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v. 14, ...Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him...

v. 17, ...And I was delivered from the lion's mouth.

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