

# The Giant

## 1 Samuel 17

The archeologist's spade confirms the Bible to be 100% historically accurate!

**1 Samuel 17:1:** Now the Philistines gathered their armies together to battle, they encamped between Sochoh and Azekah, in Ephes Dammim. And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and they encamped in the Valley of Elah, and drew up in battle array against the Philistines.

**1 Samuel 17:3-4:** The Philistines stood on a mountain on one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side, with a valley between them. And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span (9 feet tall).

**1 Samuel 17:5-7:** He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels (125 lbs) of bronze. And he had bronze armor on his legs and a bronze javelin between his shoulders. Now the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his iron spearhead weighed six hundred shekels (15 lbs); and a shield-bearer went before him.

**1 Samuel 17:8-9:** Then he stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, "Why have you come out to line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and you the servants of Saul? **Choose a man for yourselves**, and let him come down to me. 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:** And the Philistine said, "I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me **a man**, that we may fight together." When **Saul** and **all Israel** heard these words of the Philistine, they were **dismayed** and **greatly afraid**.

**Fear is contagious!**

**As go the leaders...**

**1 Samuel 17:12-13:** Now **David** (Beloved) of **Bethlehem** the son of Jesse who had **eight sons**. And the man was old, advanced in years, in the days of Saul. The three oldest sons of Jesse had gone to follow Saul to the battle. **Eliab** the firstborn, next to him **Abinadab**, and the third **Shammah**.

**1 Samuel 17:14-15:** David was the youngest (**teenager**). And the three oldest followed Saul. But David occasionally went and **returned from Saul** to feed his father's sheep at **Bethlehem**.

**1 Samuel 17:16-18** And the Philistine drew near and presented himself forty days, morning and evening. Then Jesse said to his son David, "**Take now for your brothers these ten loaves**, and run to your brothers at the camp. Carry these **ten cheeses** to the captain of their thousand, and see how your brothers fare, and **bring back news of them.**"

**1 Samuel 17:19-20:** Now Saul and all the men of Israel were in the Valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. So David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, and took the things and **went as Jesse had commanded** him. And he came to the camp as the army was going out to the fight and shouting for the battle.

**1 Samuel 17:22-23:** And David left his supplies in the hand of the supply keeper, **ran to the army**, and came and greeted his brothers. Then as he talked with them, there was the champion, the Philistine of Gath, **Goliath** by name, coming up from the armies of the Philistines; and he spoke according to the same words. **So David heard them.**

**1 Samuel 17:24:** And **all the men of Israel**, when they saw the man, fled from him and were **dreadfully afraid.**

**Fear is CONTAGIOUS!**

**1 Samuel 17:25:** So the men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel; and it shall be that the man who kills him the king will **enrich with great riches**, will **give him his daughter**, and give his father's house **exemption from taxes**."

**1 Samuel 17:26-27:** Then David spoke, "**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**?" And the people answered him in this manner, saying, "So shall it be done for the man who kills him."

**1 Samuel 17:28:** Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and **Eliab's anger** was aroused against David, and he said, "Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those **few sheep** in the wilderness? I know your **pride** and the **insolence** of your **heart**, for you have come down to see the battle."

## **Obstacles:**

### **1. David's Brother**

**1 Samuel 17:29-31:** David said, "What have I done now? **Is there not a cause?**" Then he turned from him toward another and said the same thing; and these people answered him as the first ones did. When the words which David spoke were heard, they reported them to Saul; and he sent for him.

**1 Samuel 17:32-33:** Then David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him; **your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.**" Saul said to David, "**You are not able** to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are a youth, and he a man of war from his youth."

### **Obstacles:**

#### **2. Saul**

**1 Samuel 17:34-35:** But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, **I went out after it** and struck it, and **delivered the lamb** from its **mouth**; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard, and struck and killed it."

**1 Samuel 17:36-37:** "Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the **living God**." Moreover David said, "**The Lord, who delivered me** from the **paw of the lion** and from the **paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine**." Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you!"

**1 Samuel 17:38-39:** So Saul clothed David with his armor, he put a bronze helmet on his head; he also clothed him with a coat of mail. David fastened his sword to his armor and tried to walk, for he had not tested them. And David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these, for I have not tested them." So David took them off.

### **Obstacles:**

**3.** Trying to be **somebody** you're **not!**

**1 Samuel 17:40-41:** Then he took his **staff in his hand**; and he chose for himself **five smooth stones** from 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 drew near to the Philistine. So the Philistine came, and began drawing near to David, and the man who bore the shield went before him.

**Faith is contagious!**

**1 Samuel 17:42-43:** And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he **disdained** him; for he was only a youth, **ruddy** and **good-looking**. So the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with **sticks**?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

**1 Samuel 17:44-45:** And the Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!" Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a **sword**, with a **spear**, and with a **javelin**. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied."

**1 Samuel 17:46:** This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and **take your head from you**. And this day I will give the **carcasses of the camp of the Philistines** to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that **all the earth may know** that **there is a God in Israel**.

**Faith is contagious!**

**1 Samuel 17:47:** "Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into **our** hands."

**1 Samuel 17:48-49:** So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that **David** hurried and **ran toward the army** to meet **the Philistine**.

Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth.

### **Faith is contagious!**

**1 Samuel 17:50-51:** So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But there was no sword in the hand of David. Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, **took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it**. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

**1 Samuel 17:52-53:** Now the men of Israel shouted, and pursued their Philistines as far as Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell along the road to Gath and Ekron. Then the children of Israel returned and plundered their tents.

**1 Samuel 17:54:** And David took the **head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem**, but he put his armor in his tent.



**1 Samuel 17:55-56:** When Saul saw David going out against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is this youth?" And Abner said, "As your soul lives, Oh king, I do not know." So the king said, "Inquire whose son this young man is."

**1 Samuel 17:57-58:** Then, as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul **with the head of the Philistine in his hand**. And Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" So David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

### **David: A Picture Of Jesus**

- David (**Beloved**) Son of the Father
- Born in **Bethlehem**
- Good **Shepherd**
- **Obedient Son** from the Father
- **Savior** of God's people.
- Long gap between **anointed King** and **reigning King**.
- **Misunderstood** and **hated** by his brother
- **Humble** Savior
- The **sword** meant to defeat **David**, defeated the **Giant!**
- Defeated the **giant** and **all the Philistines** in single battle.
- David carried the **skull** of the giant to **Jerusalem**.

**Hebrew:** "Golgotha"

**Latin:** "Calvary"

How did David have the **faith** to defeat **the Giant**?

There was only **one giant** in David's life!