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**(Ps 62:7 [English 62:6])**

הוא צורי וישועתי

## הוא

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The 3ms independent personal pronoun הוא means “he.”

### GRAMMAR

הוא may be either

- (a) the 3ms independent personal pronoun “he,” or
- (b) the ms demonstrative “that.”

Context indicates that here it is the former.

## צורי

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צורי, “my rock,” consists of

- the masculine noun צור, “rock”
- the 1cs pronominal suffix יָ, “my”

## וישועתי

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וישועתי, "and my salvation," consists of

- the conjunction Waw
- the feminine noun ישועה, "salvation"
- the 1cs pronominal suffix י, "my"

### MORPHOLOGY

When י is suffixed to ישועה, the He of ישועה is replaced by Taw:

י + ישועה → ישועתי

When ו is prefixed to ישועתי, the resulting form begins with two contiguous Shewas:

\*וישועתי

In such cases, the first Shewa becomes Hireq:

\*וישועתי

When the Shewa under the Waw here becomes Hireq, the following Yod loses its Shewa and the Hireq and the Yod combine to form the vowel Hireq Yod:

## וְיִשׁוּעָתִי

### Summary: הוּא צוּרִי וְיִשׁוּעָתִי

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This clause consists of a pronoun followed by two nouns (and their modifiers); it contains no verb.

וְיִשׁוּעָתִי	צוּרִי	הוּא
NOUN PHRASE	NOUN PHRASE	PRONOUN
and my salvation	my rock	he

When translating the verbless clause הוּא צוּרִי וְיִשׁוּעָתִי, we must supply a form of the verb *to be*, namely, "is":

*He **is** my rock and my salvation.*

### Final Translation

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*He is my rock and my salvation.*