaynes comen to bise
 ge þat citee þanne sone aftir hue schulde
 be distroyed . & as to þe secounde & þe þridde
 he 3af hem mony tokenes . þat is to seie
 þat rewme schulde rise a3eyns rewme . &
 puple a3ens peple . & pestilencis & hungris
 & erþe schakynge þe which iche we han
 seyen in oure dayes . Bute þe laste tokene
 þat he 3af was þis . whanne 3ee seep þe ab
 homynacioun of discounfort seid of danyel
 þe prophete stondynge on þe seyntuwarie .
 þanne who rediþ . vnderstonde he . vpon whi
 che tixt þus argueþ a+doctour in a+book
 þ^t he makeþ of þe endynge of þe world .
 3if þe wordis of danyel han autorite as
 god seiþ þat þei han it sufficeþ of þe no
 umbre of þe 3eeris of þe ende of þe world .
 take þat danyel haþ write now . danyel
 in þe twelueþe chapitre spekyng of þis
 abhomynacioun putteþ bitwene þe sees
 synge of þe bisie sacrifice of jewes þe
 <fol. 23r>whiche fel whanne bi+titis & vaspasian irhum
 was distroyed . & þe puple of iewes disperpulid<?>
 into al þe world . & þis abhomynacioun þat doc
 tour seiþ schal be þe grete antecristis daies
 a+þousand two hundred & nynety . now pre
 ueþ þis doctouur þat a+day mot be take for a+3ere
 boþe bi autorite of holi writ in þe same pla
 ce & on oþer & ^[bi] resoun also . so it semeþ to þis
 clerk þe grete antecrist schulde come in þe
 fourtene hundred 3eer fro þe burþe of crist .
 þe whiche nowmbre of 3eeris is now fulfil
 led not fully twelue 3eer & an+half lackynke
 þis resoun putte y not as to schewe eny cer
 teyn tyme of his comynge . siþ J haue not þ^t
 knowleche . bute to schewe þat he is ny3 . bute

how ny3 y wot neuere . Bute take we hede to
 þe furþe partie of þe secounde visioun of
 ion put on þe bok of priuetees on þe whiche
 vndir openynge of þe seuene sealis is de
 clarid þe stat of holi chirche fro þe tyme
 of <exp>ch</exp> crist in-to þe ende of þe world . þe o
 penynge of þe firste foure seelis schewiþ
 <fol. 23v>þe staat of þe chirche fro tyme of crist vnto
 þe tyme of antecrist & his fore-goeris þe whi
 che is schewid bu openynge of þe oþer þre see
 lis þe openynge of þe firste seal telliþ þe stat
 of þe chirche in tyme of prechyng of crist & of
 apostlis . for þanne þe firste beest þat is þe ly
 oun 3af his vois þat tokeneþ þe prechouris of
 cristis resurreccioun & his asencioun . for þanne 3ede
 out a whit hors & he þat sat vpon hym hade
 abowe in his hond the 3ede out ouercomynge
 to ouercome ¶ bi þis white hors we vnderstandiþ
 þe clene lif & couersacioun þat þese prechoures
 hade & bi þe bowe . here trewe techynge . prickynge
 sorowe in menys hertis for here synnes w^t-outen
 flaterynge & þei wentun out of merie þ^t þei
 comen ouercomynge summe of þe iewis & ma
 ke hem to leue þe trist þat þei haden in þe
 olde lawe to bileue in ihesu crist & sue his tee
 chynge & þei wentun out to ouercome þe pay
 nymes schewynge to hem þat here ymagus
 were none goddis bute mannys werkis
 vnmy3ty to saue hem self or any oþ~ drawyng
 <fol. 24r>hem to þe bileue of ihesu crist god & man . in
 openynge of þe secounde seal þer criede þe secon
 de beest þat is a+calf þat was aberst was wonte
 to be slayen & offrid to god in þe olde lawe . þis
 schewiþ þe staat of þe chirche in tyme of mar
 tiris þat for stedefast prechyng of goddis
 lawe schedden here blood þat signefied bi þe
 reede hors þat wente out at þis seel openynge .
 & þis staat bi-gan in þe tyme of nero þe cursid
 emperour . & durid in-to þe tyme of costantyn

