August 19 – 2 Samuel 22

THANKFUL

Lord God Our Rock

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2 Samuel

1.	June 3	Respected	1-2	David Mourns Saul, then Made King
2.	June 10	Crowned	3-4	Civil War – Abner Killed by Joab
3.	June 17	Celebrated	5-6	King David Moves Ark to Jerusalem
4.	June 24	Established	7	God's Covenant to Build House of David
5.	July 1	Valued	9	David Befriends Mephibosheth
6.	July 8	Accountable	11-12	David & Bathsheba, Repents to Nathan
7.	July 15	Grieved	13	Tamar Raped … Absalom Kills Amnon
8.	July 22	Deposed	14-17	Absalom Rebels against David
9.	July 29	Restored	19	David Restored to Throne
10.	Aug. 5	Averted	20	Sheba Revolts against David
11.	Aug. 12	Resolved	21	Gibeonite Revenge on House of Saul
✡ 12.	Aug. 19	Thankful	22	David's Song of Deliverance (Psalm 18)
13.	Aug. 26	Disciplined	24	David's Census Sin

2 Samuel Outline

1-7	David Secures the Kingdom over Southern and Northern Tribes	1-7
1	David Mourns Death of Saul & Jonathan	
2-4	David Made King over Judah in Hebron	
5	David Made King over All of Israel … Conquers Jerusalem	
6	Ark brought to Jerusalem	
7	Davidic Covenant … David wants to Build Temple	
8-10	David Extends the Kingdom	8-10
8	War against Philistia, Moab, Syria, Ammon, Amalek	
9	David's Kindness to Saul's son Mephibosheth	
10	War against Ammon in Syria	
11-12	David with Bathsheba, Adultery, Murder, Repents, Solomon's Birth	11-12
13-19	Absalom's Revolt against David	13-19
13-14	Amnon Rapes Tamar … Absalom Kills Amnon, Fleers, Returns	
15-17	Absalom Revolts against David … David Flees	
18-19	David Defeats Absalom … Joab Kills Absalom	
19-24	David Re-secures the Kingdom	19-24
20	Sheba's Revolt & Death	
21	Saul's Sons Killed – Appease Gibeonites	
22	David Defeats Philistines … David's Psalm of Victory	
23	David's Last Song … David's Mighty Men	
24	David Takes Census of Israel	

1 Kings 1-2 … David Bedridden … Appoints Solomon King … David Dies

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2 Samuel 5-20
more exploits in
1 Chronicles 11-28

Theme

God is worthy of our praise and thanksgiving for His provisions in this life

2 Samuel 21 & 22

21:15-22 FOUR Philistine Battles with descendants of Rapha of Gath

1. Philistines, David Tires, Abishai Kills Ishbi-Benob
2. Philistines at Gob, Hushathite Sibbekai Kills Saph
3. Philistines at Gob, Elhanan Kills Goliath's Brother
4. Huge 6-fingered/6-toed Man of Gath Killed by Jonathan

2 Samuel 22:1-51 = Psalm 18:1-50 = Nearly Identical

1-3 1-4 adds in v. 1, "I love you Lord, my strength"

2-51 = 2-50 … verse by verse … *nearly identical*

Key Verses – 2 Samuel 22:2-3 & 47

2 The LORD is my rock,
my fortress and my deliverer

3 My God is my Rock, in whom I take refuge …

47 The LORD lives!
Praise be to my Rock.
Exalted be my God,
my Rock, my Savior!

Alternative Title
Lord God
My Rock

End of Chapter 21: Four Battles

Chapter 22 comes AFTER four battles

Chapter 22 near to the END of David's life

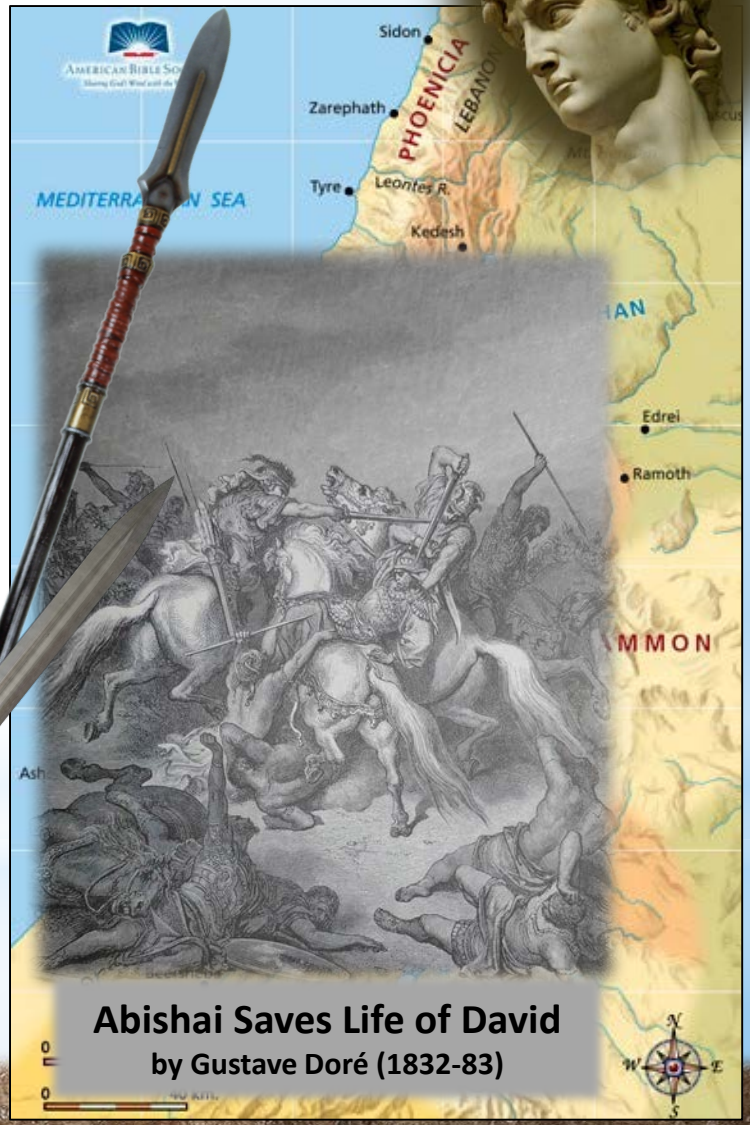
21:15-22 … *FOUR* Philistine Battles

1. Philistine Ishbi-Benob has a huge spear spearhead weighs 300 shekels = 7.5 lbs and he has a new sword

   He FIGHTS, tries to KILL King David

   David gets TIRED … Abishai comes

   Abishai kills Ishbi-Benog



Abishai Saves Life of David
by Gustave Doré (1832-83)

Abishai kills Ishbi-Benog by Gustave Doré

Remarkable that King David would as a SENIOR actually go into battle, hand-to-hand combat!

