

2 Samuel 22:7

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

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

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

בְּצִרְעָה	לִי	אָקַב אֶל	יְהִי הָאָלֹהִים	אָקַב אֶל	בְּצִרְעָה
In my distress	H0	I called	upon the LORD	H413	to my God
H6862		H7121	H3068		H430
וְשִׁמְעָה	מִקְרָא	לֹא	וְשִׁיעָתִים	בְּאַזְנָיו:	
and he did hear	out of his temple	my voice	and my cry	did enter into his ears	
H8085	H1964	H6963	H7775	H241	

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 18:6 (Temple): In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.

Psalms 116:4 (References Lord): Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Psalms 120:1 (References Lord): In my distress I cried unto the LORD, and he heard me.

Exodus 3:7 (References Lord): And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;

Jonah 2:7 (Temple): When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.

Psalms 34:6 (References Lord): This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

Psalms 27:4 (Temple): One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

Habakkuk 2:20 (Temple): But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

Hebrews 5:7 (Parallel theme): Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

Jonah 2:4 (Temple): Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.