

## 2 Samuel 22 shape and keywords

David spoke to **YHWH** the words of this song on the day when **YHWH** delivered him from the hand of all his **enemies**, and from the hand of Saul.

I. He said: **YHWH** is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rocky crag, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my **salvation**, my stronghold and my shelter, my **savior**; you **save me** from violence.

I call upon **YHWH**, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my **enemies**.

For the waves of death encompassed me, the torrents of Beliyal assailed me;

the cords of Sheol entangled me, the snares of death confronted me.

In my distress I called upon **YHWH**; to my God I called.

From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry came to his ears.

Then the earth reeled, yes, reeled and rocked; **the foundations of the heavens trembled and quaked**, because he was angry.

**Smoke went up from his nostrils**, and devouring fire from his mouth; glowing coals flamed forth from him.

**He bowed the heavens** and came down; thick darkness was **under** his feet. He rode on a cherub and flew; he was seen upon the wings of the wind.

He made darkness around him a canopy, thick clouds, a gathering of water.

Out of the brightness before him coals of fire flamed forth.

**YHWH thundered from heaven**; the Most High uttered his voice.

He sent out arrows, and scattered them -- lightning, and blasted, yes, blasted them.

Then the channels of the sea were seen, **the foundations of the world were uncovered** at the rebuke of **YHWH**, at the **blast of the breath of his nostrils**.

He reached from on high, he took me, he drew me out of mighty waters.

He delivered me from my strong **enemy**, from those who hated me; for they were too mighty for me.

They confronted me in the day of my calamity, but **YHWH** was my support.

He brought me out into a broad place; he pulled me out, because he delighted in me.

**II YHWH dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he recompensed me.**

For I have kept the **ways** of **YHWH**, and have not become a criminal before my God.

For all his decisions, yes, decisions were before me, and from his statutes I did not turn aside.

I was **complete** before him, and I kept myself from guilt.

**Therefore YHWH has recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness in his sight.**

With the devout you show yourself loyal; with men of **completeness**, you show yourself **complete**; with the pure you show yourself pure, and with the crooked you show yourself perverse.

You deliver a lowly people, but your eyes are upon the exalted to bring them down.

Indeed, you are my lamp, O **YHWH**, **YHWH** lightens my darkness.

By you I can run over a wall, and by my God I can leap over a wall.

This God--his **way** is **complete**; the speech of **YHWH** proves to be pure; he is a shield for all who take shelter in him.

III. For who is God, but **YHWH**? And who is a rock, except our God?

The God who has girded me with strength has loosened my **complete way**, yes, **way**.

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He made my feet like the feet of deer,  
and set me secure on the heights.

He trains my hands for war,  
so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

You have given me the shield of your **salvation**,  
and your humility has made me great.

You have widened my walk,  
and my feet do not slip **under** me;

I pursued my **enemies** and destroyed them,  
and did not turn back until they were completely gone.

I consumed them; I struck them down,  
so that they did not rise; they fell **under** my feet.

For you girded me with strength for the battle;  
you made those standing sink **under** me.

You made my **enemies** give their necks to me,  
those who hated me, and I destroyed them.

They looked, but there was no one to save them;  
they cried to **YHWH**, but he did not answer them.

I beat them fine like the dust of the earth,  
I crushed them and stamped them down like the mire of the  
streets.

You delivered me from strife with the peoples;  
you kept me as the head of the nations;  
people whom I had not known served me.

Sons of foreigners came laboring for me;  
as soon as they heard of me,  
they turned their ear to hear me.

Sons of foreigners withered  
and came trembling out of their strongholds.

**YHWH** lives!

Blessed be my rock,  
and exalted be my God,  
the rock of my **salvation**,

the God who gave me vengeance  
and brought down peoples **under** me,  
who brought me out from my **enemies**;  
you exalted me above my adversaries,  
you delivered me from the violent.

For this I will extol you, O **YHWH**, among the nations,  
and sing praises to your name.

He is a tower of salvation for his king,  
and shows steadfast love to his anointed,  
to David and his descendants forever.

### Words for “salvation” or “deliverance”

*ntsl:* 22.1, 18, 49

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