Very Remarkable!

Mighty Man Abishai SAVES David

Then the Men of David said, 21:17

"Never again will you go out with us to battle, so that the LAMP of Israel will not be extinguished"

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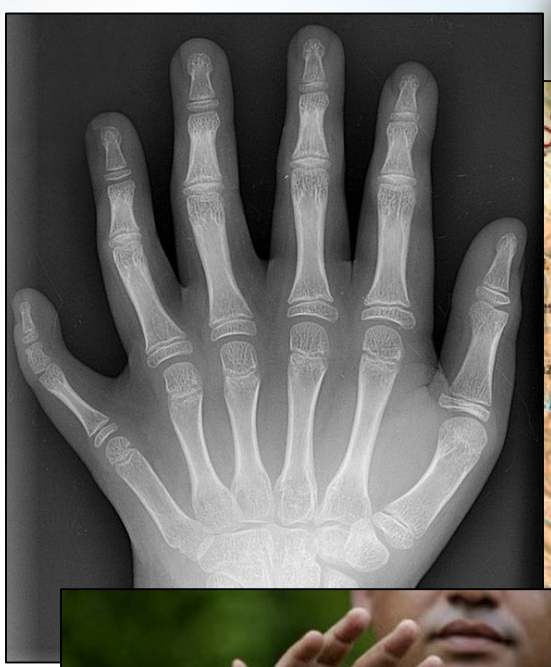
21:15-22 … 4 Philistine Battles

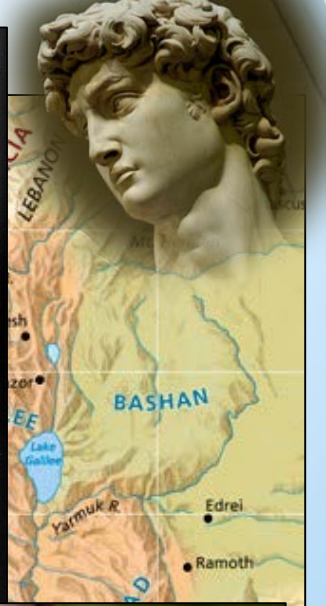
2. Philistines at Gob,
   Hushathite Sibbekai Kills Saph

3. Philistines at Gob, again,
   Elhanan Kills Goliath's Brother,
   whose spear like a weaver's rod

4. Huge 6-fingered, 6-toed Man of Gath
   Killed by Jonathan son of Shimeah,
   David's brother

21:22, "These FOUR were the descendants of Rapha in Gath, and they fell at the hands of David and his men.





six fingers of Yoandri Hernandez Garrido from Cuba … he has 6 fingers & 6 toes

1 Sam 22 vs Psalm 18

Notice 2 Sam. 22:1

[1] David sang to the LORD the words of this song when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul.

Psalm 18:1

Opens with typical intro

For the director of music.
Of David the servant of the LORD.

He sang to the LORD the words of this song when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul.

Nearly Identical Passages

Psalm 18:1 does add this:

as part of Psalm 18's intro

He said: I love you, LORD, my strength.

Charles H. Spurgeon (1832-92) usually expounded upon just ONE verse per sermon … EACH with exquisite clarity in artful metaphors

We have six messages on Psalm 18 … `

2 Sam	Verse	Title	Year	#
22:17	Ps 18:16	Divine Interpositions – Sunday Sept. 8	1878	1432
22:20	Ps 18:19	Blessings Manifold and Marvelous	1915	3474
22:24	Ps 18:23	Kept From Iniquity	1895	2432
22:30	Ps 18:29	One Trophy for Two Exploits	1903	2823
22:36	Ps 18:35	Divine Gentleness Acknowledged	1866	683
22:45	Ps 18:44	Prompt Obedience	1912	3310

Would that we had a chance to look at each masterpiece

2 Samuel 22 – Psalm 18

Several believe Psalm 18 closer to the original than 2 Sam 22 … yet both are **the SAME Psalm**

The Psalm is near to the END of

King David's Life

Justice to this masterpiece requires a maturity … age … and, honestly,

some amount of *STORM*

[2] He said: "The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer"

2 Samuel 22 – Psalm 18

51 verses King David sings
wish we had the music

- ✓ Verses are not easily divided
- ✓ No obvious rhythm
- ✓ Several grand metaphors
- ✓ Gratitude—one of many themes
- ✓ Faith … Hope … Love, too
- ✓ Security … Deliverance, too
- ✓ VICTORY … Guidance as well

Majesty of the *images* border on

Fantasy

2 Samuel 22 – Psalm 18

READ these 51 verses then let me ask YOU

- ✓ Is any of earth left ***OUT***?
- ✓ Is any power to God ***WITHHELD***?
- ✓ Is there any enemy too ***STRONG***?

3 my God is my rock, in whom I take REFUGE, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior— from violent people you SAVE me.

Not EVERYONE can say that!

You can claim it
We do WANT that
Some are still victims

2 Samuel 22 – Psalm 18

The GLORY … even the FANTASY
The MAJESTY of these verses …

My friends … resonates from WHO penned them … and David's *LIFE!*

BEHIND every verse is a chapter *MORE*

BEHIND every verse WAS a *FEAR*

4 "I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and have been saved from my enemies.

Now, late in life … for DAVID

That is a FACT!

2 Samuel 22 – Psalm 18

Let me TRY … try to put this

Rock

into a perspective

Is the LORD God YOUR Rock?
Well then, where's YOUR Psalm?

Go ahead … claim this one
but have you had the …

Experience of this Psalm?

