

THE RISE AND FALL OF A NATION



Lessons from Israel's first kings

DAVID AND GOLIATH

IT'S NOT THE SIZE OF THE GIANT
IT'S THE SIZE OF OUR GOD



1 Samuel 17: 2 “Saul and the Israelites assembled and camped in the valley of Elah and drew up their battle line to meet the Philistines. 4 A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits (9 ft 9 inches) and a span. 5 He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels (150 lbs); 6 on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. 7 His spear shaft was like a weaver’s rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels (25 lbs) His shield bearer went ahead of him.



8 Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, 'Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. 9 If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us.' 10 Then the Philistine said, 'This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other.' 11 On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified. 16 For forty days the Philistine came forward every morning and evening and took his stand.



GOLIATH

Giants stand in the way of God's plans



GIANTS COME IN MANY FORMS

- Health problems
- Family problems
- Financial problems
- Temptation or sin

It is not the size of the giant, but the size of our God.



DAVID



JESSE SENDS DAVID TO THE VALLEY

22 “David left his things with the keeper of supplies, ran to the battle lines and asked his brothers how they were. 23 As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, stepped out from his lines and shouted his usual defiance, and David heard it. 24 Whenever the Israelites saw the man, they all fled from him in great fear.



The King's Reward

26 David asked the men standing near him, 'What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?'

- Great reward will be given to the person
- Marriage into the royal family
- Tax exemption for life



THE GIANT IS TOO BIG

31 What David said was overheard and reported to Saul, and Saul sent for him. 32 David said to Saul, 'Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.' 33 Saul replied, 'You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.' 34 But David said to Saul, 'Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep'...



**Your battle isn't determined by the
giant's size, but by God's power.**



Victory belongs to the Lord

34 'When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, 35 I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. 36 Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. 37 The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.' Saul said to David, 'Go, and the Lord be with you.'



TALE OF THE TAPE



9'9"	HEIGHT	5'5"
34	AGE	18
29 - 0 - 0	RECORD	0 - 0
29	WINS	0
29	KNOCKOUTS	0
0	LOSSES	0



VS

GOLIATH

UNDEFEATED CHAMPION

DAVID

FAITHFUL CHALLENGER

FROM
GATH

SKILLED
IN COMBAT

FROM
BETHLEHEM

SKILLED IN
TRUSTING IN GOD
& ROCK SLINGING

40 Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine. 45 David said to the Philistine, 'You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head.... 47 All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands.'"



What do you see?

- Giants that are overwhelming you?
- Or, a God who loves you and fights your battles!

