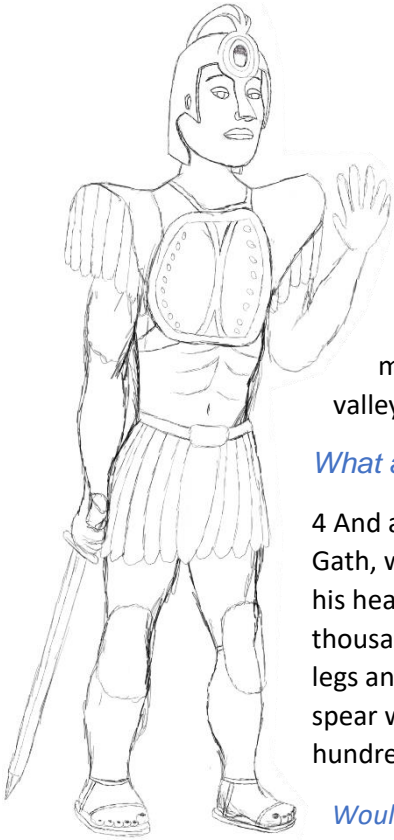


# ISAMUEL AND GOLIATH



1 Now the Philistines gathered their armies together to battle, and were gathered at Sochoh, which belongs to Judah; they encamped between Sochoh and Azekah, in Ephes Dammim. 2 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. 3 The Philistines stood on a mountain on one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side, with a valley between them.

*What are the strategic obstacles of this setup?*

4 And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span (9'-9"). 5 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 of bronze (125). 6 And he had bronze armor on his legs and a bronze javelin between his shoulders. 7 Now the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his iron spearhead weighed six hundred shekels (15lb); and a shield-bearer went before him.

*Would you rather be 9'-9" tall or have a tail?*

8 Then he stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, and said to them, "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. 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."

*The Philistines didn't keep their word? How do the rules about making deals differ between non believers and believers?*

10 And the Philistine said, "I defy the armies 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.

*Why was Saul dismayed?*

12 Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehem Judah, whose name was Jesse, and who had eight sons. And the man was old, advanced in years, in the days of Saul. 13 The three oldest sons of Jesse had gone to follow Saul to the battle. The names of his three sons who went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, next to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. 14 David was the youngest. And the three oldest followed Saul. 15 But David occasionally went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

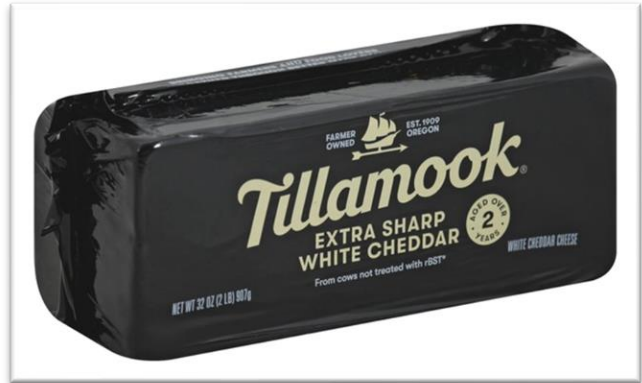
*Why do these 3 brothers get their name in the Bible but the other 4 don't? Was it a privilege to go to war?*



16 And the Philistine drew near and presented himself forty days, morning and evening.

*Do you suppose they ever spent any of that time fighting?*

17 Then Jesse said to his son David, "Take now for your brothers an ephah of this dried grain and these ten loaves, and run to your brothers at the camp. 18 And carry these ten cheeses to the captain of their thousand, and see how your brothers fare, and bring back news of them." 19 Now Saul and they and all the men of Israel were in the Valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.

