147 End (*Finis*)

It is found to be triple: of times, of places, and of men.

The end of times is that time in which we are now because of which man ought to act more virtuously because he had many examples and scriptures, [1] Cor. 10[:11]: “They are written for our correction,” but they are made before hand, “upon whom the ends of the world are come.”

The end of places is the orbit of the world in which we are now held captive as if to be judged, 1 Kings 2[:10]: “The Lord shall judge the ends of the earth.” Therefore, we are held to beware of offences to him, Psal. [66:8]: “All the ends of the earth fear him.”

¶ The end of men is triple. Terminating and this is death; the end is consuming, namely, hell. Thus, the hot drink is finished when the end is finished. Therefore, first because all die where three things are to be considered, namely, the generality of the transition, the quickness of the coming, and the ambiguity of the event.

Concerning which see below chapter [237] Death (*Mors*).

The second end is only of the evil ones “whose end shall be according to their works,” 2 Cor. 11[:15]. Where four things are to be considered: the horrible society, the incomparable damnation, and the impossible turning back.[[1]](#endnote-1)

About which see below, chapter [181] Hell (*Infernus*).

The third end is only of the good, namely, life eternal, Rom. 6[:18, 22]: “Being then freed from sin, we have been made servants … to God, you have your fruit unto sanctification, and the end life everlasting.”

Concerning which see below, chapter [390] Life (*Vita*).

1. Four items are promised, but only three are given. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)