

Haftarah for Ha'azinu: 2 Samuel 22:29-37

The confident and encouraging message of this selection from 2 Samuel, in incredible poetry, beautifully complements this week's Torah portion. This poem is similar in many ways to the song of the Sea (Exodus 15).

- ויהוה נגיה חשכי: {ס} **(כט)** כִּי־אֲתָהּ יְיָהוָה יְהוָה {ס} (29) You, O Adonai, are my lamp;
YHVH lights up my darkness.
- באלהי אֲדַלְגֶשׁוּר: {ס} **(ל)** כִּי בָכָה אֲרוּץ גְּדוּד {ס} (30) With You, I can rush a barrier,
With my God, I can scale a wall.
- הַאֵל תָּמִים דְּרָכָו אֲמַרְתָּ יְהוָה {ס} **(לא)** הַאֵל תָּמִים דְּרָכָו אֲמַרְתָּ יְהוָה {ס} (31) The way of God is perfect,
צְרוּפָה {ס} מִגֵּן הוּא לְכָל הַחֹסִים בּוֹ: The word of YHVH is pure.
God is a shield to all who take refuge in God.
- וּמִי צוֹר {ס} **(לב)** כִּי מִי־אֵל מִבְּלִעְדֵי יְהוָה {ס} (32) Yea, who is a god except the Eternal,
מִבְּלִעְדֵי אֱלֹהֵינוּ: Who is a rock except God?—
- וַיִּתֵּר תָּמִים דְּרָכָי: {ס} **(לג)** הַאֵל מְעוֹזֵי חַיִּל {ס} (33) The God, my mighty stronghold,
Who kept my path secure;
- וְעַל {ס} **(לד)** מְשֹׁנָה (רגליו) [רגלי] כְּאַיִלוֹת {ס} (34) Who made my legs like a deer's,
בְּמִתְיָ יַעֲמִדְנִי: and set me firm on the heights,
- וְנַחַת {ס} **(לה)** מְלַמֵּד יָדַי לְמִלְחָמָה {ס} (35) Who trained my hands for battle,
קִשְׁת־נְחוּשָׁה זָרַעְתִּי: So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze!
- וַתִּתְּנֵנִי לִי מִגֵּן יִשְׁעֶךָ וַעֲנִתָּהּ תִּרְבִּינִי: **(לו)** וַתִּתְּנֵנִי לִי מִגֵּן יִשְׁעֶךָ וַעֲנִתָּהּ תִּרְבִּינִי: (36) You have granted me the shield
of Your protection
And Your providence has made me great.
- וְלֹא מְעַדוּ קַרְסָלָי: **(לז)** תִּרְחִיב צַעְדֵי תַחְתָּנִי וְלֹא מְעַדוּ קַרְסָלָי: (37) You have let me stride on freely,
And my feet have not slipped.