

To benefit ***MOST*** from this study, ***READ*** this chapter ***each day*** until your class study of it is completed (at least 10X).

A Study of 2 Samuel 22

I. Outline.

1. Introduction of David's song of triumph (2 Sam 22.1-3).
 2. David describes the deliverance he has received (2 Sam 22.4-19).
 3. David devotes himself to serving God (2 Sam 22.20-28).
 4. Illustrations of God's goodness (2 Sam 22.29-46).
 5. The Lord lives (2 Sam 22.47-51).
- Outline from Bob Winton.

1. Praise (Ps 18.1-3).
2. Peril (Ps 18.4-5).
3. Protection (Ps 18.6-19).
4. Purity (Ps 18.20-30).
5. Power (Ps 18.31-45).
6. Praise (Ps 18.46-50).

--Tom Wacaster, *Songs and Devotions of David*, p. 144.

II. Summary.

Why does the Bible include this psalm twice—here and, in virtually the same form, in the book of Psalms (18, DRL)? This, the longest of David's psalms, is used in two ways. The book of Psalms is Israel's collection of hymns and lyrics for use in the service of worship. Here, near the end of the narrative of David's career, the poem is used to bring out the spiritual center of Israel's most beloved king.¹

Tom Wacaster summarizes this chapter in the following way. There is an introduction, setting forth all that Jehovah is to David (1-3). The record of David's sufferings and peril, and the mighty power by which he was delivered, (4-19). The reason for this deliverance (20-30). The blessings which David received in his life (31-45). Joyful thanksgiving and acknowledgment of all God's mercies (46-50).

III. Chronology/Lists/Links.

BIBLE PERIOD: The Period of the United Kingdom.

If you are not familiar with the **15 Bible Periods**, please click here: <https://tinyurl.com/wl79hp7>

You can read an excellent article on Chronology from Wayne Jackson here:

<https://tinyurl.com/wylvljh>

We do not know the exact time of this song—it is not revealed. All we know is that it was at some occasion following the great victories God had given to David. Those victories are referred to as deliverance from “***the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul*** (v. 1).”

¹ Robert D. Bergen, “[2 Samuel](#),” in *CSB Apologetics Study Bible*, ed. Ted Cabal (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2017), 391.

LINKS: *These links are to the writings of men and not to inspired Scripture, thus care and caution in weighing the conclusions is always wise. Some might not be online links, but listing of material commonly available in books and publications.*

- Burton Coffman on 2 Samuel 22
<https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/bcc/2-samuel-22.html> and for Psalm 18:
<https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/bcc/psalms-18.html>
- Matthew Poole on Psalm 18
<https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/mpc/psalms-18.html>

LISTS: *I love LISTS. If you want to find a huge number of lists from the Bible one source I would suggest that will provide them would be THE DAKE STUDY BIBLE, from the writings of Finis Jennings Dake. Sometimes the lists are a bit forced and may be questionable in accuracy. But the uniqueness of this chapter (2 Samuel 22), its length, and content might lend itself to consider lists as a helpful tool for understanding and appreciating the contents of David's psalm. Because of the length of this section, we have left off two regular parts of these guides. Dake has FOURTEEN lists from this one chapter. I want to include them here and recommend spending some time with the lists he provides. These are slightly adapted.*

01. 12 Things God is to His People

1. Rock (2 Sam 22.2, 32; Ps 18.2).
2. Fortress (2 Sam 22.2; Ps 18.2).
3. Deliverer (2 Sam 22.2; Ps 18.2).
4. God of my Rock (2 Sam 22.3, 32; Ps 18.2).
5. Shield (2 Sam 22.3).
6. The horn of my salvation (2 Sam 22.3; Ps 18.2).
7. High tower (2 Sam 22.3; Ps 18.2).
8. Refuge (2 Sam 22.3).
9. Savior (2 Sam 22.3).
10. Lamp (2 Sam 22.3).
11. Buckler (2 Sam 22.31).
12. Strength (2 Sam 22.33, 40).

02. 4 Indicators of David's Confidence in Answered Prayer

1. I will call on the Lord (2 Sam 22.4).
2. I shall be saved from my enemies (2 Sam 22.7).
3. He did hear my voice out of His temple (2 Sam 22.7).
4. My cry did enter into His ears (2 Sam 22.7).

03. 4 Distressing things for David

1. The waves of death compassed me (2 Sam 22.5).
2. The floods of the ungodly men made me afraid (2 Sam 22.5).
3. The sorrows of hell compassed me (2 Sam 22.6).
4. The snares of death prevented me (2 Sam 22.6).

04. 2 Things to Do in Time of Distress

1. Pray—call on the Lord (2 Sam 22.7).
2. Cry to God—be in earnest (2 Sam 22.7).

05. 9 Bodily Parts of God (anthropomorphisms, Keep in mind that GOD IS SPIRIT, Jn 4.24, DRL).

