

1 Samuel 17

King James Version (KJV)

(Chapters 16, 17, 18 & 19 are not in chronological order. Part of chapter 16 happens after chapter 19)

17 Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which belongeth to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in Ephesdammim.

(Chronologically, this happened after chapter 16:13, before Saul met David)

²And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines. (This was about 16 miles SW of Jerusalem)

³And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side: and there was a valley between them.

⁴And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. (6¼ cubits – 9 ft tall; He was a descendant of the fallen angels, when they mated with the daughters of Adam. Goliath was a hybrid giant – a Geeber)

See Genesis-6 (After Noah's flood, there was another influx of the Nephilim <fallen angels> into the daughters of Adam)

NOTES: (This was Satan's plan to destroy the seed line that would lead to Jesus <God in the flesh>; coming into the world as our Lord and Savior. Satan failed then, just as he will fail in the end days of this Age)

(He will foolishly keep on trying to destroy God; until God finally puts him down for good – at the end of the Millennium. Meanwhile God uses Satan to test us. Do we choose to follow God? Or do we follow Satan and the ways of this world?)

See Genesis-14 for the second influx. Also see 2 Samuel-21:19-20 for additional data on these giants <the Geeber>)

⁵And he had an helmet of brass upon his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of brass. (Goliath was a type for antichrist in the end days)

(He was a strong giant, and his massive weapons reflected that fact)

⁶And he had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders. (greaves of brass upon his legs = armor on his shins)

⁷And the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him. (6 weapons, 6 cubits tall, a spear that weighs 600 shekels; this guy has 6's all over him – just like antichrist will)

⁸And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me. (Choose a champion to fight me one on one. The winner will determine who wins the battle)

(This would spare the men on both sides from being killed, as in a general battle. Goliath is confident that he will win because he is a giant, fighting a normal man. He believes that he has an unfair advantage, and he is using it)

⁹If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us. (With a battle hardened giant on their side, the Philistines figured they had the deck pretty well stacked in their favor. Normally, this would be a fool's bet for Israel, but God will intervene with David on behalf of Israel)

¹⁰And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together. (defy = to mock) (Goliath is taunting Israel; and therefore, he is also taunting God <Yahoveh>)

See Galatians-6:9 (God will not be mocked - by anyone)

¹¹When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid. (dismayed = to break down by great fear – better translation)

(Goliath is huge and obviously very strong. He is a battle hardened warrior, and he is well armed)

¹² Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehemjudah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man went among men for an old man in the days of Saul. (Seven sons in the previous chapter and in 1Chronicles; possibly one son had died before he had any children)

(Jesse was getting old by then. David would have been 16 or 17 years old at this time)

¹³ And the three eldest sons of Jesse went and followed Saul to the battle: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next unto him Abinadab, and the third Shammah.

¹⁴ And David was the youngest: and the three eldest followed Saul.

¹⁵ But David went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem. (He went back and forth between bringing food to his brothers and watching the sheep at home)

¹⁶ And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days. (Goliath was continuously taunting Israel, and laughing at God)

Matthew-4 (40 days was how long Satan taunted Jesus in the desert)

¹⁷ And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched corn, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp of thy brethren; (The word corn was added by the translators. Parched means – roasted ears of grain)

¹⁸ And carry these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge. (This is food for Israel's army; take their pledge = something to prove that Jesse's sons are alive and well)

¹⁹ Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. (More mocking and taunting than fighting)

²⁰ And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the trench, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battle. (All talk, from both sides, taunting each other)

²¹ For Israel and the Philistines had put the battle in array, army against army. (They were facing each other at a distance, but there was no fighting yet)

²² And David left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and saluted his brethren.

²³ And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words: and David heard them. (Gath was one of the 5 major regions and capital cities of the Philistine nation)

(David now heard this giant Philistine who was insulting and challenging Israel. And even worse, he was mocking God)

²⁴ And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid. (Goliath was one of the hybrid giant descendants of the fallen angels when they mated with the daughters of Adam) See Genesis-6, see Jude

²⁵ And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel. (His house will be free for life from taxes and other burdens, placed on the people by the king)

²⁶ And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God? (David had the Spirit of God within him, since he was sanctified by Samuel. God's Holy Spirit is giving David great courage and wisdom. God will not be mocked)

²⁷ And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him. (You heard right, David)

²⁸ And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle. (This is jealousy by Eliab; because Samuel chose David instead of one of his brothers)

(He doesn't realize that this is God, speaking through David)

²⁹ And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause? (Why hasn't anyone answered this heathen's challenge?)

