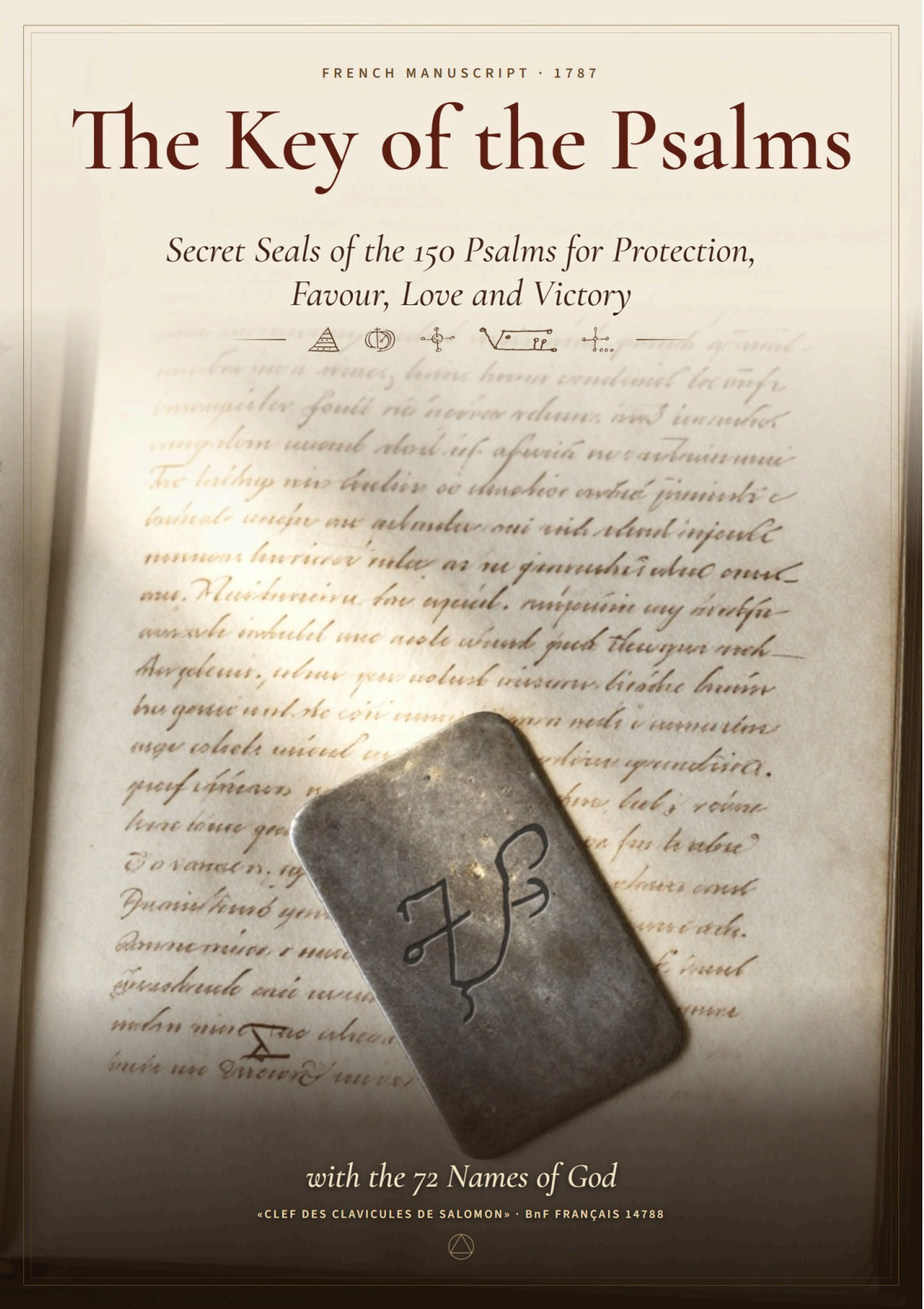
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Where Psalm magic comes from. The Psalms are prayers that Jews and Christians have said for centuries, and from early times they were believed to have protective power. In the Jewish tradition there is a book called *Sefer Shimmush Tehillim* ("The Book of the Use of the Psalms"). It assigns each Psalm a particular use — against danger, sickness or an enemy, for love or for a journey — and often a holy name to be spoken with the Psalm. This tradition spread in manuscripts and later in print, and in 1788, a year after our manuscript, a German translation of it appeared. In Christian Europe similar lists were written in Latin and French, and they were often linked with the *Keys of Solomon* (*Clavicula Salomonis*), the most famous Renaissance books of magic, ascribed to King Solomon. Our manuscript belongs to this Christian tradition. It cites the Church Fathers — St Jerome, St Augustine, St Isidore, St Cassiodorus — calls on Jesus and the crucifix, and asks for writing on kidskin parchment on the day and hour of a particular planet. The uses are ascribed to these saints; their real works do not contain them.

