

Psalms 118:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The LORD is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

Analysis

"The LORD is my strength and song, and is become my salvation." This verbatim quotation from Exodus 15:2 (Moses's song after Red Sea deliverance) applies Exodus typology to the psalmist's experience. *Azi v'zimrat Yah* (my strength and song is Yah) combines power and praise. *Oz* (strength) indicates might, power enabling action. *Zimrat* (song) denotes music, melody, praise—God becomes both the power for victory and the theme of celebratory song. "Is become my salvation"—*vay'hi li lishu'ah* (and He has become to me salvation). *Yeshuah* (salvation) means deliverance, rescue, victory—used later in Jesus's name (*Yeshua*). The verb *hayah* (become) indicates transformation—God didn't remain distant but became personally involved as Savior. This links exodus deliverance (past), present experience, and ultimate salvation.

Historical Context

Exodus 15's Song of the Sea celebrated Israel's greatest deliverance—escape from Egyptian slavery through Red Sea crossing. Moses led Israel in singing this hymn after Pharaoh's army drowned (Exodus 14-15). The song became paradigmatic for all subsequent deliverances. Israel regularly recited exodus story in worship (Deuteronomy 26:5-9, Psalms 78, 105, 106, 135, 136). The New Testament sees exodus as type of salvation in Christ—deliverance from sin's slavery, passing through baptism, heading to heavenly Canaan (1 Corinthians 10:1-4, Hebrews 3-4). Revelation depicts redeemed saints singing "the song of Moses...and the song of the Lamb" (Revelation 15:3).

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How has God been both your "strength" (enabling action) and your "song" (theme of praise)?
2. In what ways does understanding salvation as God "becoming" our Savior deepen appreciation of divine involvement?
3. How does viewing your deliverance through the lens of exodus deepen your understanding of God's redemptive pattern?

Interlinear Text

עֲזָרָא	וְזִמְרָת	יְהוָה	יְהוָה	לִי	לִישׁוּעָה:
is my strength	and song	The LORD	H1961	H0	and is become my salvation
H5797	H2176	H3050			H3444

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 12:2 (Salvation): Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

Psalms 18:2 (Salvation): The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

Psalms 27:1 (Salvation): The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Isaiah 45:17 (Salvation): But Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.

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