

# 2 Samuel 22:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For who is God, save the LORD? and who is a rock, save our God?

## Analysis

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**For who is God, save the LORD? and who is a rock, save our God?**

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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**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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יְהוָה	מִי	לְ	יְהוָה	וְ	צֹר
H3588	H4310		H4310	H4310	
	For who is God		save	the LORD	and who is a rock
	H410		H1107	H3068	H6697
יְהוָה	אֱלֹהֵינוּ:	יְהוָה	צֹר		
	save	our God			
	H1107	H430			

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Samuel 2:2** (References God): There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God.

**Deuteronomy 32:31** (Parallel theme): For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges.

**Isaiah 44:8** (References God): Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.

