TITLE: Unknown mappamundi

DATE: ca. 1450

AUTHOR: John of Udine

DESCRIPTION: World map by John of Udine. Monastery of Comburg, Schwabisch Hall, southern Germany, 15th century, now in the Stuttgart Wurttembergische Landsbibliothek, YMS Theol. Fol 100, fol. 3v. John of Udine's mid-14th century chronicle was an expanded version of the genealogical tree from Adam to Christ compiled by Peter of Poitiers in the *Compilatio librorum historialium totius Bibliae ab Adam ad Christum*. Udine's world map was intended to provide the geographical background for the historical account. The map is structured on the T-O division of the known world. South is at the top, so that Africa is in the upper right quarter, Europe in the lower right, and Asia on the left. Jerusalem is in the center and *Gog* and *Magog* are in northern Asia. Among some 50 locations are marked on the map, the Red, Dead and Mediterranean Seas are demarcated. The lengths at the extreme north and south refer to the torrid zone to the south of the inhabited earth, and the cold zone to the north, both uninhabitable. The eastern *Paradise* (un-named) is also located beyond the boundaries of the inhabited earth, its presence suggested by the four rivers that are shown rising in the Far East.

Size: 19 x 19.5 cm

Reference:

*Scafi, A., Mapping Paradise, p. 213, Figure 8.9



