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GOD PERFORMS YOUR DESTINY

We have read and heard much of Psalm 91 of God's favor upon those who (91:1) ***"...abide under the shadow of the Almighty."*** Verse 2 says, ***"He is my refuge and my fortress"*** and verse 3 says, ***"Surely He shall deliver thee"*** from harm. This is a psalm that is inspired by King David's song of victory recorded in 2 Samuel 22:1-3 when the LORD said in verse 1, ***"...had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of (King) Saul."***

Verses 2 and 3 of Samuel are echoed in Psalm 91:2-3. 2 Samuel 2:2-3 reads, ***"2...The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, 3 The God of my rock. In Him will I trust. He is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, my refuge, my savior..."***

During much of Saul's 40 years as king, he sought to hunt down and kill David. Samuel had anointed young David to become king over Israel, but it was many years before it came about. Samuel was now dead, and Saul relentlessly pursued David for years.

David had assembled a small army of misfits and relatives. He settled in the region of Hebron which was in the southern part of Judea. Saul and Jonathan died in a battle and David became king of Hebron. All the rest of Israel took Ishbosheth, a son of Saul, as their king with Abner as his captain.

This started a fierce and lengthy battle between Hebron's King David and the house of Saul in Israel, a true civil war. Eventually, God delivered David and Israel made him king over all the land.

How long did it take for God's plan for David to come into fruition? We know that he fled from Saul several years. Then, when Saul died, David ruled as king of Hebron (southern Judea) for seven and a half years. He then reigned over all Israel for 33 more years before attaining his divinely appointed position as Israel's king, making a total of 40 years of kingship.

David's destiny from birth was to be God's chosen king over all His people. It took years and much trouble, but God fulfilled David's destiny.

God has chosen a destiny for you also. We see this in Jeremiah 29:11 and 1:5. You may not know what that destiny is, but you can be rest assured that as you dwell ***"...in the secret place of the Most High"*** that God will bring you to fulfillment, either here on earth, or with Him on high in heaven. He is faithful to perform it. Psalm 57:2 says, ***"I will cry unto God Most High, unto God that performeth all things for me."***