Most of us have had

SOME Experience

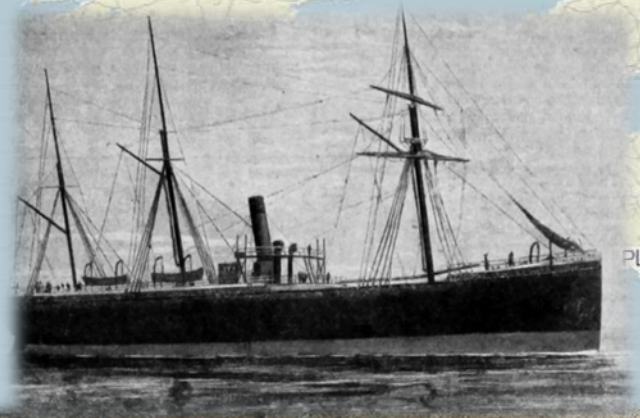
34 years before the RMS Titanic hit an iceberg
Tuesday, Sept. 3, 1878 … 7:30 pm … on River Thames

170-ton paddle steamer *SS Princess Alice* heading west *UP* the river
900-ton iron collier *SS Bywell Castle* heading east *DOWN* the river …

Bywell Castle cut the *Princess Alice* in half …

600 died in 10 minutes

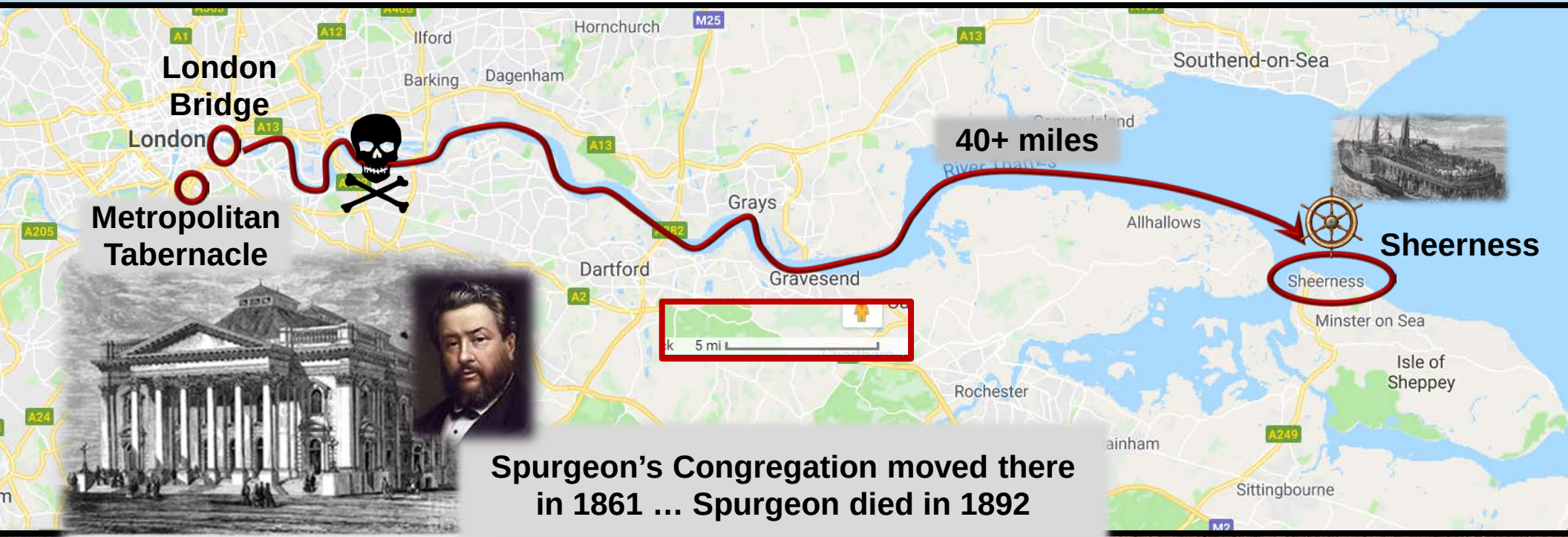
Here's the rest of the story …



TUESDAY—Sept. 3, 1878 … *Princess Alice* left Swan Pier at 10:30 am … near London Bridge

"Moonlight" day-trip on River Thames to Sheerness & back

Spurgeon's Metropolitan Tabernacle … just ½ mile south from London Bridge … about 7 miles from the wreck



Spurgeon's Congregation moved there in 1861 … Spurgeon died in 1892

COST for a day on the *Princess Alice* on the Thames?

Two shillings or ONE Florin, minted 1849–1970

Which equaled 1/10 1£ … 1/10 English Pound … *like a dime*

They left from Swan Pier, near London Bridge

London Bridge, 1632

London Bridge, 1632

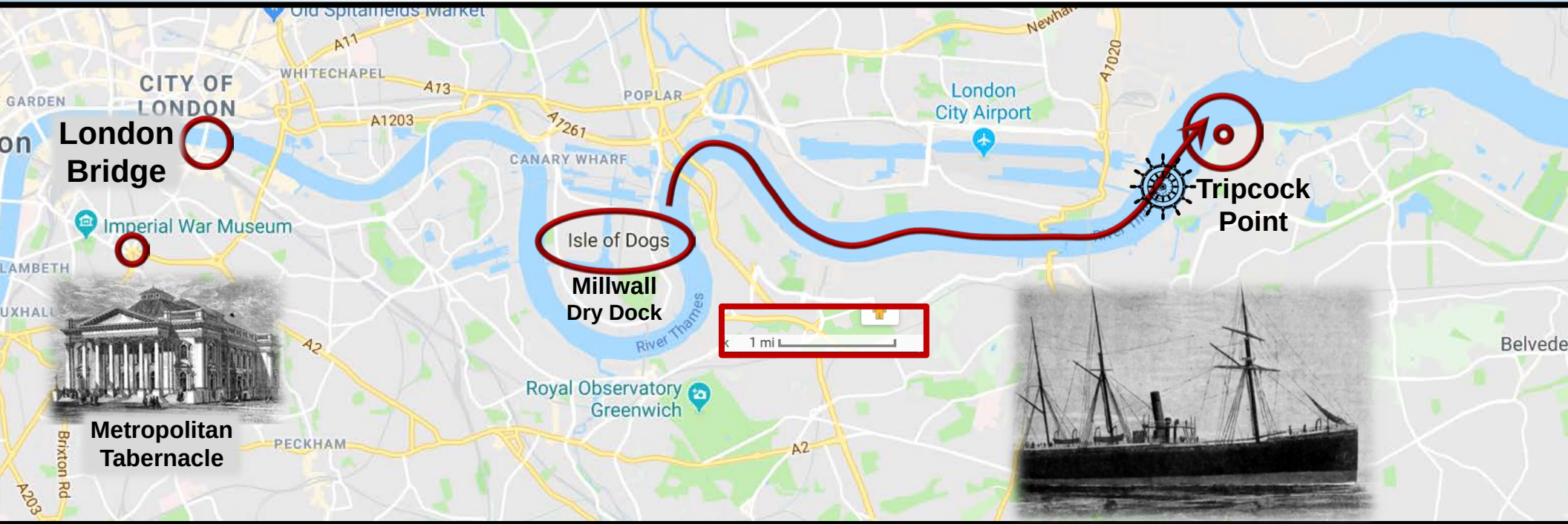
London Bridge, 1831

London Bridge just a half mile north of Spurgeon's Metropolitan Tabernacle

904 ton collier *Bywell Castle* had just received fresh paint from Millwall Dry Dock on the Isle of Dogs, near Canary Wharf *... leaving well after noon*

