

2 Samuel 22:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And David spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul:

Analysis

And David spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul:

This verse contributes to the narrative of David's Song, emphasizing praising God for deliverance. David's psalm of deliverance (parallel to Psalm 18) celebrates God's faithfulness throughout his tumultuous reign. The Hebrew poetry employs vivid imagery of divine intervention, warrior language, and covenant terminology. Theological themes include praising God for deliverance, reviewing God's faithfulness in retrospect, the righteousness of God's judgments, and anticipation of ultimate victory through God's anointed (messianic overtones).

Historical Context

The historical setting of 2 Samuel 22 occurs during David's reign (circa 1010-970 BCE) over Israel's united monarchy. Archaeological discoveries, including the Tel Dan inscription mentioning the 'House of David,' corroborate biblical historicity. Ancient Near Eastern customs regarding praising God for deliverance provide crucial background. The geopolitical situation involved regional powers—Philistines, Ammonites, Arameans, Moabites, Edomites—as David consolidated and expanded Israel's territory. Cultural practices concerning kingship, warfare, covenant relationships, family dynamics, and religious observance differed

significantly from modern Western contexts, requiring careful attention to avoid anachronistic interpretation while extracting timeless theological principles applicable across cultures and eras.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of praising God for deliverance?
2. What does this verse reveal about God's character, and how should that shape your worship and obedience?
3. In what specific ways can you apply this truth to your current circumstances and relationships this week?

Interlinear Text

פֶּזֶz אַתְּ פְּשִׁיכָּהּ דְּבָרִים יְהִיּוּ רְאִיּוּנָהּ
spake And David that the LORD H853 the words of this song H2063
H1696 H1732 H3068 H1697 H7892

כָּל בַּיּוֹם וּמִמֶּנּוּ אֲתָּנוּ יְהִי הַצְּלָמָה אֲתָּנוּ
in the day had delivered that the LORD H853 and out of the hand H3605
H3117 H5337 H3068 H3709

שָׁאֹל: וּמִמֶּנּוּ אִיבָּרָא
of all his enemies and out of the hand of Saul
H341 H3709 H7586

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 15:1 (References Lord): Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

Judges 5:1 (Parallel theme): Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying,

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