The 72 Names of God. In Jewish Kabbalah, three verses of Exodus (14:19–21), each of which has 72 letters, are used to form 72 three-letter names of God — the *Shem ha-Mephorash*, the "explicit Name". Adding the ending *-iah* or *-el* gives the names of angels. In Christian Kabbalah each name was matched with a Psalm verse containing the name of God. Our manuscript gives only the names and the verses in Latin, without explanation. We give the verses as written and add our own translation.

How to read an entry. Each Psalm is its own chapter:

- **The heading** is the number of the Psalm as in the manuscript. The manuscript counts by the Latin Bible, the Vulgate, which follows the ancient Greek translation. Most modern Bibles, including the King James Version and its successors, number the Psalms by the Hebrew text, and from Psalm 10 to Psalm 147 the number is usually one higher. So under each heading both numbers are given: *Vulgate* (the number in this book and in the manuscript) and *Hebrew* (the number in most modern Bibles). A full conversion table is at the end of the book.
- **The Latin opening words** (*incipit*) — the name by which the Psalm was known in the manuscript's day and is still known in church, such as *Miserere* or *De profundis*.

PSALM 1

VULGATE 1 · HEBREW 1

Beatus vir, qui non abiit in consilio impiorum

> *"Blessed is the man who hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners, nor sat in the chair of pestilence..."* (Vulg. 1:1, Douay–Rheims)

By the Psalms one may acquire the true theology, the art of preaching, and of giving good counsel and prayers for the conversion of heretics, according to St Isidore;[1] whoever says it 22 days in a row, and then, after a good confession, good works, fasting and almsgiving, shall see an Angel of God, who will teach him how he must govern his affairs for the glory of God and his own salvation. It serves also to avoid bad company and to find good; it is good for the health.[2] To be protected from the hand of one's enemies, it must be written on parchment as far as the verse where there is "quiconque",[3] on Thursday in the hour of Jupiter,[4] then your name, and beneath it that of the Intelligence[5] and its character; and write the rest of the Psalm on turquin-blue cotton paper, and beneath it the name of your enemies or adversaries, and then writing: "I, such a one, son of such a one ✠, may all troublesome things be removed from me"; then you shall sew the two writings together, the paper and the parchment, in a piece of taffeta, and hang it about your neck.

NAME OF THE INTELLIGENCE

Elpad

ITS CHARACTER



1 St Isidore of Seville (c. 560–636), Spanish bishop and encyclopaedist. The manuscript cites him, St Jerome, St Augustine and St Cassiodorus as authorities; their genuine works contain none of these magical uses — the attribution belongs to the later tradition.

2 Here and throughout, the manuscript promises help in illness. This is a historical text of 18th-century beliefs, not medical advice; in case of illness, consult a doctor.

3 French «iusque au verset où il y a quiconque». No such word occurs in the Latin of Psalm 1; perhaps the last verse, «Quoniam novit Dominus…» ("For the Lord knoweth…"), is meant. We leave it as written.