Heading east to Newcastle to get coal for Alexandria, Egypt

Bywell Castle down the Thames to Tripcock Point at 7 pm

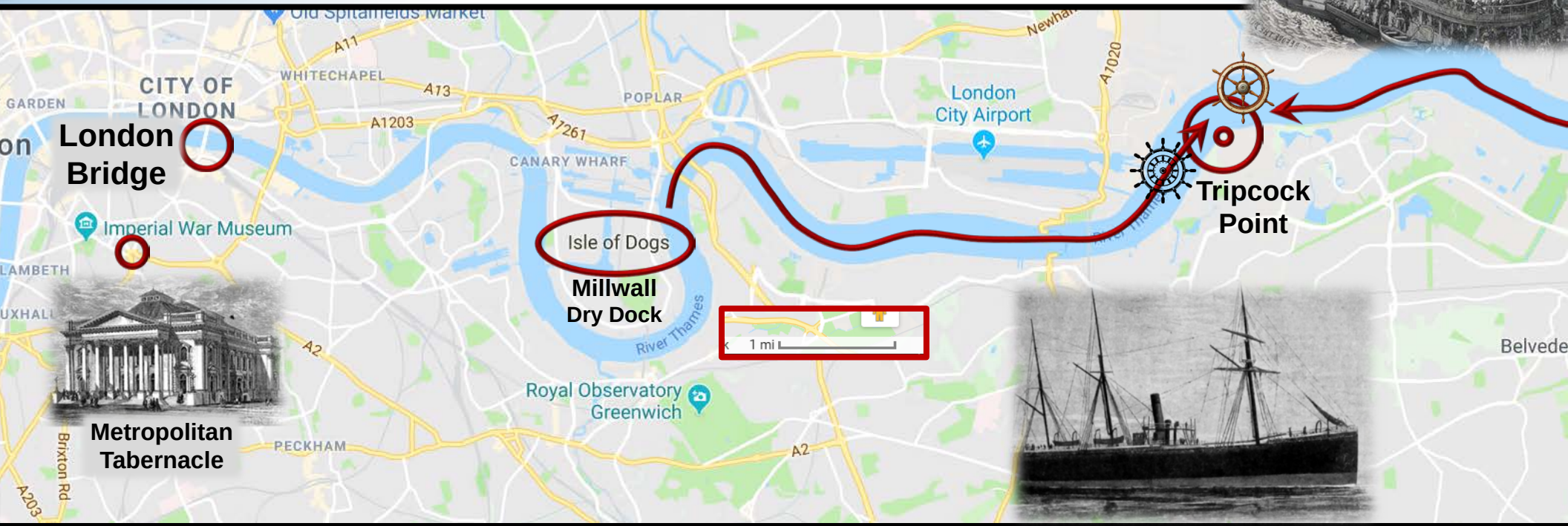


At about 7:30 pm … the Princess Alice

hugging the southern shore paddling upstream

Meets the *Bywell Castle* at the Tripcock Point about 7:30 pm

Law is to pass Portside to Portside …



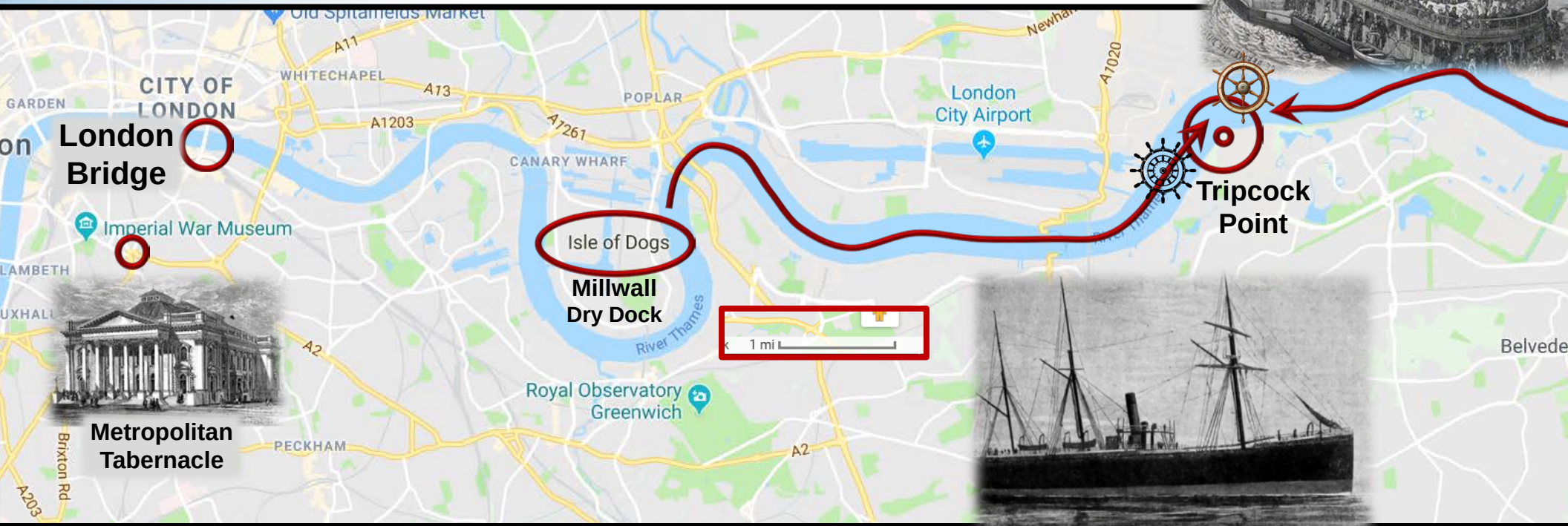
Rule was pass on Portside … Left side to Left side