1. Ears (2 Sam 22.7).

2. Nostrils (2 Sam 22.9).
3. Mouth (2 Sam 22.9).
4. Feet (2 Sam 22.10).
5. Body (rode upon a cherub, 2 Sam 22.11).
6. Form (He was seen, 2 Sam 22.11).
7. Voice (2 Sam 22.14).
8. Breath (2 Sam 22.16).
9. Arms (2 Sam 22.17).

06. 12 Physical Manifestations of God

1. The earth shook and trembled (2 Sam 22.8).
2. The foundations of the heaven moved and shook (2 Sam 22.8).
3. He bowed the heavens (2 Sam 22.10).
4. Darkness appeared (2 Sam 22.10, 12).
5. The winds carried Him (2 Sam 22.11).
6. Clouds passed swiftly (2 Sam 22.12).
7. Balls of fire were kindled (2 Sam 22.13).
8. Mighty thunders were heard (2 Sam 22.14).
9. Lightnings flashed (2 Sam 22.15).
10. Tidal waves appeared (2 Sam 22.16).
11. Earthquakes split the earth (2 Sam 22.16).
12. Cyclones blasted the earth (2 Sam 22.16).

07. 27 Manifestations of God

1. He was angry (2 Sam 22.8).
2. Smoke came out of His nostrils (2 Sam 22.9). *Among the ancients the nose was considered the organ of WRATH (Deut 29.20; Ps 74.1).*
3. Fire came out of His mouth and devoured things before it (2 Sam 22.10).
4. Coals of fire were kindled by it (2 Sam 22.9).
5. He bowed the heavens (2 Sam 22.10).
6. He came down (2 Sam 22.10).
7. He stood on darkness (2 Sam 22.10).
8. He rode a cherub and flew (2 Sam 22.11).
9. He rode the winds (2 Sam 22.11).
10. He made darkness, dark waters, and thick clouds His pavilions (2 Sam 22.12).
11. Brightness paved the way before Him through the darkness (2 Sam 22.13).
12. He thundered from the heaven (2 Sam 22.14).
13. He spoke with an audible voice (2 Sam 22.13).
14. He sent out arrows (2 Sam 22.15).
15. He sent lightnings (2 Sam 22.15).
16. He made great waves in the sea (2 Sam 22.16).
17. He sent earthquakes to lay bare the foundations of the earth (2 Sam 22.16).
18. He rebuked the foundations of earth with the blast of His nostrils (2 Sam 22.16).
19. He sent help from above (2 Sam 22.17).
20. He drew David out of many waters (2 Sam 22.17).
21. He delivered David from his strong enemy and from them that hated him (2 Sam 22.18).

22. He supported David in trouble (2 Sam 22.19).
23. He brought David forth in a large place (2 Sam 22.20).
24. He delivered David (2 Sam 22.20).
25. He delighted in David (2 Sam 22.20).
26. He rewarded me according to my righteousness (2 Sam 22.21).
27. He recompensed David according to the cleanness of his hands (2 Sam 22.21).

08. 9 Attributes of God

1. Anger (2 Sam 22.8).
2. Delight (2 Sam 22.20).
3. Mercy (2 Sam 22.26).
4. Uprightness (2 Sam 22.26).
5. Purity (2 Sam 22.27, 36).
6. Displeasure
7. Strength (2 Sam 22.33).
8. Power (2 Sam 22.33).
9. Gentleness (2 Sam 22.36).

09. 6 Things about David

1. He kept the ways of the Lord (2 Sam 22.22).
2. He did not depart wickedly from God (2 Sam 22.22).
3. He kept the Lord's judgments (2 Sam 22.23).
4. He did not depart from the Lord's statutes (2 Sam 22.23).
5. He was upright before the Lord (2 Sam 22.24).
6. He kept himself from his iniquity (2 Sam 22.24).

10. 2 Blessings for Godliness

1. God rewarded David for his righteousness (2 Sam 22.25).
2. He recompensed David for clean living in His sight (2 Sam 22.25).

11. 6 Classes of Men

1. Merciful (2 Sam 22.26; Mt 5.7; Lk 6.36).
2. Upright (2 Sam 22.26).
3. Pure (2 Sam 22.26).
4. Froward or devious, NKJV (2 Sam 22.27).
5. Afflicted (2 Sam 22.28).
6. Haughty (2 Sam 22.28; Isa 2.11; 10.12).

12. 8 Accomplishments of David

1. Kept the ways of the Lord (2 Sam 22.22).
2. Not wickedly departed from God (2 Sam 22.22).
3. Not departing from God's judgments (2 Sam 22.23).
4. Been upright before God (2 Sam 22.24).
5. Kept himself from iniquity (2 Sam 22.24).
6. Run through a troop (2 Sam 22.30).
7. Leaped over a wall (2 Sam 22.30).
8. Pursued his enemies and destroyed them (2 Sam 22.38-39).

