### 2 Samuel

## Chapter 22

1Then, after the Lord had rescued David from the hands of Saul and all his enemies, he sang this song to Jehovah:  
  
 2‘Jehovah’s my rock and my fortress…  
 He’s the One who comes to my rescue.  
 3My God is a guard that’s before me;  
 So, upon Him, I’ll lean.  
  
 4‘He’s the One who defends me;  
 He’s the trumpet of my salvation…  
 My shield and refuge from the unrighteous.  
  
 ‘You deserve all the praise, for You saved me;  
 Since I called to the Lord and was saved.  
 5For, deadly battles had me surrounded,  
 And by lawless dry streams, I was upset.  
 6Fear of death, had me enwrapped,  
 And I awaited the harshness of death.  
  
 7‘But, in my pain, I called to Jehovah;  
 Yes, I yelled to my God,  
 And from His House, He listened to me…  
 My voice and my cries reached His ears.  
  
 8‘Then the ground started to tremble,  
 And the skies were disturbed by His anger.  
 9Smoke ascended, because of His rage;  
 And the fire from His mouth became so consuming  
 That even the coals burned away.  
  
 10‘He leaned on the sky and it fell,  
 As darkness was under His feet.  
 11He mounted a cherub upon its spread wings,  
 And was seen on the wings of the winds.  
  
 12‘He concealed Himself in the gloom of His Tent,  
 And in the darkness of waters.  
 Then, He thickened the clouds in the sky,  
 13As the brightness before Him lit fires.  
  
 14‘He thundered from out of the sky…  
 He shouted down from His place in the heights.  
 15Then He grabbed His arrows and shot them…  
 With flashes of lightning, He scared them away.  
  
 16‘Then the things in the sea were exposed,  
 As were the foundations of the earth.  
 [God] sent His accusations among them…  
 The breath of the spirit of His rage.  
  
 17‘From up above, He then grabbed me and took me…  
 He lifted me from those deep waters.  
 18He rescued me from my enemies’ strength…  
 From those by whom I was hated.  
  
 19‘He saw all the problems I faced,  
 And Jehovah became my foundation.  
 20He provided a space and He saved me…  
 He chose to do good on my behalf.  
  
 21‘Jehovah has rewarded all my righteous ways…  
 It’s the reward of undefiled hands.  
 22For I’ve paid attention to His ways…  
 Before my God, I’ve showed deep respect.  
  
 23‘I’ve kept His decisions before me,  
 And I’ve never turned from His Laws.  
 24So I’ll stand before Him unblemished,  
 And away from the lawless, I’ll stay.  
  
 25‘And Jehovah will reward me  
 According to my righteous ways,  
 Yes, before His eyes,  
 According to my undefiled hands.  
  
 26‘With the holy, You’ll always be holy;  
 And with the perfect, You’ll always be perfect;  
 27The elected, You’ll treat as Your chosen,  
 And to the crooked, You’ll send crooked ways.  
  
 28‘By You, the poor will be saved,  
 And You’ll humble the eyes of the proud.  
 29By You, O Jehovah, my lamp will be lit…  
 My Lord sends me light in the darkness.  
  
 30‘So in You, I’ll run lightly armed,  
 And by my God, I’ll pass over walls.  
 31For, flawless are the ways of the Almighty,  
 And the sayings of Jah are very refined.  
  
 ‘He’s the defender of all who obey Him;  
 32And who’s as strong as Jehovah?  
 For, who other than our God can create;  
 33Since, He alone is the Almighty.  
  
 ‘He strengthens me with His power,  
 And removes the flaws of my ways.  
 34He sets my feet firm like a stag,  
 And into the heights, He then lifts me.  
  
 35‘He teaches my hands to fight battles,  
 And to break brass bows with my arms.  
 36He gives me a shield to protect me…  
 Because I obeyed Him, He made me strong.  
 37He enlarges my footsteps beneath me,  
 And my trembling knees, He [makes firm].  
  
 38‘So, I’ll pursue and remove,  
 And I’ll not return ‘til they’re gone.  
 39I’ll crush them and then they won’t rise again…  
 They’ll fall [to the ground] under my feet.  
  
 40‘You’ll strengthen me for great battles,  
 And bend those who rise from beneath me.  
 41All my enemies, You’ve handed to me,  
 And You’ve broken the backs of all those who hate me.  
  
 42‘They yelled, but [God] didn’t come to their aid;  
 For to them, He never would listen.  
 43So I ground them to dust on the ground,  
 And made them fine like the mud in the streets.  
  
 44‘You saved me when men came to fight me,  
 And appointed me head over nations.  
 So, people I didn’t know came to serve me…  
 45Then they listened and did as I asked.  
  
 46‘The sons of liars will reel,  
 And into confinement, they’ll stumble.  
 47As Jehovah lives; may my Great Guard be praised…  
 May my God who guards me, be exalted.  
  
 48‘For, Jehovah is strong and sends vengeance…  
 He corrects the people who serve me.  
 49From those who hate me, He lifts me away…  
 He lifts me high over those who oppose me.  
  
 ‘From unrighteous men, You’ll save me,  
 50And for this, to the nations, I’ll praise You.  
  
 ‘O Jehovah!  
  
 ‘I’ll strum tunes to Your Name,  
 51For You saved Your king in great awesome ways…  
 You’ve shown mercy to Your anointed…  
 To David and his offspring throughout the ages.’