***Princess Alice* came UP the Thames on southern shore**

***Bywell Castle* was center w the *"tide up her skirt"* empty w ballast**

she shifted *SOUTH* to allow Princess to pass north

Princess Alice* tried to swing north of *Bywell Castle



7:30 pm … or 8:20 pm …

Princess Alice swung into the path of the 900-ton collier

Captain of *Bywell Castle* orders her screw ***reversed***

Too late … it cut the Princess Alice almost in two

At the paddle wheel … water rushing in caused a BLOW

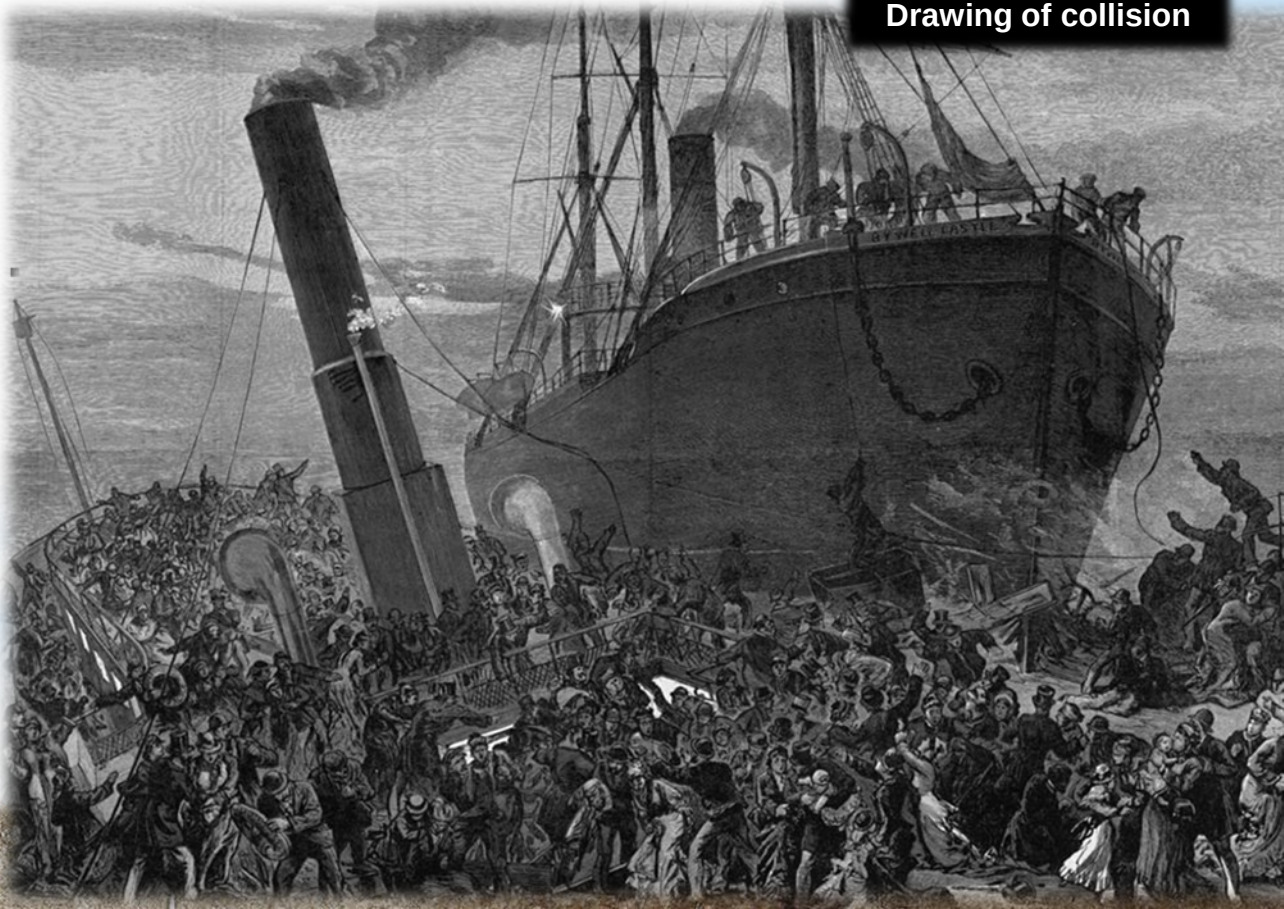
Onboard … more women & children than men …

Youth Sunday School class onboard the *Princess Alice*
Reward for good attendance

Several handicapped in wheel chairs …

Most could not swim …

SWIMMING was unfashionable in Victorian England



Drawing of collision

Model of the collision at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich

Making matters worse … both ships were down stream

THREE massive sewage outfalls had just dumped RAW SEWAGE

to take tide out

Princess Alice **sunk in**

FOUR minutes

Collided … as the band played “Nancy Lee”

Making all much, much … *much* ***WORSE*** …

Princess Alice had

- ✓ **Only 2 Lifeboats**
- ✓ **Few Life Rings**
- ✓ **ZERO Lifejackets**

100-150 survived

550+ Died

Sadly, just don’t KNOW how many

Model of the collision at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich

William Towse, manager, London Steamship Company, drowned with his parents, wife and his sons—*three whole generations*

When the bow of the collier hit *Princess*

A man stepped unto the collier safe

Many caught inside *Princess* … crushed

A woman used an umbrella open to float until rescued

Model of the collision at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich

One man lost his wife and his eight children

A governess lived but all six of her charges drowned

A man swam to safety THINKNING he had rescued his wife, yet found he had saved a perfect stranger *his wife was lost*

Elizabeth Stride, Ripper's 3rd victim, said she turned to Drink & Prostitution after losing her family on the *Princess Alice*

Model of the collision at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich

TUESDAY, Sept. 3, 1878 …

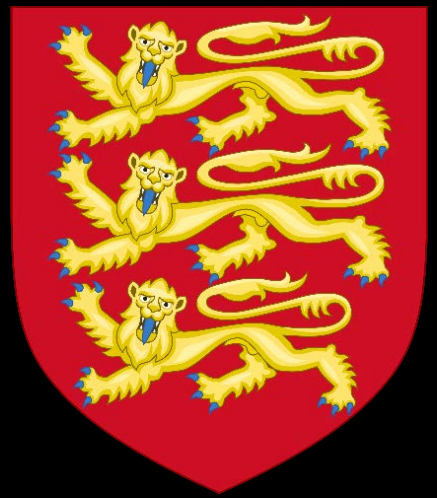
By 1 am the next morning … in the dark …

BODIES were being tagged …

Model of the collision at the Natio Maritim Museum Greenwich

Worst inland crash in England's history

SHOOK ALL OF ENGLAND



EVERYONE Lost SOMEONE

Family, Friend, Co-worker?

