Redemption and Divine Wisdom — Texts

1 Corinthians 1 18 For the word of the cross (ὁ λόγος γὰρ ὁ τοῦ σταυροῦ) is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

19 For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and set aside (ἀθετήσω) the understanding of the intelligent” (Isaiah 29.14).

LXX I will hide (κρύψω) the understanding of the intelligent

MT The understanding of the intelligent will vanish (הכריתו)

19 Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God (ἐν τῇ σοφίᾳ τοῦ Θεοῦ), the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God, through the folly of the preaching (διὰ τῆς μορίας τοῦ κηρύματος), to save those who believe.

22 For Jews ask for signs, and Greeks seek wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified (κηρύσσομεν Χριστὸν ἐσταυρωμένον), to Jews a scandal and to Gentiles (ἔθνεσιν) folly, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the folly of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Luke 11 21 When a strong man, fully armed (καθωπλισμένος), guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. 22 But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor (πανοπλίαν) in which he trusted and divides his spoils.