

DELIVERANCE  
Part 2  
“Types of Deliverance”  
(Old Testament Saints)  
Dan. 6:21-27

## INTRODUCTION

There are many “deliverance” ministries that exist today. Those ministries purport to rescue men and women from the bondage of drug and alcohol addictions. Many of those involved in these type of ministry experience some kinds of pseudo deliverance. Yet, God has demonstrated in Scripture time and again, that He has the power to truly deliver those who belong to Him. Today, we will examine some of the varying types of deliverance wrought by God in Scripture to Old Testament saints. The results will prove that God has and does deliver those who belong to Him from many types of trouble in the world.

- I. DELIVERANCE IS USED IN A NEGATIVE SENSE IN SCRIPTURE AS GOD DELIVERED MEN INTO THE HANDS OF THEIR ENEMIES.
  - A. Two words are often used to note the deliverance into the hands of one’s enemies.
    1. “Nathan” is used in the Old Testament of the allowance of a certain one to have authority over another for the purpose of rule or control. Cf. Gen. 9:2 (of men being given dominion over the beast of the earth after the flood); 1st Kings 20:13 (of Benhadad the king of Syria being delivered into the hands of Israel)
    2. “Hand” (“yad” with the beth preposition) is often used to note the authority one has to operate over another; often given by God. cf. Gen. 14:20 (of the enemies of Abram); Joshua 6:2 (Jerico given into Israel’s authority)
  - B. God delivered Israel into the hands of the Philistines. Judges 13:1; 16:27
  - C. God delivered Israel into captivity into Babylon.
    1. He delivered Zedekiah the king into the hands of the Babylonians. Jer. 32:3; 37:17; 39:5-7
    2. He delivered the city of Jerusalem to the hands of the Babylonians. Jer. 32:36; 38:3
- II. GOD IS SEEN IN SCRIPTURE AS DELIVERING HIS PEOPLE OUT FROM VARIOUS SITUATIONS.
  - A. God delivered individuals out of trouble.
    1. God delivered Lot out of Sodom & Gomorrah. 2 Pet. 2:7
    2. God delivered Joseph out his afflictions. Acts 7:10

3. God delivered Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego out of the fiery furnace. Dan. 3:28
  - a) The word for “delivered” is the Aramaic Shezab (9 times-- only in Daniel) -- (Aramaic) -- is similar to the Greek word rhuomai which means **to rescue from harm or danger**. Cf. Dan. 3:15 (Nebuchadnezzar questions who would deliver the Hebrew slaves from his wrath)
  - b) The purpose for God’s delivery was because His servants “trusted” (rechats -- **“to set one’s hope on”** -- BDB)
4. God delivered (shebaz) Daniel out from the lions’ den. Dan. 6:27

B. God delivered Israel out of trouble.

1. God delivered Israel in battle over their physical enemies. Cf. Deuteronomy 21:10
  - a) God delivered the land of Jericho into the hands of Israel. Josh. 2:24
  - b) God delivered Samson over the Philistines. Judges 15:18; 1st Chron. 11:14
  - c) God delivered Israel over Syria. 2 Kings 13:17

God delivered Israel from famine. Gen. 45:7

- d) The word translated “deliverance” is “peleytah” which is used in the Old Testament to note “escape” -- Brown, Driver & Briggs. Cf. Ex. 10:5 (of the crops that escaped the hail brought by God upon Egypt)
- e) God used Joseph’s circumstances to bring about Israel’s deliverance to preserve a “posterity” ( remnant) upon the earth.
2. God delivered Israel from captivity.
  - a) God delivered Israel from slavery in Egypt. Ex. 18:10
    - (1) “Natsal” (hiphil perfect) -- **“to rescue, to snatch away”**. -- Strong’s lexicon cf. Ex. 12:27 (of Israel being rescued from the death angel that passover Egypt)
    - (2) Israel’s rescue was two-fold
      - (a) From the hand (authority) of the Egyptians
      - (b) From the hand of Pharaoh
  - b) God delivered Israel from the Babylonian captivity. Ezra 9:13

C. God delivered His people from schemes to annihilate them. Est. 4:14

1. The use of the word for “deliverance” is hatstsalah -- escape
2. The Septuagint uses the Greek word “Bontheia” -- is “a nautical technical term for safety devices for a ship supports, such as ropes” -- Friberg lexicon cf. Acts 27:17 (of the girdings in Paul’s ship) Heb. 4:16 (of aid from God)

D. Not all Old Testament saints accepted deliverance from God. Heb. 11:35

1. The New Testament word translated “deliverance” is apolutrosis.
  - a) This is used in the New Testament of the position redemption the believer possess in Christ. Rom. 3:24
  - b) It is used of the complete redemption the believer will realize with our bodies are redeemed. Rom. 8:23
2. Apolutrosis is used of Israel with regard to the “deliverance from the hatred and persecutions of enemies by the return of Christ from heaven (at the end of the Tribulation Period)” -- Joseph Thayer cf. Lk. 21:28

## CONCLUSION