³⁰ And he turned from him toward another, and spake after the same manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner. (They repeated Eliab's answer)

(David was anointed to be the next king of Israel. The men around him don't know that. He is already acting like a better king than Saul)

(This is a giant first step for the future king of Israel; but David has great faith that Almighty God will give him the victory. Faith in God is what Saul lacks)

³¹ And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed them before Saul: and he sent for him. (No one else would step up. When Saul heard that he had a volunteer, he sent for him)

³² And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. (The other men weren't cowards. David had the Holy Spirit of God within him; which made him extraordinarily brave. Goliath was almost twice the size and strength of a normal man)

(When the Spirit of God came upon a man, he received 3 gifts – prophecy, courage and wisdom) See Joel, Acts-2

³³ And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth. (David said these words in an attempt to encourage the men of Israel)

(David looked totally outmatched by Goliath. Saul didn't realize that God was with David. He could defeat any man because God would

protect him. Goliath's strength and his weapons were no match for the power of God)

³⁴ And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:

³⁵ And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. (The shepherd protects and feeds the sheep. David is trying to convince Saul to let him go fight Goliath)

NOTE: (Jesus is our Great Shepherd. HE protects and saves all people who choose to join Him and serve Him. David is acting like a type for Jesus Christ)

³⁶ Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. (This is not ego on David's part. Goliath defied God, not David. God will use David to slay him. David was a type for Jesus, our Chief Shepherd)

Also see Revelation-13 (where the leopard and the bear are the enemies of the Elect; leopard= the Kenites; bear= the Russians)

³⁷ David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee. (The Spirit of God had left Saul and settled within David. David knows that God will give him the victory against this man)

³⁸ And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail. (The king had the best weapons)

³⁹ And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him. (proved - David was not practiced with those weapons) (No doubt that all this armor was too heavy for David)

⁴⁰ And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine. (David rightfully decided to use the weapons that he was

accustomed to and skillful with. Saul's weapons would not have helped, because David didn't know how to use them)

⁴¹ And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him. (Goliath's armor bearer)

⁴² And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance. (ruddy= shows blood in the face- a descendant of Adam) Genesis-2

⁴³ And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. (His gods were Dagon and Baal)

(Goliath was insulted for having to fight a young boy, armed with only a staff and a sling)

⁴⁴ And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field. (Goliath didn't realize that he was really fighting against God; not David)

⁴⁵ Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. Mathew-21:16, Psalms-8 (Out of the mouth of babes)

⁴⁶ This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. (This was a lesson to the troops of Israel. It was also meant to be a lesson to the Philistines)

(There is a living God in heaven. His name is Yahoveh. HE is the one who will defeat Goliath)

⁴⁷ And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands. (David states that it will be God who gives him the victory)

⁴⁸ And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came, and drew nigh to meet David, that David hastened, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. (David fought Goliath on his own terms; not on

Goliath's terms. David was not weighted down with armor. He was light and fast. He used that to his advantage)

⁴⁹ And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth. (God killed Goliath with one shot)

NOTE: (God will do the same to Satan's one world system of deceit. HE will speak through the Elect before the whole world. That will bring it all crashing down) Matthew-10:20

⁵⁰ So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David. (God prevailed against Goliath)

⁵¹ Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled. (They got the message. God was against them)

⁵² And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron. (The Israelites chased and slew the Philistines all the way back to their homes)

⁵³ And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their tents.

⁵⁴ And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his tent. (At this time Jerusalem was called Jebus and was the Jebusites'. Israel had only taken some land west of Mt Moriah. Later, David would take all of Jebus and re-name it, Jerusalem)

⁵⁵ And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said unto Abner, the captain of the host, Abner, whose son is this youth? And Abner said, As thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell.

⁵⁶ And the king said, Enquire thou whose son the stripling is.

⁵⁷ And 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 art thou, thou young man? And David answered, I am the son of thy servant Jesse the Bethlehemite.
(A thousand years later, Jesus would come into the world through Mary, in Bethlehem)