



DAVID'S SONG OF THANKSGIVING

- 2nd Samuel 22
- Psalm 18
- A complex poem of prayer, praise, wisdom, and prophecy
- The event of vss. 8 – 13 were cosmic in nature and did NOT happen in David's time
- *Sukkah and mayim* = booth and rain
- Feast of Tabernacles



THE THUNDERSTORM METAPHOR



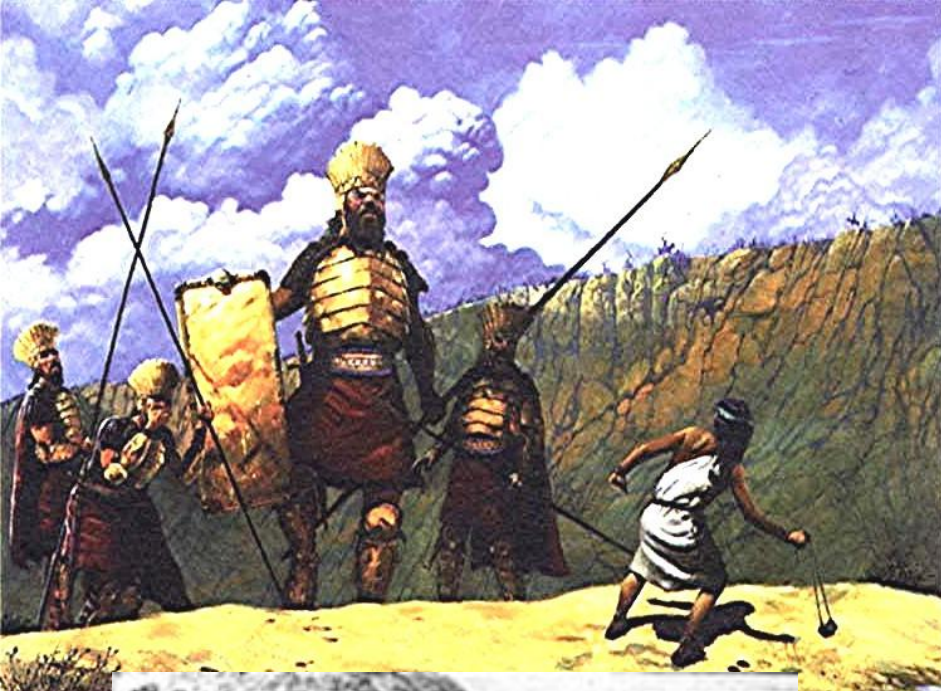
- 2nd Samuel 22:14 – 16
- Thunderstorm is a standard Biblical metaphor for God expressing His displeasure
- Thunder from “heaven” as a precursor to God acting in wrath on earth
- **Ha'Elyon** = The Highest El
- Israel believed they had only ONE GOD, but other nations also had gods, and each nation had an El
- **Ha'Elyon** seen as the Chairman of the Board of all the other Els

LIGHTNING BOLTS AS ARROWS

- Vs. 16 is a reference to the parting of the Red Sea
- Channels of the sea (uneven sea floor)
- Foundations of the world (what lay under the mysterious waters)
- God's nostril breathe a blast of air to dry to sea bottom
- Vss.8 – 13 = God's 2nd Mediator Yeshua
- Vss.14 – 16 = God's 1st Mediator Moses