4 Planetary hours — an ancient system in which each hour of the day and night is ruled in turn by one of the seven planets; the first hour after sunrise on Thursday belongs to Jupiter.

5 Intelligence — an angelic spirit entrusted with the working of the psalm; the title page calls them "Genii, or Spirits". Each psalm has its own Intelligence's name and its own character.

PSALM 11

VULGATE 11 · HEBREW 12

Salvum me fac, Domine, quoniam defecit sanctus

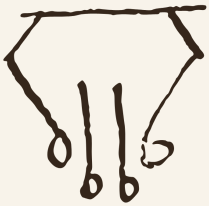
> *"Save me, O Lord, for there is now no saint: truths are decayed from among the children of men."* (Vulg. 11:2, Douay–Rheims)

David made this Psalm fleeing before Saul, who had besieged him on the mountain of Zeph, and by its virtue he was delivered through the grace of God, as it is said in the first Book of Kings, chap. 3.[1] It gives divine succour. St Cassiodorus[2] assures the healing of a sick man, it being said three times over him, and his soul will be delivered from mortal sins. It prevents one from being deceived by flatterers and bad counsel. It serves to resolve doubtful matters: one must say it 3 times with the name of the Intelligence, and write it with the character; one must look fixedly while saying it, and the first thought that comes at the end of the 3rd time is the best to follow.

NAME OF THE INTELLIGENCE

Gabajh

ITS CHARACTER



1 The wilderness of Ziph (Vulgate *Ziph*), where Saul hunted David, appears in 1 Samuel (in the Vulgate, "1 Kings"), chapters 23 and 26, not chapter 3. We leave the manuscript's reference as written.
2 Cassiodorus (c. 485–585), Roman statesman and monk, author of a long commentary on the Psalms (*Expositio Psalmorum*).

PSALM 26

VULGATE 26 · HEBREW 27

Dominus illuminatio mea et salus mea

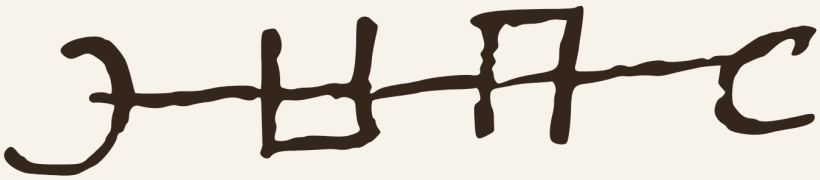
> *"The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the protector of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?"* (Vulg. 26:1, Douay–Rheims)

It is good for those who are called to great offices: if it is said devoutly every day, he shall be wholly at rest and enlightened in his conduct; it is infallible, and serves all those who have something in their charge and government. It will make one choose which of 2 ways one ought to choose: if one is in suspense, one shall be enlightened as soon as one has said it. And it is good for making oneself master of ferocious beasts: if one writes it with its intelligence and character on parchment cut in a triangle Δ and shows it to some wild beast, saying only the Psalm, it will grow tame as a Lamb.

NAME OF THE INTELLIGENCE

Omga

ITS CHARACTER



PSALM 41

VULGATE 41 · HEBREW 42

Quemadmodum desiderat cervus ad fontes aquarum

> *"As the hart panteth after the fountains of water; so my soul panteth after thee, O God."* (Vulg. 41:2, Douay–Rheims)

It serves to obtain from God the fulfilment of one's just desires; it delivers the Souls from Purgatory; it can even acquire beatitude in this world and in the other, with all prosperity, temporal and spiritual sweetness; it gives a certain answer in a dream concerning what one desires. On Wednesday, when one is about to go to bed, one must say it 7 times with the Name of the Intelligence and say: "I pray thee, my God, by thy holy Names and by *Zaca*, that this night the answer to my request, which is such and such, may be shown me in a dream", — and go to bed in white Sheets, put the Character at the Head of the bed, and you shall have the answer.

NAME OF THE INTELLIGENCE

Zaca

ITS CHARACTER