þe grete þat endowede þe chirche . for in þis
 tyme many of cristis seruauntis & namely
 þe leederes of goddis flok were slayen . for of
 two & twenty bisschopis or rome þat werun by
 twene peter & siluester þe firste y rede bute of
 foure þat þei ne were martires for þe lawe of
 crist and also in tyme ^[of] Sibclisian þe emperour .
 þe persecucioun vpon cristene men as so gret
 þat wiþ-inne þritty dayes þer were two & twenti
 þousand men & wymmen slayn bi dyuerse contres
 for goddis sake . þe openynge of þe þridde seal
 telliþ þe staat of þe chirche in tyme of eritikus
 <fol. 24v>þat ben figurid bi þe blake hors for false vn
 dirstondynge of holi writ for þanne criede þe
 þridde beest þat is a man for at þat tyme was it
 nede to preche þe mysteries of cristis incarnaci
 oun & his passioun to-3ens þese eritikes þat felden
 mys of þese poyntis hou crist toke erþely man
 nes kynde of oure ladi hym beyng god as he
 was bifore this moder beyng mayden bi-fore
 & aftir . þe openynge of þe furye seal telliþ þe
 staat of þe chirche in tyme of ypocrites þat
 ben signefied bi þe pale hors þat ben signes
 of penaunce wiþ-outeforþ to blynde þe puple .
 & he þat sat vpon þis hors his name ws dep .
 for þei schulen slee goostly hem þat þei leden .
 & techen hem to triste vpon op~ þing þan god
 & helle foleweþ hem / for helle resceyueþ þilke
 þat þese disceyueþ at þat tyme schal it nede
 þe furþe beest þat is þe egle make his cry þat
 fleþ hi3este of alle foulis to rere up goddis gos
 pel & to preise þat lawe abouen oþer lawes .
 lest mennys wittis & here tradiciouns ouergo
 & trede down þe lawe of god bi enformynge
 of þese ypocrites . & þis is þe laste staat þat
 <fol. 25r>is op~ schal be in þe chirche bifore þa comynge
 of þe grete antecrist . Þe openynge of þe fifþe
 seal telliþ þe staat of þe chirche þat þanne shal
 folewe . and þe desir þat loueres of godis lawe

schulen haue aftir þe ende of þe world to be
 delyuered of þis woo . þe openyng of þe sixte
 seal telliþ þe staat of þe chirche *in* tyme of ante
 cristis lymes . þe whiche staat 3e mowe knowe
 to be *in* þe chirche when 3e seeþ fulfillid þ^t seynt
 Jon *prophecied* to falle on þe openyng of þis
 wher he seiþ þus . aftir þis ysei3 foure ange
 lis stondyng on þe foure corneris of þe erþe
 þat þei blowe not vpon þe erþe ne vpon þe
 see ne vpon eny tree . þese foure angelis *ben*
 þe noumbre of alle þe deuelis ~~nombre~~ my
 nystris . þat on þat tyme schulen *in* plesaunce
 of here lord antecrist stoppe þe foure wyndes .
 þat ben þe foure gospels to be *preched* & so to
 lette þe breeþ of grace of þe holi goost to fal
 le vpon men mournyng for synne & castyng
 hem to amendement & oþer vpon hem þat
 wolde encrease *in* vertues oþer vpon perfit men .
 what is þere aftir þis to falle bute þat ye
 <fol. 25v>mysterie of þe seueþe seal be schewid þat he
 come *in* his owne persone . þat ihesu crist schal slee
 wiþ þe spirit of his mouþe when þe fend schal
 schewe þe outemoste persecucioun þat he & hise
 seruantis may do to þe seruantis of crist ; and

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<fol. 68v><line 1> here þenne gladly þe good þ^t
 men wol seie to þee . of al þat þou herest of
 holi scripture *in* comun sermoun or *in* pryue
 colacioun tak good hede anon as þou herist
 ou3^t þat may avayle to þin amendement .
 as to haten synne & to loue *vertues* . for to do
 ute peyne & desire ioie for+to dispyse þis
 world & hy3e to þat oþer world and what
 þou schalt don . & what þou schalt leue / and
 al þat enlumyneþ þin vndirstondyng *in*
 knowyng of soþenesse ; and al þat enflaw
 meþ þin affeccioun *in* strengþe of charite .