Sunday Morning, Sept. 8, 1878 …
Greatest Preacher in England
Stepped up to his majestic pulpit …

The crowd was large … still grieving …

Thousands waited for their pastor's words

Having already heard 100s of
Exquisite Messages

Of all the passages to choose from

Which do you suppose Spurgeon chose … to minister to his

hurting people

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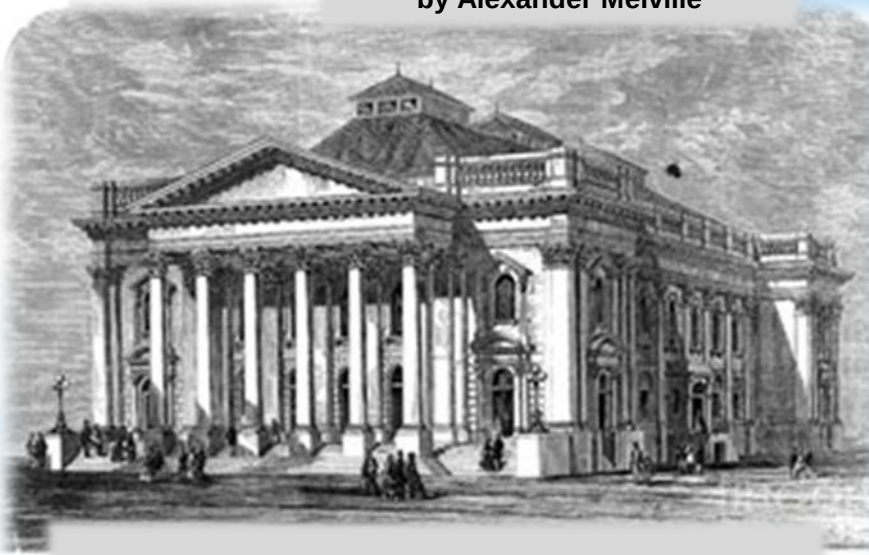

Spurgeon's Metropolitan Tabernacle
1/2 Mile from the River Thames

Spurgeon chose Psalm 18:16

Psalm 18:16
= 2 Sam. 22:17

Titling his message*:

Divine Interpositions

He reached down from on high
and took hold of me;
he drew me out of MANY WATERS.

NIV says, "out of DEEP WATERS."

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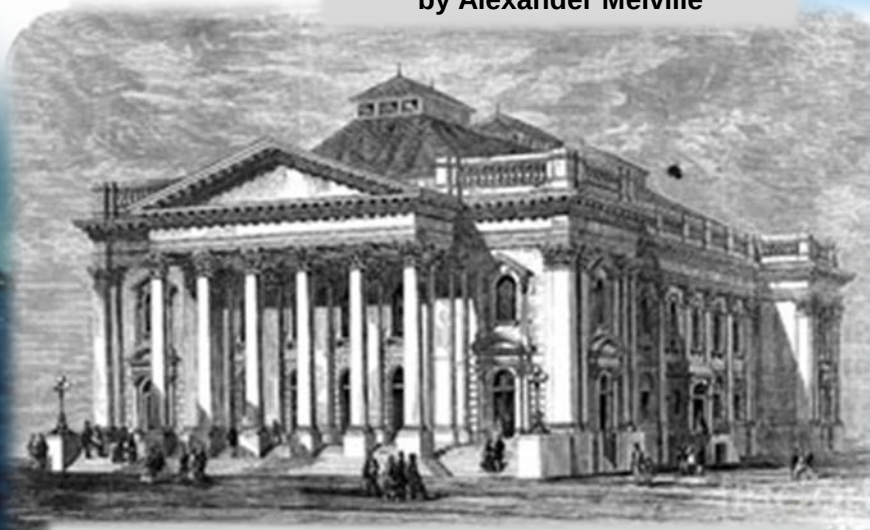

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*Spurgeon, Sept. 8, 1878, Ps 18:16, Divine Interpositions

Spurgeon's opened with:

I DO not know how you feel … at this time, but as for myself, a heavy cloud seems to hang over me all the day. The overwhelming calamity of last Tuesday, so crushing and so far reaching, of which we must have spoken to each other, I suppose, every hour during the past week

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Spurgeon's went straight to providence

I believe that this sudden grief comes, like every other event, from God….

Cometh there anything in the form of calamity upon the sons of men without the permission, control, and overruling of the Lord?

Assuredly not.

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Spurgeon's winches not at the dilemma

If there be a providence,
why does it permit these terrible evils?

Spurgeon admits that we CANNOT always take the verse "out of many waters" literally

Nor are all tragedies, calamities catastrophes … a JUDGMENT

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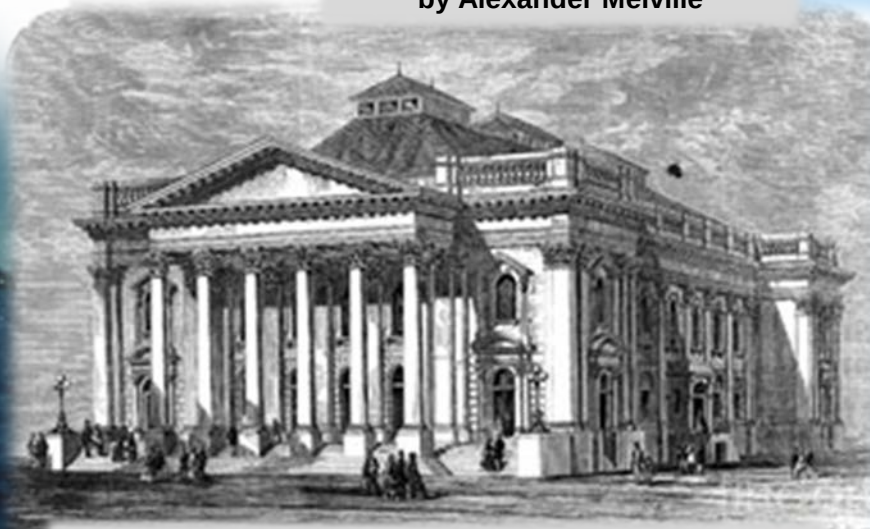

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whatever the plan of God is, it is now being carried out under the

shadow of the Fall.