GOD ALONE SAVES

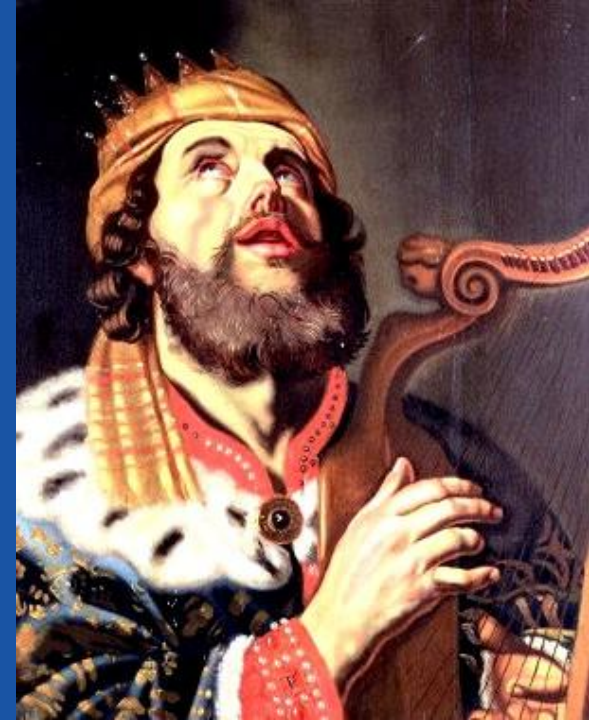


- 2nd Samuel 22:17 - 19
- **Oyeb** = enemy (singular)
- David facing a single adversary (like Goliath)
- 2nd Samuel 22:20 – 28
- God brings David out into “an open space”
- Speaks militarily of being trapped
- Miraculously escapes into a wide-open space where David can flee or maneuver



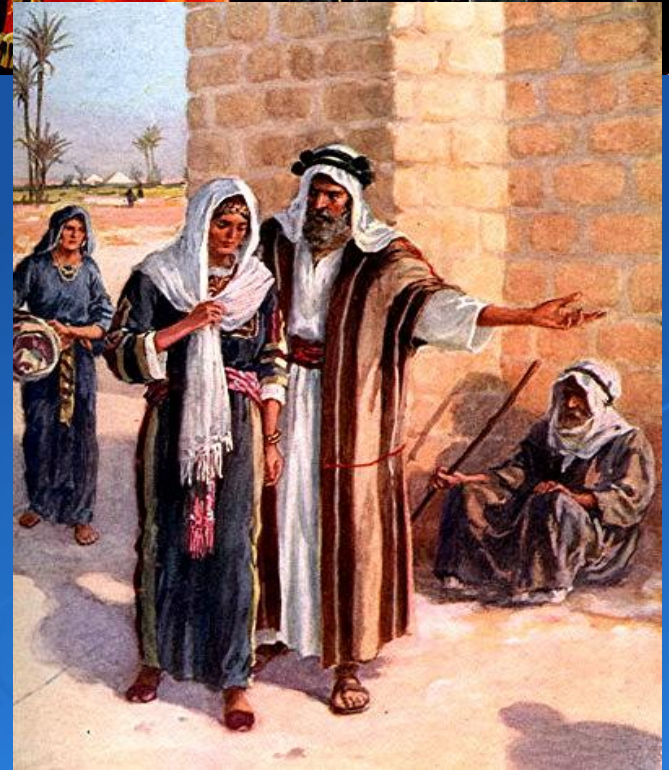
DAVID DESCRIBES HIMSELF AS SINLESS

- Vs. 25 David says God repaid him with deliverance for his uprightness and purity
- Christian scholars tend to not examine these verses
- Jewish scholars tend to agree with David that he was sinless
- 2nd Samuel 12 Nathan the Prophet rebukes David for his terrible sins



“I have sinned against Adonai..”

- How do we reconcile David’s claim of being sinless in chapter 22, with his acknowledgment of sin in chapter 12?
- In chapter 22 we see a mixture of David’s truth and deception, reserve and exaggeration, humility and braggadocio
- We must learn to discern whether the viewpoints and actions of Bible characters are God’s perfect will or the person’s evil inclination at work



