Things don't always happen in this life the way we think they are going to happen: There are times when things happen in ways that defy earthly sense and reason.

To those of us who live by faith in Christ and in the realm of the Kingdom of God, the work of God must always defy earthly sense and reason.

Ecclesiastes 9:13-16

(V13): "THIS WISDOM have I seen also under the sun, and it seemed great unto me"

What Solomon BEHELD with his eyes was the excellence and greatness of wisdom! Know that there is no other source of true wisdom but that which comes from God! *Proverbs 9:10, James 1:5, Proverbs 21:30, 4:7*Here is what Solomon beheld:

(V14): "There was a little, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it"

A great king and his massive army besieged a little city; besiege meaning they surrounded the city, not allowing anyone out of it, (to go for help), and not allowing anyone into it, (to bring food or supplies) or to fortify and help the city and its inhabitants. (Cut off water supply)

He built great bulwarks against the little city; surrounding it with engines of war/large pieces of artillery/munitions of war ready to attack the city at his command. The strategy, to dissuade the people from fighting or resisting, and ultimately to surrender.

<u>To behold this scene, one would surely think that the little city with its few</u> inhabitants would surrender or be crushed.

(V15): "Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he, by his wisdom, delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man"

So "one poor wise man" delivered the city, but not by matching the king's army, artillery or engines of war, BUT BY WISDOM!

This one poor man's wisdom is not revealed to us, ONLY that it brought deliverance to the little city! <u>Ecclesiastes 9:11 should immediately come to our minds:</u>

"I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong". 2 Samuel 20:15-22

(V16): "Then said I, wisdom is better than strength: nevertheless, the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard". Proverbs 21:22

What is puzzling to the mind is that the poor wise man's wisdom (after the city was delivered) was despised! One would think that the wisdom of this wise man would be sought after and embraced by EVERY soul and by ANY CITY in similar circumstances!

And yet, no one remembered this wise man, his wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard!

It is written of the Lord Jesus: "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich": Luke 9:57-58

God sent forth His Son into the world in the likeness/weakness of sinful flesh to be delivered into the hands of sinful men to save sinners. To deliver them from the kingdom and power of darkness and saved from the god of this world! He was "despised and rejected of men", the Son of Man with His little band of nobodies, twelve poor despised men turned the world upside down and completely frustrated the god of this world by the foolishness of preaching the gospel. And now beloved, the little church in the world continues to be surrounded and attacked by the god of this world. He is a great king with a massive army. And yet, the little church of Christ in the world will be delivered from Him.

Is there any wisdom that is MORE despised than the wisdom of God in the gospel of Jesus Christ? Sinners are delivered from death and hell and eternal damnation and YES from the god of this world, and STILL the wisdom of God in the gospel is despised! Christ is despised and rejected of men! 1 Corinthians 1:26-29

Brethren, the church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a little city in the world, despise by the world, always in the crosshairs of the devil, god of this world, she's always under siege from his devils and dark forces.

But the Lord will not deliver His little city into the hand of the god of this world! I think of Sennacherib, the King of Assyria and Rabshakeh his blasphemous general when they surrounded Jerusalem.

2 Kings 18:33-37, Sennacherib's letter 19:14-19, what actually happened: 19:32-27.

God is going to defend His little city, the church of the Lord Jesus Christ; trust in Him at all times ye people, pour out your hearts before Him, God is a refuge for us!