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# Saul and Goliath

The Messy Character of Saul

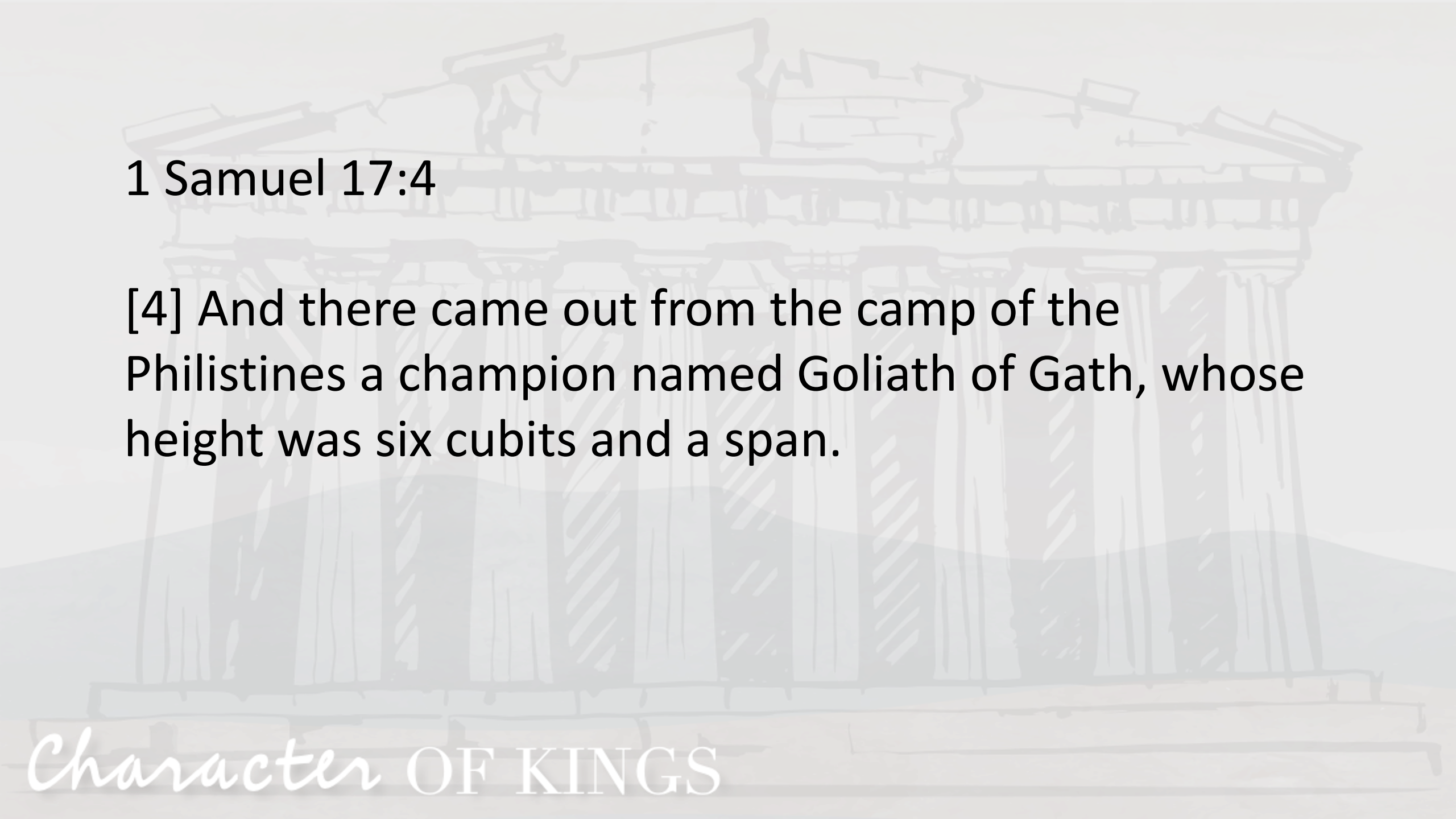
1 Samuel 17

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## 1 Samuel 17:1–3

[1] Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle. And they were gathered at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim. [2] And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered, and encamped in the Valley of Elah, and drew up in line of battle against the Philistines. [3] And the Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with a valley between them.





1 Samuel 17:4

[4] And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

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1 Samuel 17:5–7

[5] He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. [6] And he had bronze armor on his legs, and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. [7] The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron. And his shield-bearer went before him.

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## 1 Samuel 17:8–11

[8] He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, “Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. [9] If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us.”

## 1 Samuel 17:10–11

[10] And the Philistine said, “I defy the ranks of Israel this day. Give me a man, that we may fight together.”

[11] When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid. (ESV)



## Ephesians 6:12

[12] For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. (ESV)

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Luke 4:3, 9

The devil said to him, “**If you are the Son of God,** command this stone to become bread.”

[9] And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “**If you are the Son of God,** throw yourself down from here, (ESV)

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1 Samuel 17:16

[16] For forty days the Philistine came forward and took his stand, morning and evening.

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## 1 Samuel 17:23–25

[23] As he talked with them, behold, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.

[24] All the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were much afraid. [25] And the men of Israel said, “Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel. And the king will enrich the man who kills him with great riches and will give him his daughter and make his father’s house free in Israel.”



1 Samuel 17:26

[26] And David said to the men who stood by him,  
“What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine  
and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is  
this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the  
armies of the living God?”

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