In his inimitably careful, compassionate way Spurgeon answers the question in exquisite metaphors …

Why not SAVE all?

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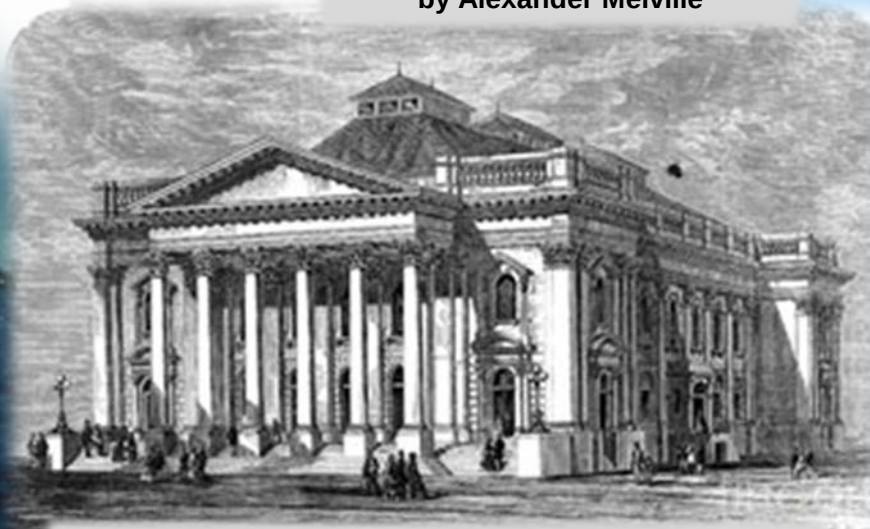

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Now, if God were to interpose and save his own people whenever they were in danger, this world would become the place of judicial separation, which it is not and is not meant to be: judgment is reserved for the world to come.

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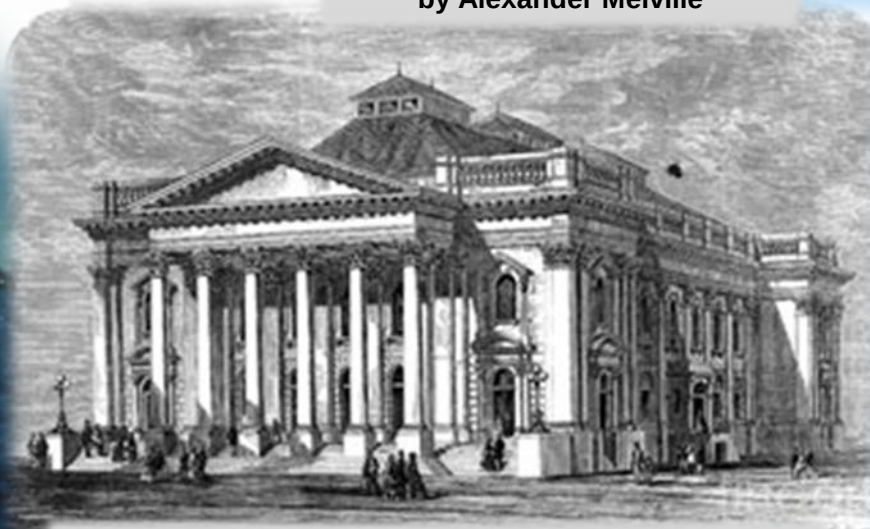

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Spurgeon saw God's works … closing

we will not even envy Enoch and Elias, though they … [took] the reserved route …

It shall be all well with us if we are resting in Jesus, for at the last he will [quotes 18:16]

send from above and take us, and draw us out of

Many Waters

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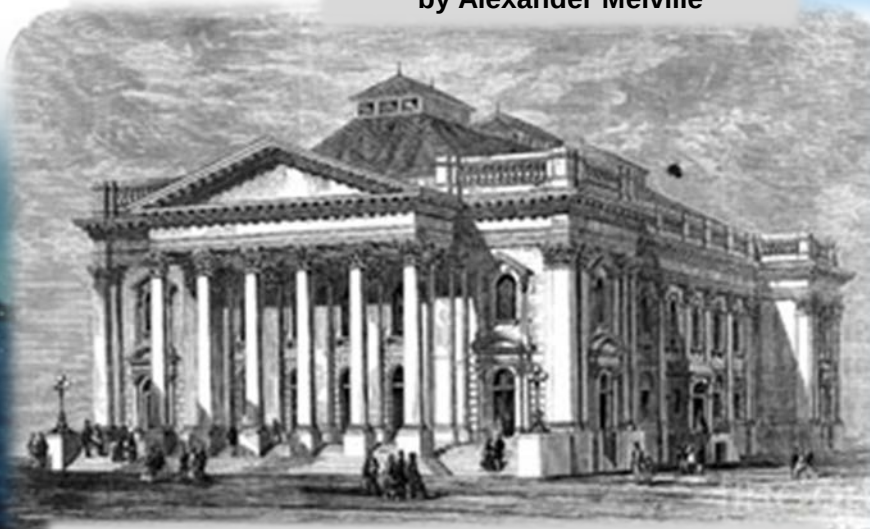

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Appreciation of ALL of 2 Sam. 22
And its TWIN … ALL of Psalm 18

