



BELGIUM

1312-55 CD'OR ANTWERP FR-4 JEAN III AU-58 NGC



John was Duke of Brabant, Lothier and Limburg. He was the son of John II, Duke of Brabant, and Margaret of England. The early fourteenth century, an economic boom time for Brabant, marks the rise of the Duchy's towns, which depended on English wool for their essential cloth industry. During John's minority, the major towns of Brabant had the authority to appoint councillors to direct a regency, under terms of the Charter of Kortenberg granted by his father in the year of his death (1312). By 1356 his daughter and son-in-law were forced to accept the famous Joyous Entry as a condition for their recognition, so powerful had the States of Brabant become.

Jean III

Obverse: + LVDOVICVS : DEI x | x GRA x | COMES x ? : DnS : FLAD, Duke seated facing on Gothic throne, a sword in his right hand and a shield with a two-headed eagle supported by his left; all within a tressure of arches with trefoils in the spandrels.

Reverse: + XPC : VInCIT : XPC : REGNAT : XPC : INPERAT, cross fleurée in quadrilobe with leaves on cusps and trefoils in spandrels.

