

# 1 & 2 Samuel Series

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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

**GOD OUR SHIELD**

**2 SAMUEL 15:1–37; PSALM 3:3–8**



**Psa. 3:0, “A Psalm of David when he fled from Absalom his son.” NKJV**

**בָּרַח (*bārah*) flee, run away, chase, drive away, put to flight, reach, shoot (extend), hurry away**

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- 2. David expresses his confidence in God and resulting relaxed mental attitude in the midst of the battle. Psa. 3:3–5**
- 3. David's confidence is in God. Psa. 3:6–8.**

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**B. His enemies ridicule and make fun of his faith in God as they attempt to destroy him. Psa. 3:2**

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**Psa. 3:1,**

**“LORD, how they have increased who trouble me!**

**Many are they who rise up against me.”**

**רַב־בָּ 1-*rabab* qal perf 3 com plur**

**to be many, much, or a great number**

**רַב־ 1-*rab* masc plur abs great, many**

**קָוַם *qum* qal part masc plur abs to arise, stand**

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**צַר *ṣar* adversary, enemy.**

**LXX uses θλίβω pres act part masc plur nom to crush, compress; oppress, trouble, annoy**

**צָרָה *ṣārar* I, bind, be narrow, be in distress (Qal); make narrow, cause distress, besiege (Hiphil).**

**Psa. 27:1, “The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?”**

**Psa. 27:2, “When the wicked came against me to eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes, they stumbled and fell.”**

**Psa. 27:3, “Though an army may encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; Though war may rise against me, in this I will be confident.”**

**Psa. 27:11, “Teach me Your way, O Lord, and lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.**

**Psa. 27:12, “Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; For false witnesses have risen against me, and such as breathe out violence.**

**Psa. 27:13, “I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.**

**Psa. 27:14, “Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!”**

# 1. Our adversary the devil.

**1 Pet. 5:8, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”**

**ἀντίδικος *antidikos*, enemy, opponent, foe**

## **2. The world system**

**John 16:33, “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”**

### **3. Our own sin nature**

**1 Pet. 2:11, “Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,”**

**Psa. 3:1,**

**“Lord, how my adversaries have increased  
Many are rising up against me.” ~RD**

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**רַב־1 *rab* masc plur abs great, many**

**יְשׁוּעָה *yeshuah* comm fem sing abs salvation,  
deliverance, rescue, military victory**

**Psa. 62:1**, “Truly my soul silently waits for God; From Him comes my salvation.

**Psa. 62:2**, “He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.”

**Psa. 89:26**, “He shall cry to Me, ‘You are my Father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.’ ”

**2. David expresses his confidence in God and resulting relaxed mental attitude in the midst of the battle. Psa. 3:3–5**

**A. God is our shield and the one who puts us in our place in His plan.  
Psa. 3:3**

**Psa. 3:3, “But You, O LORD, are a shield for me, my glory and the One who lifts up my head.”**

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**מָגֵן־1 *magen* comm both sing abs shield**

**Psa. 7:10, “My shield is with God, Who saves the upright in heart.”**

**Psa. 18:2, “The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”**

**Psa. 18:30, “As for God, His way is blameless; The word of the LORD is tried; He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.”**

**Psa. 18:35, “You have also given me the shield of Your salvation, and Your right hand upholds me; And Your gentleness makes me great.”**

**Psa. 28:7, “The LORD is my strength and my shield; My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart exults, and with my song I shall thank Him.”**

**Psa. 33:20, “Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.”**

**Psa. 35:2, “Take hold of buckler and shield and rise up for my help.”**

Psa. 3:3, “But You, O LORD, are a shield for me, my glory and the One who lifts up my head.”

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## **B. God answers David's prayers and our prayers. Psa. 3:4–5**

**Psa. 3:4, “I cried to the LORD with my voice, and He heard me from His holy hill. Selah**

**Psa. 3:5, “I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the LORD sustained me.”**

**1 Peter 5:7, “Casting all you cares upon  
God for He cares for you.”**

### **3. David's confidence is in God, Psa. 3:6–8.**

#### **A. David's fear is replaced with faith in God.**

**Psa. 3:6, “I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.”**

**B. Now in confidence of God he calls upon God to deliver them. Psa. 3:7–8**

**Psa. 3:7, “Arise, O LORD; Save me, O my God! For You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone; You have broken the teeth of the ungodly.**

**Psa. 3:8, “Salvation belongs to the LORD. Your blessing is upon Your people. Selah”**

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**קום *qum* qal part masc plur abs to arise, stand**

**ישע *yasha* hif imper masc sing to deliver, save**

**Psa. 7:1, “O LORD my God, in You I put my trust; Save me from all those who persecute me; And deliver me,”**

**Psa. 34:6, “This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.”**

**Psa. 55:16, “As for me, I will call upon God, and the LORD shall save me.”**

**Psa. 57:3, “He shall send from heaven and save me; He reproaches the one who would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth His mercy and His truth.”**

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**Psa. 2:9, “You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.”**

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