Comes from David's SENIOR Years

5 The waves of death swirled about me;
the torrents of destruction
overwhelmed me.

6 The cords of the grave coiled
around me; the snares of
death confronted me.

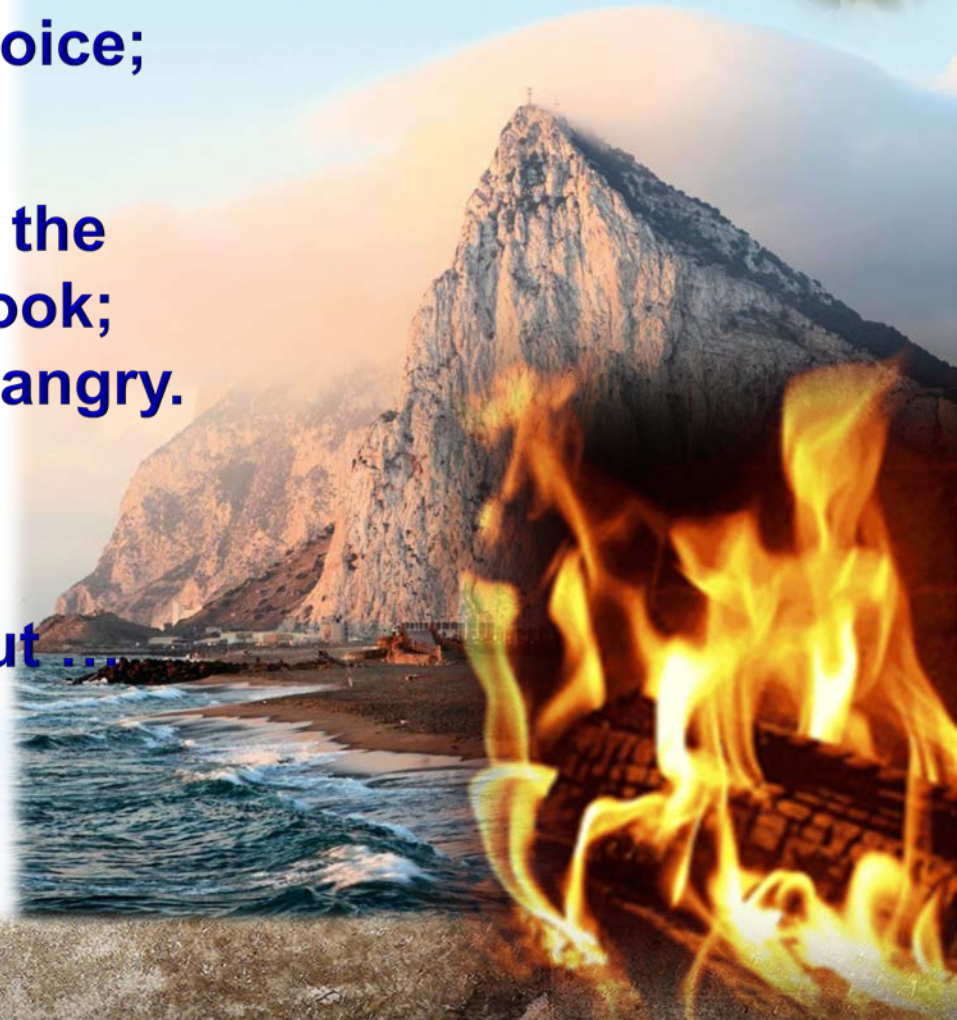
NOT a prayer … but a description
David had LIVED this ...

2 Samuel 22 – Psalm 18

7 "In my distress I called to the LORD …
From his temple he heard my voice;
my cry came to his ears.

8 The earth trembled and quaked, the
foundations of the heavens shook;
they trembled because he was angry.

9 Smoke rose from his nostrils;
consuming fire came from his
mouth, burning coals blazed out …



No fantasy here … David just …

Knew God's Wrath

2 Samuel 22 – Psalm 18

Christians today … know

We have a RELATIONSHIP with

God in Christ

We PRAY … we LOVE … we CARE

But how many of have felt

GOD's Disgust for

Evil & Injustice

9 … consuming fire came …
burning coals blazed out

2 Samuel 22 – Psalm 18

Do you REALLY want to know?
God dwells in heavens AND Thunder

- ✓ NOT simply because it was 1000 B.C.
- ✓ NOT simply because we're so smart
- ✓ NOT simply because of Nature's FURY

God knows every bolt of lightning

But there is MORE in the following

David sings of IN Nature …

and by nature in metaphor

2 Samuel 22 – Psalm 18

10 He parted the heavens and
came down; dark clouds
were under his feet.

11 He mounted the cherubim and flew;
he soared on the wings of the wind.

12 He made darkness his canopy around
him—the dark rain clouds of the sky.

13 Out of the brightness of his presence
bolts of lightning blazed forth.

David sees God working … but MORE

MORE—from nature to the SPIRITUAL

14 LORD thundered from heaven …
15 He shot his arrows … by great
bolts of lightning he routed them.

16 Valleys of the sea …
foundations of earth laid bare …
at the blast of breath from his nostrils.

Vivid, earthy … yet see the spiritual

Eph. 6:12 Apostle Paul said we fight

against the rulers, against the authorities,
against the powers of this dark world and against
the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

2 Samuel 22 – Psalm 18

From the Spiritual to the Physical

17 He reached down from on high and
took hold of me;
he drew me out of deep waters.

From 1 & 2 Samuel … goodness

How many times was David's LIFE saved?

2 Samuel 22 – Psalm 18

David tells us …

18 He rescued me from my powerful enemy,
from my foes … too strong for me.
19 … LORD was my support.
20 He … rescued me … delighted in me.

HOW did God deliver?

2 Samuel 22 – Psalm 18

21-26 according to my righteousness …

- ✓ cleanness of my hands …
- ✓ kept the ways of the LORD …
- ✓ His laws before me …
- ✓ not guilty of turning from my God.

2 Samuel 22 – Psalm 18

Waxing poetic in God's exquisite care

27-28 to the pure you show yourself pure …
to the devious … shrewd.
save the humble … haughty … bring low

29 You, LORD, are my lamp; the
LORD turns my darkness into light.

2 Samuel 22 – Psalm 18

Such deliverance …

31 As for God, his way is perfect:
LORD's word is flawless….

32 For who is God besides the LORD?
And who is the Rock except our God?

33 It is God who arms me with strength….

2 Samuel 22 – Psalm 18

David has FELT God's hand …

34-35 my feet like the feet of a deer;

- causes me to stand on the heights….
- trains my hands for battle;
- my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

36-46 my shield …

- Made me great ...
- Path for my feet …
- Ankles don't give …
- Enemies crushed …
- Armed me w strength …
- I destroyed my foes ...
- Beat fine as dust …
- Trampled'em as mud …
- ME—Head of Nations …

  foreigners cower …

  they lose heart …

2 Samuel 22 – Psalm 18

47 "The LORD lives!
Praise be to my Rock!
Exalted be my God, the Rock, my Savior!

48 He is the God who avenges me …
49 who sets me free from my enemies….

Is God YOUR Rock?

In Trouble—Your ROCK?

In Pain—Your ROCK?

In Fear of Death—Your

ROCK?

[50] Therefore I will praise you, LORD, among the
NATIONS; I will sing the praises of your name.

[51] He gives his king great victories;
he shows unfailing kindness to his anointed,

to David & his descendants *forever*."