¶ Þe þridde degre of contemplacioun is *in* god
 hym self & þat may be *in*+two maneres . wiþ
 outhen *in* his manheed ; & wiþ-innen *in* his god
 heed ; for so seiþ seynt austyn . Þerfore god in
 his kynde bycome man ; þ^t wheþ~ þat þow
 wentist in or out euermore my3test yfynde
 pasture . wiþ-inne bi contemplacion of his
 godheed ; wiþ-outhen bi contemplacioun
 of his manheed ; of his manheed þ^u shalt
 þenke þre þinges ; þe manheed of incar
 <fol. 69r>nacioun . þe swetnesse of his conuersacioun . &
 þe charite of his passioun . Bute þat my3ton
 not don at on tyme ; & þerfore J haue departed it by
 þe seuene houres of þe day þat me syngeþ *in* chirche
 þat no tyme passe þee þat þou ne haue þin her
 te swetely occupyed : so for+to don þou most haue
 at eche houre doubel meditacioun . on þe passion
 þou shalt . anop~ on þe assencioun . ¶ By-fore ma
 tynes þou schalt þenke inwardly on þe tyme &
 þe place [[&]] þe houre þat god was boren . þe tyme
 was at mydwynter when it wes coldist . þe hour
 was amydde þe strete *in* an+hous wiþ-outhen wal
 les & wes ywounden *in* cloutes & ybounden wiþ a+ly
 ser & leyde *in* a+manger biforn an oxe & an asse . for
 he hade non op~ place / Þenne shalt þou þenke *on*
 þe bisynesse of marie abouten hir child & of
 Joseph hure hosbond . hou he hade gret ioie .
 Þenke on þe deuocioun of þe schepardis . & on
 þe swete companye of aungelis ; & lift vp þyn
 herte & syng wiþ hem <lat>gloria *in* excelsis deo &c ;</lat>
 þat is Joie be god in þe hy3este . // Þenne shaltou
 þenken on þe passioun hou he was *in* suche a+tyme
 <fol. 69v>of þe ny3t þat is to seiþ at mydny3t bitrayed
 of his owne disciple & J-taken as a+traytour
 & ybounden as a þef & as a+feloun dampned þenk
 also bisily hou he profred hym self to þe folke
 & hou he kusside him þat hadde bitrayed hym & cleped
 him his frend & how he defendede peter to smyte
 no more wiþ þe swerd & hou he helide þe ere þ^t

seynt peter smot of ; & hou his discyples hym
 forsoken & þe Jewes hym token & hulden hym & lad
 den hym forþ furst byforen annas & þerfore þere
 he was examyned & buffeted for he onswerid
 not to here wille and seþ to-fore cayfas & peter
 forsok him þries for þe wickide wordis of an
 yuel seruaunt ¶ Byfore pryme þou shalt
 þenke on þe passioun & on þe resurreccioun / on
 þe passioun þou shalt þenke hou þe iewes
 ladden him in a kurtel bi-fore cayphas here bis
 schop & bere false witnesse aþeysn hym & seyde
 þat he hade y-blasfemed & seide . þ^t he hade y
 seid þ^t he myȝte distruye goddis temple & in
 þre dayes reren it vp aþeyn & þat he hade j
 turned al þe contre for galile to ierusalem .
 <fol. 70r>& scorneden hym in dyuerse wyse & spat in his blessid
 face vileynloker þen on a dogge . and þen þei
 hulden his eyȝen & buffeted hym & axed him who
 it was þat was smot hym . and al þat swete
 ihesu suffride ne seide he neu~ whi do ȝe so . bote
 suffride as a+lomb þat is ilad to his sleynge
 ward þat neu~ word ne seyde . and mony oyere
 dispites þei duden to hym þat were muche
 to telle & to longe tyme ¶ On þe resurreccioun
 þou shalt þenke þat he aros on suche a+tyme
 from deēp to lyue astir þat he hade distruyed
 helle & delyuered þe holi soules oute of þe fe
 louns power ¶ Þenne shaltou þenke hou
 he schewede hym to marie maudeleyn when
 she wende he hade ben a+gardener ¶ Þe secoun
 de tyme to hire & to oþ~ wymmen in þe wey when
 he grette hem & seide . anete þ^t is to sei god
 ȝou saue ¶ Þe þridde tyme to seynt peter
 bute we ne haue noȝt in what manere ne
 hou ¶ Ye furþe tyme he shewede hym to two
 oþ~ disciplis toward þe castel of emaus ;
 whenne þei wenden he hadde ben a+gardener
 <fol. 70v>& knowen hym þenne in brekyng of bred ; þe fyfe
 þe tyme to oþ~ ten when he stood in þe myrdward

