

Study #6 Bible Reading: 1 Samuel 17:1, 3-11, 26, 37, 40-51

17:1 The Philistines gathered their armies for war. 3 The Philistines were stationed on a hill on one side, the Israelites were stationed on a hill on the other side, and the valley was between them.

4 A champion came out of the camp of the Philistines. His name was Goliath. He was from Gath. He was nine feet nine inches tall. 5 On his head he had a bronze helmet, and he wore a coat of bronze plates weighing 140 pounds. 6 On his legs he had bronze greaves and on his back a bronze javelin. 7 The shaft of his spear was like the beam used by weavers. The head of his spear was made of 17 pounds of iron. The man who carried his shield went ahead of him. 8 He stood and called to the army of Israel. "Why do you come out to prepare for battle?" he asked them. "Am I not a Philistine, and aren't you Saul's servants? Choose a man and let him come down to me. 9 If he can fight with me and he kills me, then we will be your slaves. But if I defeat him and kill him, then you will be our slaves and serve us. 10 I defy the army of Israel today," the Philistine added; "give me a man so we can fight." 11 When Saul and all Israel heard what the Philistine said, they lost their courage and were terrified.

26 David asked the men who were standing near him, "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

37 "The LORD," David added, "Who saved me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear, will save me from this Philistine."

40 He took his stick in his hand, picked out five smooth stones from the bed of the brook, and put them in his shepherd's bag, his pouch. With his sling in his hand he went toward the Philistine. 41 The Philistine, with the man carrying his shield ahead of him, was coming closer and closer to David. 42 When the Philistine looked and saw David, he despised him, because he was a boy with a ruddy complexion and good looks. 43 "Am I a dog," the Philistine asked David, "that you come to me with sticks?" The Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44 "Come on," the Philistine told David, "and I'll give your body to the birds in the air and the animals in the field."

45 "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin," David told the Philistine, "but I come to you in the name of the LORD of armies, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you insult. 46 Today the LORD will put you into my hands: I will strike you down, cut off your head, and this very day give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines to the birds in the sky and the animals on the ground, so that the whole world will know Israel has a God. 47 Then this whole assembly will know that the LORD can save without sword or spear, because this is the LORD's battle, and He will put all of you into our hands."

48 When the Philistine started out and was coming to meet David, David hurried and ran toward the opposing battle line to meet the Philistine. 49 Then David reached into his bag, took out a stone, hurled it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell to the ground on his face. 50 So David defeated the Philistine with a sling and a stone, struck down the Philistine, and killed him. But David didn't even have a sword in his hand. 51 David ran and stood over the Philistine. He took Goliath's sword, pulled it out of its scabbard, and killed him, cutting off his head with it.