

# Isaiah 37:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For I will defend this city to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

## Analysis

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God's promise "I will defend this city to save it" shows divine commitment. The dual motivation "for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake" reveals two reasons: God's glory and covenant faithfulness. God's "own sake" means His reputation is at stake—if Jerusalem falls after He promised protection, His name would be blasphemed. The Davidic covenant promise (2 Samuel 7:16) obligates God to preserve David's city. This demonstrates that God's promises are absolutely reliable because His character and covenant are involved.

## Historical Context

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The Davidic covenant promised an eternal dynasty and secure city. God's faithfulness to this covenant transcends circumstances, making Jerusalem's protection certain.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's commitment to His own glory guarantee His promises to His people?
2. What role do covenant promises play in assuring God's faithfulness?
3. How should understanding God's motivations strengthen our confidence in His protection?

## Interlinear Text

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For I will defend	H5921	this city	H2063	to save	H4616		H4616	
H1598		H5892		H3467				

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David's it for mine own sake and for my servant

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 31:5** (Parallel theme): As birds flying, so will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it.

**Isaiah 38:6** (Parallel theme): And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria: and I will defend this city.

**2 Kings 20:6** (References David): And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

**Isaiah 43:25** (Parallel theme): I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

**Jeremiah 30:9** (References David): But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.

**Ephesians 1:14** (Parallel theme): Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

**Ephesians 1:6** (Parallel theme): To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

**Deuteronomy 32:27** (Parallel theme): Were it not that I feared the wrath of the enemy, lest their adversaries should behave themselves strangely, and lest they should say, Our hand is high, and the LORD hath not done all this.

**Ezekiel 20:9** (Parallel theme): But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, among whom they were, in whose sight I made myself known unto them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt.

**Ezekiel 36:22** (Parallel theme): Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went.