

REVELATION: Lesson 126
Chapter 13:18, The Wise Shall Understand

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Revelation 13:18 contains this sentence: **"Here is wisdom."**

In **Daniel 12:10**, speaking of those in the Tribulation time, God says, **"The wise shall understand."** Every person who is **"of the wicked"** (followers of the Antichrist), the Bible says NONE of them shall understand.

How is God going to provide understanding to the wise during the Tribulation? He has already provided it in the Psalms. There are 13 Psalms written specifically to give wisdom and understanding to the believers in the Tribulation.

"Maschil": "The wise," or "They that understand."

If the Jews in the Tribulation will find the 13 Psalms that have an introductory statement including the word "Maschil," they will gain an understanding of the events taking place in those last days.

13 MASCHIL PSALMS

Psalm 52

- The mighty man (Antichrist) has a deceitful tongue, loves evil and lying, shall be destroyed by God.
- The righteous will laugh at the mighty man in the end and praise God forever.

Psalm 53

- The Beast and the False Prophet are fools who say there is no God (they say worship the image).
- When God looks down from Heaven, he says, **"There is none that doeth good."** The Church is gone!
- The Jews (because they have not called upon God, vs 4, Rom 10:13) are being eaten up (massacred).
- Jacob shall rejoice in the end when God brings them back (vs 6).

Psalm 54

- The Tribulation Jew can realize that **"they have not set God before them"** (vs 3). They'll know the image of the Beast is not God.
- The wise Jew will recognize that idol is not God and will only sacrifice to the true Lord (vs 6).

Psalm 55

- Verses 1-5 describe the troubles of a Tribulation saint. Verses 6-7 describes their flight into the wilderness hiding place. It is an escape made in haste (vs 8, Mt 24:16-18).
- Meanwhile, there is violence and strife in the city (vs 8-11).
- The danger is coming from one who was not an enemy (vs 12). The Beast begins with a covenant of peace, feigning (pretending) friendship. He breaks that covenant and becomes a threat to the Jews.
- The Jews' prayer to God is that he'll send their enemies to hell (vs 15). This is not something a Christian would ever pray.
- The Beast will break the covenant (vs 20). He spoke soft words at first, but now they're harmful words (21).
- Jews will trust in the Lord (22-23).

Psalm 32

- The believing Jew will acknowledge his sins to God (vss 1-5).
 - God will protect them in the floods (vs 6, Rev 12:15).
 - God will provide a hiding place (vs 7, Rev 12:14). He will guide them (vs 8) if they will just go (vs 9).
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Psalm 42

- The enemies will say to the Jewish believer, “**Where is thy God?**” (vs 3) supposing that God would have protected them, their city and their temple if He really existed.
- The Jews rejoiced to regain their temple worship (vs 4), then they were downcast (vs 5) because that wasn’t the real thing. They will remember God from the mountains of Jordan (vs 6), knowing that they will praise Him as before (vs 11).

Psalm 74

- Here the Tribulation Jew remembers their redemption from Egypt (vs 2).
- The Beast did wickedly in the sanctuary (vs 3) (abomination of desolation) and performed signs (vs 4).
- The Beast was famous for building the temple and the city. Now he’s tearing down everything he built (5-6).
- Synagogues are being destroyed along with the Temple (vs 9). There were no synagogues in the time of this writing. Neither was there a Temple.
- The Jews are seeing signs, but they’re not “our signs” (vs 9). They recognize the false nature of the Beast’s miracles and wonders.
- There are no prophets to tell what is happening (vs 9). The wise know what is happening through God’s word.

Psalm 78

- God delivered the Israelites from bondage in Egypt, fed them and cared for them in the wilderness, led them to the Promised Land, and they forsook His covenant and would not walk in His law.
- All these things were called a parable (vs 1) because they foretold the events of the future.
- What follows is the destruction of the temple and the city (Psalm 79).

Psalm 88 is the cry of the Tribulation Jew in great distress who sees no hope ahead.

Psalm 89

- Remember that the Lord is merciful. He made a promise to David. The kingdom will be established. Just trust what God said in His word. Remember how He took care of you in the past. Trust Him to do it again.

Psalm 142

- David’s time in exile hiding in a cave in the wilderness while an unruly king sat on the throne mirrors the events of the last days.
- David’s experiences match the Tribulation time. They’ll be in hiding for a time, but God will bring them “out of prison” (vs 7) and there will be no more wicked Beast trying to lay a snare for them.

Psalm 44 “God, why do you wait?”

- They Jews know that they defeated enemies in the past, but only because God delivered them from harm and strengthened them in battle (vs 1-3). They will ask God to do it again (vs 4-8).
- They see Jews being slaughtered and God being blasphemed and can’t figure out why God waits (vs 9-16).
- They continue to trust God. See Romans 8:35-39.

Psalm 45 A song of loves

- The psalmist looks forward to the time when the Lord is going to come and destroy his enemies.
- Jesus Christ is the true anointed King of righteousness (vs 6-7).
- Where has the King been? Marrying the queen (vs 9), the Church. (Because the Church is not on the Earth during the Tribulation).

*Be wiser than the wise man in the Tribulation time. Receive Jesus Christ today, and don’t ever enter the Tribulation.