

# 2 Samuel 22:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: and he was seen upon the wings of the wind.

## Analysis

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**And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: and he was seen upon the wings of the wind.**

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

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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

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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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

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וָרָכָה בַּ	עַל	כֶּרֶב וּב	וַיַּעַף	וְרָא	עַל
And he rode	H5921	upon a cherub	and did fly	and he was seen	H5921
H7392		H3742	H5774	H7200	
כַּנְּפֵי	רוּחַ:				
upon the wings	of the wind				
H3671	H7307				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 104:3** (Parallel theme): Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

**Psalms 18:10** (Parallel theme): And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

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