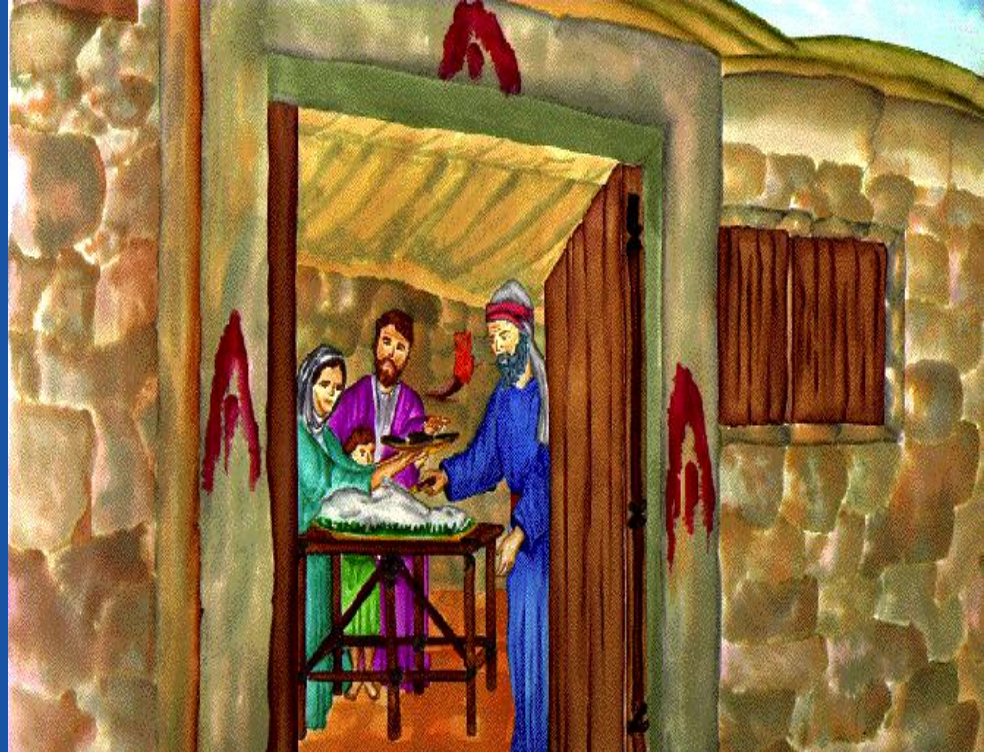
LEX TALIONIS



- David's statements of vss. 20 – 25 amount to his boasting !
- He is making broad speculations on why God would show such favor to him
- David is a king who enjoys his station, privileges of royalty, sees himself as above it all
- David sees what God has done for him as repayment for David's faithful works towards God and God's laws
- The following versus exactly describe the eye for an eye principle, called Lex Talionis

THE AFFLICTED 'AM

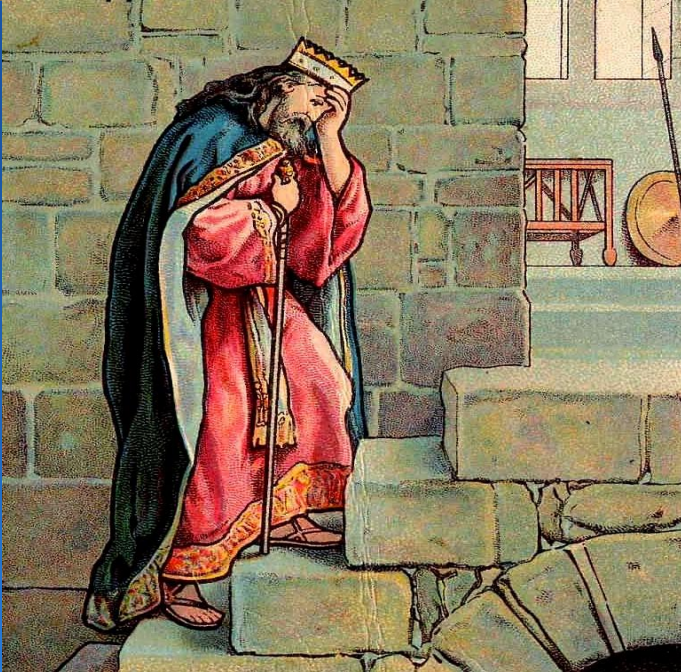
- 'Am = God's people
- Generally the 'am is Israel, but is also all who worship the God of Israel
- But worshippers who become haughty will be brought low
- God destroys His enemies without mercy
- God saves His people



GOD WILL PUNISH HIS FOLLOWERS !

