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1ST & 2ND
SAMUEL

THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

GOD OUR DEFENSE; OUR PROTECTOR
PSALM 18:2

Psa. 18:0,

“To the Chief Musician.

**A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD,
who spoke to the LORD the words of this
song on the day that the LORD delivered
him from the hand of all his enemies and
from the hand of Saul.
And he said:”**

Psalm 18 Theme

The Psalmist expresses his gratitude, joy, and praise for the Lord's miraculous deliverance by explaining the circumstances of his distress and the merciful response of God to his pleas for deliverance.

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חֵזֶק *chezeq*

**comm masc sing
constr**

**strength, the noun
is rare, used of
military strength**

Psa. 18:2, “The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength (?), in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”

1. Rock

סֶלָע *sela*^c comm masc sing constr:
“Rock”

Psa. 42:9, “I will say to God my Rock,
‘Why have You forgotten me? Why do I
go mourning because of the oppression
of the enemy?’ ”

Psa. 71:3, “Be my strong refuge, to
which I may resort continually; You have
given the commandment to save me, for
You are my rock and my fortress.”

1 Cor. 10:4, “and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.”

Ex. 17:6, “ ‘Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink.’ And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.”

1 Cor. 10:4, “and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.”

1 Pet. 2:8, “and ‘a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.’ They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.”

1. Rock

סֵלַע *sela*^c comm masc sing constr

Rock

Matt. 16:18, “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”

2. Fortress

מְצוּדָה *metzudah*

comm fem sing constr
stronghold, fortress





Psa. 31:3, “For You are my rock [*sela*ᵍ] and my fortress; Therefore, for Your name’s sake, lead me and guide me.”

Psa. 71:3, “Be my strong refuge, to which I may resort continually; You have given the commandment to save me, for You are my rock [*sela*ᵍ] and my fortress.”

Psa. 91:2, “I will say of the LORD, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.’ ”

Psa. 144:2, “My lovingkindness and my fortress, my high tower and my deliverer (*pālat*), my shield and the One in whom I take refuge, Who subdues my people under me.”

3. Deliverer

פָּלַט (pālaṭ) **escape, save, deliver, rescue.**

Psa. 37:40, “And the LORD shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him.” (also Psa. 40:17)

Psa. 70:5, “But I am poor and needy; Make haste to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay.”

Psa. 71:2, “Deliver me in Your righteousness, and cause me to escape; Incline Your ear to me, and save me.”

Psa. 91:14, “Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name.”

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4. Strength

צוּר־1 *tzur-1* comm masc sing constr
boulder, large rock

Matt. 16:13, “When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, ‘Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?’”

Matt. 16:14, “So they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’”



MEDITERRANEAN

Sidon

Abila

Damascus

River

River

Litani

Pharpar

Lebaba

Tyre

Caesarea-Philippi

Lake Huleh

Ptolemais

Capernaum

Bethsaida

Cochaba

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Rimmon

Hippos

Canatha

Nazareth

Sea of Galilee

R.

Dionysias

Yarmuk

Abila

Gadara

Adraa (Edrei)

Legio (Megiddo)

Capitolias

Bostra

Scythopolis (Beth-shan)

Pella

Matt. 16:15, “He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’

Matt. 16:16, “Simon Peter answered and said, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’

Matt. 16:17, “Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.’ ”

Matt. 16:18, “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”





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This cave is the nucleus beside which the sacred sanctuary was built. In this "abode of the shepherd god," pagan cult began as early as the 3rd century BCE. The ritual sacrifices were cast into a natural abyss reaching the underground waters at the back of the cave. If the victims disappeared in the water, this was a sign that the god had accepted the offering. If, however, signs of blood appeared in the nearby springs, the sacrifice had been rejected.



מערת

מערה זו, הנקראת "משכן אל הרועים", היא הגרעין של צדו נבנה המתחם המקודש כולו. החל מהמאה ה־3 לפסה"נ נערכו כאן פולחנות פגאניים. סבורים כי בעת הפולחן הושלכו הקרבנות אל בקיע טבעי ברצפה בקצה המערה, שהוליך אל מי תהום. אם נבלעו הקרבנות בבקיע, אות הוא שהקרבתן היה לרצון לאל. אם הופיעו סימני דם במעיינות הסמוכים – סימן הוא שהקרבתן נדחה.







THE GROTTO OF THE GOOD FARM AND THE TOWER

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Matt. 16:19, “And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Πέτρος *Petros*
nom masc sing (proper)
Peter, or a small rock, or
broken off piece of rock

πέτρα *petra*
dat fem sing
rock, a large rock

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Matt. 7:24, “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:”

...NOW WHEN JESUS OF NAZARETH
WENT INTO THE DISTRICTS OF GALILEE,
HE TAUGHT IN THEIR SYNAGOGUES,
AND THEY ALL WERE PRAISING HIM.
AND HE SAID UNTO THEM,
“WHY DO MEN SAY THAT THE SON
OF MAN IS HERE?”
AND HE SAID UNTO THEM,
“SIMON PETER REPLIED,
“YOU ARE CHRIST, THE SON OF
THE LIVING GOD.” AND
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