of hem & seide <lat>pax vobis</lat> & schewede *hem* his hon
 dis & his feet & þei wende he had ben a+gost and
 þenne he seide to hem þat he wolde be wiþ hem
 into þe ende of þe world ¶ Þe sixte tyme when
 seynt Tomas was þere & seide to hym putte þi
 fynger here into my side ; þe seuenþe he apperide
 to seynt peter . when þei fischeden in þe see þ^t þe
 gospel clepeþ tyberiadis & ete wiþ hem & axede
 þries of seynt peter 3if he louede hym more þen
 op~ ¶ Þe ey3þe tyme was when þat he shewede
 hym in þo mounte of galile when he comaun
 dide hem to wende in-to al þe world & baptisen
 alle men . in þe name of þe fader & of þe sone &
 of þe holi gost a ¶ Þe nynþe tyme he shewede
 hym to hem þe day of his assencioun when þei
 weren at þe mete . & vndernom here mysby
 leue & þe hardnesse of here hertis ¶ Þe ten
 þe tyme he shewede hym to hem þe selue day
 þat he hadde hem out of þe citee in-to þe m
 ounte of olyuete & comaundide hem to dwel
 <fol. 71r>le in þe cyte til þei weren cloped of þe vertu
 from an hy3e & 3af hem his swete blessyng and
 departede from hem into heuene and sitte þer on his
 fader ri3t+hond ¶ Byfore vnder þou shalt þenke
 on þe passioun & on þe pentecoste ; on þe passion
 hou oure lord was dispoiled at þilke hour al
 naked & ybounde to a+pyler in pilates hous & so
 felounsliche beten ; þat fro þe heed to þe soles
 of his feet ne lafte not a+stede hol ¶ Þenke also
 pilate sente hym to eroude ; & he clopede hym
 in a+whit clop in sygne þta he huld hym a+fool &
 sende hym a3en to pilate . & pilate wolde haue
 delyuered bote furst he wolde haue chastid hym
 in þe manere as men don þeues þat shulen be let
 go conuict & his kny3tes token hym & gredered
 to-gedre al þe folke for+to biholden hym & cloped
 hym in a+reed mantel . & tok hym a+reod in his ri3t
 hond in-stede of a+ceptre ; & setten on his a+crou
 ne of kene scharpe þornes . & kneleden to-fore

hym & saluden *him* . & so þe iewes wolden al ga
 tes haue *hym* deed . & pylate wolde not disple
 sen *hem* & delyuered hem a þeef . & 3af *hem* ihesu crist
 <fol. 71v>for+to be crucified wiþ-ou~~te~~n encheson ; On
 þe pentecoste þou shalt þenke þ^t in suche
 a+tyme of þe day oure lord sende þe holi gost
 to his discyples *in* liknes of fuyr & made *hem*
 kunynge of wordis & hardi for+to speken &
 brenynge *in* loue ; & þis is þe þridde purue
 aunce of oure lord ihesu criste ¶ Byfore myd
 day þou shalt þenke on þe assencioun & on þe
 passioun / on þe ascencioun of þe mercy of oure
 lord þat he wolde bicom^e man & suffre deþ
 for vs *in* his manheede when he my3te *in* oþ~
 maner haue bou3t vs ; & al þat he dude for
 to drawe onely oure loue to hym ; and þer
 fore he wolde be oure creatour & oure saue
 our & suffren *in* his bodi al oure wo to biggen
 al oure loue . and on þe passioun þou shalt
 þenke þat *in* such a tyme he was don on þe
 crosse bitwene two þeues as he hade ben
 here maister þeef . & þerfore wot not what
 to sey ;