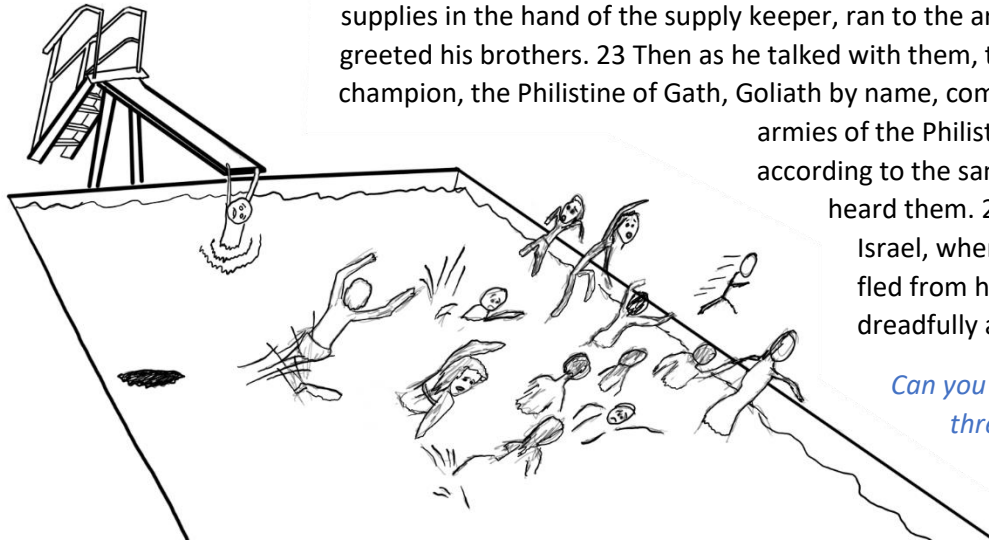


*If you guys ever want to bribe me, I prefer Tillamook black label white cheddar aged 2 years. They cost about 15\$ so that's the low, low price of 150\$. Why did Jesse send the cheese?*

20 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.

*Well the yelling. How is it possible to win a fight by yelling?*

21 For Israel and the Philistines had drawn up in battle array, army against army. 22 And David left his supplies in the hand of the supply keeper, ran to the army, and came and greeted his brothers. 23 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. 24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were dreadfully afraid.

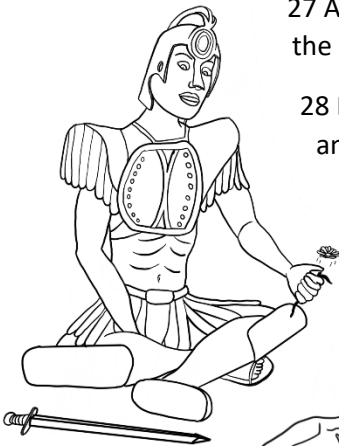
*Can you think of a nominal threat that can scare an unrealistic amount of people?*

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 in Israel."

*Who is "the men of Israel" talking too? Is it possible other people don't know about Goliath?*

26 Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, "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?"

*Is David swearing or calling Goliath names? Wouldn't it be even worse if a circumcised Jew was defying the armies of the living God?*



27 And the people answered him in this manner, saying, "So shall it be done for the man who kills him."

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."

*Jesse told David to bring grain and bread to his brothers. They were probably eating it while they accused him of fooling around.*

*Have you ever been scolded for doing something someone told you to do?*



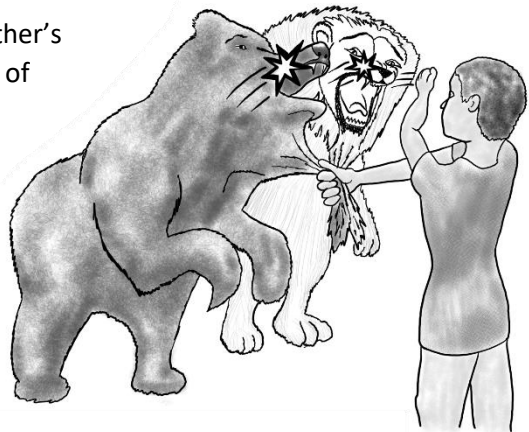
29 And David said, "What have I done now? Is there not a cause?" 30 Then he turned from him toward another and said the same thing; and these people answered him as the first ones did.

*Why is David asking so many people the same thing?*

31 Now when the words which David spoke were heard, they reported them to Saul; and he sent for him. 32 Then David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." 33 And 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."

*Can you remember a time you sent someone else to do something that was a job you should be doing or someone sent you to do a job they should have done?*

34 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, 35 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. 36 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." 37 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."



*Why does David give credit to God for letting him defeat the Lion and the Bear?*

And Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you!"

38 So Saul clothed David with his armor, and he put a bronze helmet on his head; he also clothed him with a coat of mail. 39 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.

*How can we apply this statement to putting on the armor of God to stand against the devil?*



40 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.

*Is he worried he will miss?*

41 So the Philistine came, and began drawing near to David, and the man who bore the shield went before him. 42 And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him; for he was only a youth, ruddy and good-looking. 43 So the Philistine

said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?"

