The Attackers: The Lord Preserves & Protects Persons of David & Jesus; No Broken Bones Is Prophetic of Jesus Avoiding Crurifragium on the Cross, Ps 34:20; Evil Is the Plan of Lucifer to Solve Problems Apart from Grace & the Word of God; Equality Is His Strategy for Global Collectivism; Progressives Are His Willing Sycophants, Ps 34:21

- 51. In his annunciation to Mary in Luke 1, Archangel Gabriel informs her that "the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David."
- 52. Both these men are forever linked in time and eternity. They both encountered and overcame all the dangers, threats, and attacks that Lucifer could offer, yet each endured and overcame to the eternal benefit of everyone who puts his faith in Christ for salvation.
- 53. Psalm 34:20 begins with a prophecy: "He keeps all his bones." The word "keeps" is the Qal active participle of the verb שַׁמֶּר (shamar): "to watch over, preserve, be on guard, to protect."
- 54. The active voice indicates that God produces the action of guarding and protecting the bones of David and Jesus.
- 55. "Bones" is the feminine plural noun מצב ('esem) and in this context it is used literally, metaphorically and theologically:

Wisdom aphorisms use 'esem in parallel with another part of the body as a synonym for the whole person. (p. 306)

The bones or limbs are the foundation of the body and are therefore synonymous with the person of the speaker.

Psalm 34:20 expresses the psalmist's confidence that his bones will be preserved and not broken. (p. 308)1

56. Divine protection, provision, and providence are in the divine decree for both David and Jesus. They function with great courage and confidence knowing they remain safe from all harm under the shadow of His wings:

Be gracious to me, O God, be gracious to me, for my soul takes refuge in You; and in the shadow of Your wings I will take refuge until destruction passes by.

57. The persons of David and Jesus were immune to the attackers that sought to kill them. The decree determined how they would die physical death. David died of old age at 70; the Lord was 33 when He dismissed His soul and human spirit.

Psalm 34:20 - He [ God ] protects and guards the lives of David and Jesus, not even one of their bones is broken. (EXT)

Psalm 34:21 - Evil shall slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. (NASB)

- 1. The verse opens by describing the lifestyle, behavior patterns, and character traits of those who have been recruited by the Dark Side as attackers of those who are said to be "the righteous."
- 2. "Evil" translates the noun רַע (ra'). When a person submits himself as a bond-slave to Lucifer, he will subscribe to his policies as ruler of this world.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> K.-M. Beyse, "עַצֶּב"," in Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament, 11:306, 308.





- 3. Just as God has a system and a process by which the believer acquires His Word and makes its principles his inventory for application, so also Lucifer has his system and process.
- 4. Evil incorporates all the philosophies that emerge from anthropocentric speculation into a strategy for achieving Lucifer's Fifth Assertion in Isaiah 14:14, "I will be like the Most High."
- 5. To be like the Most High, Lucifer must manipulate the human race into accepting equality over freedom in order to create a man-made Millennium.
- 6. The fallacy of his strategy is that equality has never existed, nor will it ever be a part of human existence. Equality is a mechanism by which those in authority can deconstruct the establishment system of order and replace it with that of an oligarchy.
- 7. In addition, the push for perfection inspires draconian legislation that attempts to eliminate illness, disease, injury, and death at the expense of freedom.
- 8. What cannot be controlled is the sin nature and its lust patterns which inevitably produce the inequality that Lucifer struggles to eliminate.
- 9. In addition, legislation geared toward achieving perfection is usually in opposition to the laws of divine establishment which cannot be overturned.
- 10. God's system is immutable and attempts to circumvent its standards ultimately lead to failure and the frustration of those who oppose it.
- 11. From this, a principle arises: If Lucifer as the ruler of this world is not capable of ruling the world he controls, then no man can rule it either.
- 12. Undaunted, Lucifer continues his efforts to propagandize man into pursuing the impossible dream of a perfect environment if everyone will simply place themselves under his control.
- 13. Those recruited to carry out his nefarious schemes do so unwittingly since they have been coopted into believing the impossible dream is indeed possible.
- 14. We tend to blame the foot soldiers who promote evil rather than the genius personality that inspires them.
- 15. Progressives, special-interest groups, and ideologues who promote and enforce Lucifer's evil ideas are in really his useful idiots, the sycophants, boot-lickers, flunkies, and henchmen who like sheep proceed blindly do his bidding.
- 16. Having captured the thinking of the benighted, Lucifer is able to manipulate them to his advantage:

## **Romans 1:22 -** Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.

- 17. And fools rush in where angels fear to tread and where they rush is into evil which is a human-good panacea that attempts to solve the problems of life apart from divine establishment and the Word of God.
- 18. Evil is a conglomeration of cosmic thought that metastasizes into hatred of all things biblical. Recovery from it is an arduous and painful process.



- 19. Failure to reconstruct the soul, so that evil is flushed out and replaced by the truths of the Word of God, results in the sin unto death. (see, Psalm 118:17-18; 1 John 5:16)
- Evil emerges when biblical guidance is suppressed and replaced by 20. human viewpoint and human good. Its introduction into human function occurred in the garden of Eden when the woman was propagandized by the Satan-indwelt serpent.