

2 Samuel 22:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

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

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| מִהֶלֶל ל | אֶקְרָא | יְהוָה | וּמֵאֹיְבֵי |
| who is worthy to be praised | I will call | on the LORD | from mine enemies |
| H1984 | H7121 | H3068 | H341 |

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so shall I be saved

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 18:3 (Salvation): I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised:
so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

Revelation 5:12 (Parallel theme): Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Psalms 48:1 (Resurrection): Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

Psalms 96:4 (Resurrection): For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.

Psalms 116:2 (Parallel theme): Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

Romans 10:13 (Salvation): For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

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