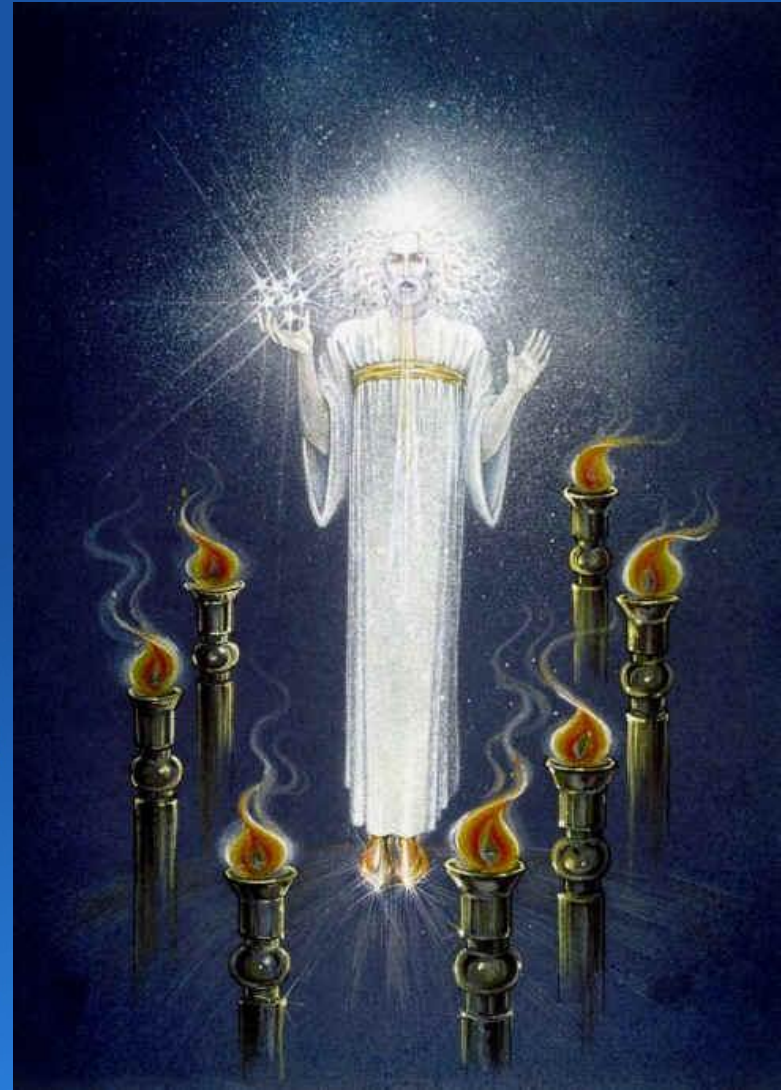


- God will NOT leave the Saved for their behavioral sins
- BUT...He will cause them harm on this earth for their misbehavior
- Saul and David both committed terrible sins
- God abandoned Saul, but He stayed with David
- The two main factors: Identification and zeal for God



Rev.3:19 *“...I rebuke and discipline everyone I love...turn from your sins”*

- Incorrect modern doctrine:
- A) sinning has nothing to do with God's Biblical commands
- B) Behavioral sins will not be punished
- Romans 1:17 – 28 Those whom God DOES abandon
- 1 Cor.6:9 – 11 Paul says these are abandoned because of their identification with an ungodly lifestyle



WHAT YOU DO VERSUS WHO YOU ARE

- 1 Cor. 6:11 “*And SUCH were some of you...*”
- Idea is that you WERE these things
- These things represent your identity
- Believers: our daily behavior does NOT get us into OR get us ejected from heaven
- BUT.....our daily behavior will merit either blessings or punishments on EARTH