13. 12-part Description of the Enemy's Defeat

1. I have pursued them (2 Sam 22.38).

2. Destroyed them (2 Sam 22.38).
3. Consumed them (2 Sam 22.38-39).
4. Wounded them so they cannot rise (2 Sam 22.39).
5. They are fallen under my feet (2 Sam 22.39).
6. God subdued them under David (2 Sam 22.40).
7. God gave David the necks of his enemies (2 Sam 22.41).
8. They looked but there was none to save them (2 Sam 22.42).
9. They looked to the Lord but He did not hear them (2 Sam 22.42).
10. David beat them as small dust of the earth (2 Sam 22.43).
11. David stamped upon them as mire in the street (2 Sam 22.43).
12. David spread them abroad (2 Sam 22.43).

14. 32 Blessings to Man

1. God is merciful to the merciful (2 Sam 22.26).
2. He is upright to the upright (2 Sam 22.26).
3. Pure to the pure (2 Sam 22.27).
4. God opposes the froward or devious (2 Sam 22.27).
5. He saves the afflicted (2 Sam 22.28).
6. Humbles the proud and haughty (2 Sam 22.28).
7. Give light to those in darkness (2 Sam 22.29).
8. His way is perfect (2 Sam 22.31).
9. He is a buckler to trusting souls (2 Sam 22.31).
10. He is the only God (2 Sam 22.32).
11. A Rock (2 Sam 22.32).
12. Strength and power (2 Sam 22.33).
13. He makes perfect (2 Sam 22.34).
14. Makes one sure-footed (2 Sam 22.34).
15. Exalts the humble.
16. Instructs (2 Sam 22.35).
17. Gives protection (2 Sam 22.36).
18. Makes great (2 Sam 22.36).
19. Makes safe from slipping (2 Sam 22.37).
20. Girds with strength (2 Sam 22.40-43).
21. Subdues enemies (2 Sam 22.40).
22. Delivers from strife (2 Sam 22.44).
23. Protects and keeps (2 Sam 22.44).
24. Causes submission of others (2 Sam 22.45).
25. God ever lives (2 Sam 22.47).
26. Avenges (2 Sam 22.48).
27. Brings down (2 Sam 22.48).
28. Brings forth enemies (2 Sam 22.49).
29. Lifts above enemies (2 Sam 22.49).
30. Delivers from violent men (2 Sam 22.49).
31. Is a tower of salvation (2 Sam 22.51).
32. Shows mercy to His people (2 Sam 22.51)

IV. Questions.

True or False

- 01. ____ David was never afraid.
- 02. ____ David never had an enemy that was too strong for him.
- 03. ____ David here speaks of God’s eyes being upon the faithful.
- 04. ____ David was never hated.
- 05. ____ David uses the word ROCK four times in this psalm.

I Found it in Verse(s)

- 06. ____ David was delivered from the violent man.
- 07. ____ David’s hands were taught to war.
- 08. ____ David’s lamp.
- 09. ____ David had a day of calamity.
- 10. ____ The snares of death.

Short Answer

11. The point at which David called upon the Lord...

12. In the day of David’s calamity, what happened...

13. The way God relates to the merciful.

14. Something broken by David’s arms.

15. Two things David would do among the heathen.

Each Question is worth 7 Points

My Score is: _____

Answers will be found on next week’s handout

ANSWERS to 2 Samuel 21 Questions... **01**—True, 3; **02**—True, 9; **03**—False, 12; **04**—False, 16 + 1 Sam 17.7; **05**—False, 18; **06**—4; **07**—8; **08**—14; **09**—17; **10**—20; **11**—Gilboa (12); **12**—the Lord answered (1); **13**—the giant in Gath (22); **14**—go no more out with us to battle (17); **15**—son of Jonathan, son of Saul (7).

V. Seek-A-Word Puzzle. The words may be backwards, diagonal, upside down, etc. See if you can find them all. The more you use the words of the Bible, the greater blessed you will be! You might be surprised at how much this little exercise will help you retain important truths. THANK YOU for the good effort you are putting forth in Bible study. –DRL

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HATE	HEAVEN	HIGH	KEPT	LORD
MADE	MERCY	PEOPLE	PLACE	PRAISED
ROCK	SALVATION	SAVE	SHEW	THYSELF
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VI. Crossword Puzzle.

2 Samuel 22 (KJV)												
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- ACROSS**
- 01) David was rewarded according to his ____.
 - 03) David had a cleanness in God's eye ____.
 - 05) David had been set upon his ____ places.
 - 07) David's enemies were stamped as the mire of the ____.
 - 11) Rock, fortress, and ____, the Lord was to David.
 - 13) The Lord sent out these.
 - 14) The Lord showed ____ to His anointed, David.

- DOWN**
- 02) God's eyes are upon them.
 - 04) God's ____ made David great.
 - 06) Figuratively, smoke came out of God's.
 - 08) David had not ____ departed from his God.
 - 09) God had given David the ____ of his enemies.
 - 10) David was drawn out of many ____.
 - 12) David's cry entered the Lord's.