

## ***Insight and Wisdom***

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Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words ( gk, a mouth ) and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Definitions of Insight and Wisdom

*Insight is getting the view of things from God's perspective both now and at times from the future in a prophetic sense.*

*Wisdom is broad and full use of our intelligence and knowledge in diverse matters. Or an acute awareness from experience.*

The Setting

Mk 13:3,4 NetBible ( This response from Jesus was a response to a question from some of the disciples, background being the Temple )

So [6](#) while he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, [7](#) and Andrew asked him privately, 13:4 "Tell us, when will these things [8](#) happen? And what will be the sign that all these things are about to take place?"

Progression Of Unfolding Prophecy In Passage.

1. End Time Signs ( End of Days )
2. Persecution Of Disciples ( Personal Christian Duty Challenged )
3. Abomination Of Desolation ( Destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem )

Here He predicted the destruction of Jerusalem that happened in A.D. 70.

“In fact, when the Romans were beginning to invest Jerusalem, the local Christians mostly fled to Pella, one of the cities of Decapolis and situated in trans-Jordan, south of the sea of Galilee (Eusebius says they went in response to ‘an oracle given by revelation’, which may mean Jesus’ words or a later injunction of a similar kind from a Christian prophet; see *Historia Ecclesiastica* III. v. 3).”[

#### 4. Arrival Of The Son Of Man ( Redemption In the Last Days, Or Salvation In Troubled Times)

God will preserve and keep you. Giving you words to speak and wisdom to handle life’s difficulties.

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Wisdom of Solomon 7:22-8:1

21 I learned both what is secret and what is manifest, 22 for wisdom, the fashioner of all things, taught me. There is in her a spirit that is intelligent, holy, unique, manifold, subtle, mobile, clear, unpolluted, distinct, invulnerable, loving the good, keen, irresistible, 23 beneficent, humane, steadfast, sure, free from anxiety, all-powerful, overseeing all, and penetrating through all spirits that are intelligent, pure, and altogether subtle. 24 For wisdom is more mobile than any motion; because of her pureness she pervades and penetrates all things. 25 For she is a breath of the power of God, and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty; therefore nothing defiled gains entrance into her. 26 For she is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness. 27 Although she is but one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself, she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God, and prophets; 28 for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom. 29 She is more beautiful than the sun, and excels every constellation of the stars. Compared with the light she is found to be superior, 30 for it is succeeded by the night, but against wisdom evil does not prevail.

1 She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well.

New Testament Speaks of Insight And Wisdom Granted The Believer.

Ephesians 1:7-10 NetBible

1:7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace 1:8 **that he lavished on us in all wisdom and insight.** 1:9 He did this when he revealed to us the secret of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, 1:10 toward the administration of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ – the things in heaven and the things on earth.