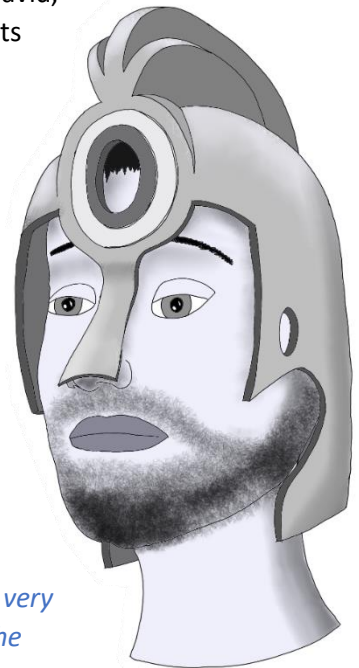
*Um! They were rocks. Huge and dumb is a bad mix. How many reasons can we come up with to explain why Goliath might have said this?*

And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44 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!"

*Could Goliath's gods curse a person? How about a Christian?*

45 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. 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. 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."

*David was a shepherd and had plenty of time to practice with a sling. It is very possible that he could hit a giant's forehead 9 out of 10 times. Why does he give credit to God?*

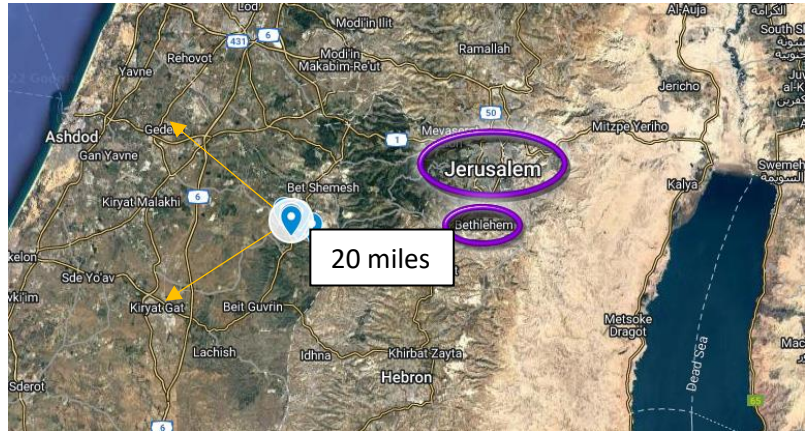


48 So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. 49 Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. 50 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. 51 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.

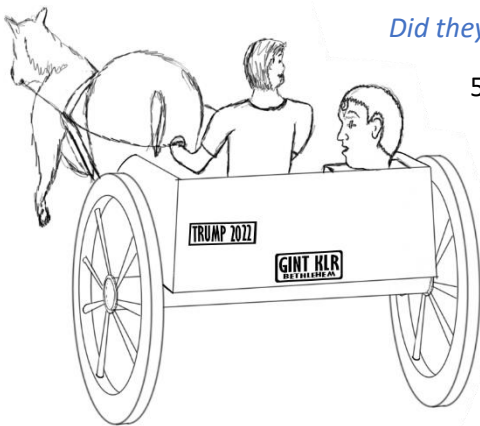
*What do you think would have happened if he had missed 5 times?*

And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. 52 Now the men of Israel and Judah arose and shouted, and pursued the Philistines as far as the entrance of the valley and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell along the road to Shaaraim, even as far as Gath and Ekron.

*They promised they would give themselves up to be slaves. They had iron swords and Israel didn't.*



*Did they only come to fight because they had their secret weapon, Goliath?*



53 Then the children of Israel returned from chasing the Philistines, and they plundered their tents. 54 And David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his armor in his tent.

*If you touch a dead thing you are unclean. Why carry the head all over?*

55 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, O king, I do not know." 56 So the king said, "Inquire whose son this young man is."

*Is Saul this dense that he didn't know the guy who played harp for him regularly? Have you ever seen anyone out of context and not known who they were?*

57 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. 58 And Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?"

*David was probably between 16 and 18 years old. When is the best time to do something great for God?*

So David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

*What is the best thing David got out of this battle?*

AT FIRST YOU WERE KIND OF A JERK BUT IT TURNS OUT YOU ARE QUITE A GOOD LISTENER

I WOULD PASS THIS GUY BUT IT SEEMS LIKE YOU ARE ALREADY A-HEAD.

I'M GLAD I USED THAT ROCK. IT LOOKS NICE ON YOU.

EEW! WAS THAT THE HORSE OR IS IT YOU?

I WAS ALWAYS CURIOUS TO KNOW WHAT THE LAST THING TO GO THROUGH A PERSONS' MIND WAS WHEN THEY DIE, NOW I KNOW. IT'S A ROCK.

DON'T FALL OFF THIS WAGON OR HEADS WILL ROLL, IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.

MAKE YER OWN CAPTION \_\_\_\_\_

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