

## 1 SAMUEL CHAPTER 17

<sup>1</sup> And the Philistines gathered their armies to battle, and gathered themselves to Sochoh of Judah, and encamped between Sochoh and Azekah in Ephes Dammin. <sup>2</sup> And Saul and the men of Israel gathered together, and they encamped in the valley, and set the battle in array against the Philistines. <sup>3</sup> And the Philistines stood on the mountain on one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, and the valley was between them. <sup>4</sup> And there went forth a mighty man out of the army of the Philistines named Goliath, from Gath, whose height *was* <sup>1</sup>four cubits and a span. <sup>5</sup> And *he had* a helmet upon his head, and he wore a breastplate of chain armor; and the weight of his breastplate was five thousand shekels of brass and iron. <sup>6</sup> And *he had* bronze armor on his legs, and a bronze shield was between his shoulders. <sup>7</sup> And the staff of his spear *was* like a weaver's beam, and the spear's head *was formed* of six hundred shekels of iron; and his armorbearer went before him. <sup>8</sup> And he stood and cried to the army of Israel, and said to them, "Why have you come forth to set yourselves in battle array against us? Am I not a Philistine, and you Hebrews of Saul? Choose for yourselves a man, and let him come down to me. <sup>9</sup> And if he shall be able to fight against me, and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I should prevail and kill him, then you shall be our servants, and serve us." <sup>10</sup> And the Philistine said, "Behold, I have defied the armies of Israel this very day: give me a man, and we will both of us fight in single combat." <sup>11</sup> And Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, and they were dismayed, and greatly terrified.

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<sup>1</sup> Masoretic text: *4 cubits*. Goliath is 3 feet shorter in LXX.

<sup>32</sup> And David said to Saul, "Let not the heart of my lord be dejected within him: your servant will go, and fight with this Philistine." <sup>33</sup> And Saul said to David, "You will not in any way be able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are just a youth, and he *is* a man of war from his youth." <sup>34</sup> And David said to Saul, "Your servant was tending the flock for his father, and when a lion came and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock, <sup>35</sup> that I went forth after him, and killed him, and drew the spoil out of his mouth. And as he rose up against me, then I caught hold of his throat, and struck him, and killed him. <sup>36</sup> Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear, and the uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them! Shall I not go and kill him, and remove this day *this* reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised one, who has defied the army of the living God? <sup>37</sup> The Lord who delivered me out of the paw of the lion and out the paw of the bear, He will deliver me out of the hand of this uncircumcised Philistine!" And Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord shall be with you." <sup>38</sup> And Saul clothed David with his armor, and put his bronze helmet on his head. <sup>39</sup> And he fastened his sword over David's coat. And he tried walking with them once and again, and David said to Saul, "I shall not be able to go with these, for I have not tested them." So they removed them from him.

<sup>40</sup> And he took his staff in his hand, and he chose for himself five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag, in a pouch which he had, and his sling was in his hand. And he approached the Philistine. <sup>41</sup> <sup>42</sup> And Goliath saw David, and despised him; for he was a lad, and ruddy, with a fair countenance. <sup>43</sup> And the Philistine said to David, "Am I as a dog, that you come against me with a staff and stones?" And David said, "No, but worse than a dog." And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup> And the Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air, and to the beasts of the earth." <sup>45</sup> And David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield; but I come to you in the name of the Lord God of hosts, of the army of Israel, which you have defied this day. <sup>46</sup> And the Lord shall deliver you this day into my hand, and I will kill you, and take away your head from off of you, and I will give your limbs and the limbs of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky, and to the wild beasts of the earth; and all the earth shall know that there is a God in Israel. <sup>47</sup> And all this assembly shall know that the Lord delivers not by sword or spear, for the battle is the Lord's, and the Lord will deliver you into our hands."

<sup>48</sup> And the Philistine arose and went to meet David. <sup>49</sup> And David stretched out his hand into his bag, and took out a stone, and slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead, and the stone penetrated through the helmet into his forehead, and he fell upon his face to the ground.

<sup>50</sup> (This verse omitted in LXX)

<sup>51</sup> And David ran, and stood upon him, and took his sword, and killed him, and cut off his head. And the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, and they fled. <sup>52</sup> And the men of Israel and Judah arose, and shouted and pursued them as far as the entrance to Gath, and as far as the gate of Ashkelon. And the slain men of the Philistines fell in the way of the gates, both to Gath, and to Ekron. <sup>53</sup> And the men of Israel returned from pursuing after the Philistines, and they destroyed their camp. <sup>54</sup> And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armor in his tent.

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