A wide-angle photograph of a desert canyon. The canyon walls are composed of layered, light-colored rock formations, possibly sandstone or limestone, with some darker, reddish-brown soil at the base. The valley floor is a mix of reddish-brown earth and sparse, low-lying green and brown shrubs. In the distance, more rugged mountain ranges are visible under a clear, bright blue sky. The overall scene is a vast, open landscape with a sense of depth and scale.

SONG *of*
DELIVERANCE
Psalm 18

David likely wrote this Psalm shortly after the death of Saul (around 1056 BC). David would have been around 37.

David dies around the age of 70. At some point after Saul was dead (probably around 1018, David sang this psalm again in 2 Samuel 22)

Psalm 18 and 2 Samuel 22 are almost identical.



**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 of his enemies and from the hand of
Saul. And he said:**



(1-3) David praises the God of his deliverance.

I will love You, O LORD, my strength.

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.



David uses at least 8 distinctions for God in this Psalm.

Jehovah

Jehovah-Chatsahi - Lord my Strength

Jehovah-Sel'i - Lord my Rock

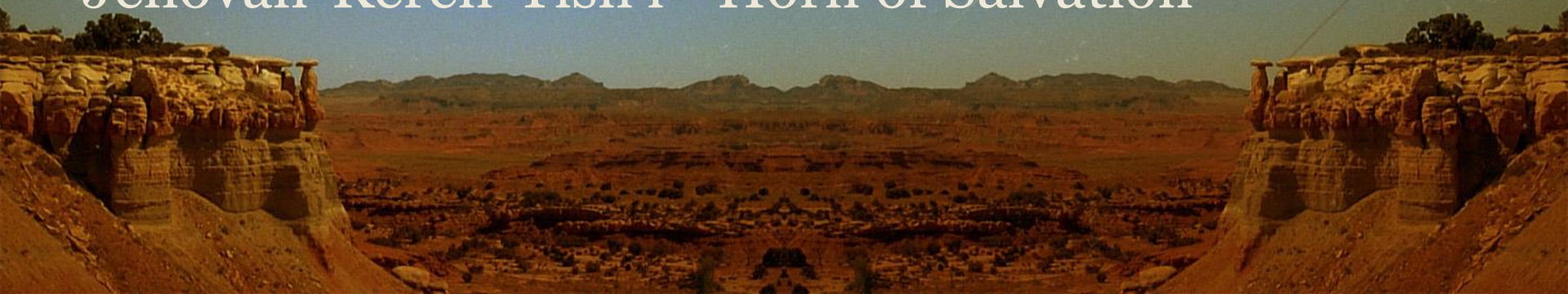
Jehovah-Ma'oz - Lord my Fortress

Jehovah-Tsori - Lord my Strength

Jehovah-Mephalti - Lord my Deliverer

Jehovah-Magan – Lord my buckler

Jehovah-Keren-Yish'i - Horn of Salvation



A wide-angle photograph of a desert canyon. The foreground shows the layered, reddish-brown rock walls of a canyon. The middle ground is a vast, flat desert floor with sparse, low-lying vegetation. In the distance, a range of low mountains or hills is visible under a clear, bright blue sky. The overall scene is bright and open, suggesting a sense of vastness and stability.

My Rock

Shelter, Shade, Security, and Stability

Horn or My Salvation

Animal horns, used for fighting, protection, and securing dominance, were Hebrew symbols of strength, power, and victory. Often, Scripture's mention of a "horn" is as a literary symbol representing potency and power. When Scripture refers to God as "the horn of salvation" it means that he is the omnipotent power that saved or delivered the individual.



I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy to be **praised***;
So shall I be saved from my enemies.

NASB “I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, **And I am saved from my enemies.**



הִלַּל **hâlal**, haw-lal'; a primitive root; to be clear; to shine; hence, to make a show, to boast; and thus to be (clamorously) foolish; to rave; causatively, to celebrate; boast, celebrate, commend, fool(-ish, -ly), glory, give,



David recalls the situations he had faced

Psalm 18:4-6

4 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.

5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.

6 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.



Psalm 18:7-15

⁷ Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.

⁸ There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

⁹ He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet.

¹⁰ And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

¹¹ He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.



¹² At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail stones and coals of fire.

¹³ The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire.

¹⁴ Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.

¹⁵ Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.



David poetically describes how God moved all of creation for the sake of David's deliverance.

V. 7 -8 The Earth Shook

V 9-11 The Heavens Retaliated

V. 12 The Sea Scattered



David testifies of his deliverance

Psalm 18:16-19

16 He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters.

17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.

18 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay.

19 He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

