**Poor Wise Man Delivers the city**Eccl. 1:1 The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. (Attributed to Solomon, son of David, a wise man)

Eccl. 9:14, 15 (to ;)

14*There was* a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it:

15Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city;

18Wisdom *is* better than weapons of war:

**Attributed to Solomon, whose great spiritual quality was wisdom. He was chosen by God to build his temple (city) a foreshadowing of new Jerusalem, the only city we truly want and desire to dwell in!**

**Wisdom establishes new Jerusalem, Divine Science.**

**SH 592:18 New Jerusalem. Divine Science; the spiritual facts
and harmony of the universe; the kingdom of heaven,
or reign of harmony.**

Wisdom is especially noteworthy because wisdom *is* Christian Science**, "It is not a search after wisdom, it *is* wisdom;** it is God's right hand grasping the universe,-- all time, space, immortality, thought, extension, cause, and effect; constituting and governing all identity, individuality, law, and power. It stands on this Scriptural platform: that He made all that was made, and it is good, reflects the divine Mind, is governed by it; and that nothing apart from this Mind, one God, is self-created or evolves the universe" (Miscellaneous Writings 364).

**Metaphysics resolves thing into thoughts. . .**

There was a little **city**: a gathering together, whether of thoughts or of men, but without wisdom, without the knowledge of one Mind, so how can there be harmony, unity, and fellowship?” There can’t be, so mortal man seems to retain his beast-like, warlike nature. Whenever Mrs. Eddy mentions “brotherhood” in her writings, it is ALWAYS IN CONNECTION WITH WISDOM OR THE UNDERSTANDING OF ONE MIND – “with one God and Father . . . “

 Perhaps the city is one consciousness, one thought; one place where thought dwells collectively.

A **few men** within it: few good thoughts there (as in Sodom and Gomorrah where only Lot dwelled)

**Great king**: someone who appears to have authority and power, personal laws, personal mind, personal opinions, agendas

**Besieged** it: encompassed the consciousness with aggressive mental suggestions which appeared to hold it in bondage. The great king built false armies, and works outside the city to fool and impress the thoughts in it

**Built great bulwarks**: built huge, fearful suggestions based on false laws and government; materia-medica; fear; terror; intimidation; all illusion and mesmerism

**Poor wise man**: one man with his right thoughts, his spiritual understanding of God; one clear consciousness that knew God and his relationship to him. Poor makes me think of one who doesn’t have the trappings of worldliness, wealth, false advantage, ego. Mrs. Eddy defines ‘poor’ as those with receptive thought – “If all who seek his commemoration through material symbols will take up the cross, heal the sick, cast out evils, and preach Christ, or Truth, to the poor, — the receptive thought, — they will bring in the millennium.” 34:13

**By his wisdom**: he lined his thoughts up with God. Since wisdom is translated by Mrs. Eddy as Christian Science, he lined up his thought with Divine Science, the Law of God, and delivered others with his own clarity; he could see and perceive what was really going on; that animal magnetism had hypnotized the men of the city; Like Elisha with his servant, he prayed that they would see, and they did and were delivered

**Weapons of war**: are hypocritical; a mask of animal magnetism that looks very scary and looms ahead, but like the man with the Indian magician in the cave, it was all illusion.

**So wisdom and understanding delivered the city from so-called bondage and mesmerism.**

**Is this repeated in the story of Elisha and the Syrian Army? Did his reflection of wisdom delivered the city?**