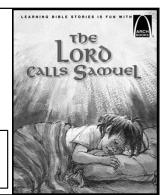
the book of 1st Samuel

Thursday Morning Bible Class

1 Samuel 17:1-58



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David and Goliath - 17:1-58

- † There are essentially two versions of this story a long one (all of chapter 17) and a shorter one, which omits parts of it.
- † The LXX and other copies omit verses 12-31, which read as if Saul had never heard of David.
- † Biblical copyists often corrected what they thought were mistakes, or deleted sections.

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- † The book of Samuel was not written by Samuel, but by a compiler who pulled together various stories of Samuel, Saul and David.
- † Some of the stories had overlapping detail to make their story complete.
- † Chapters 16 and 17 don't conflict, just tell the story in differing ways.
- † This is all, still, the Word of God.

Introduction of Goliath – 17:1-11					
†	1 – The war with the Philistines was ongoing.				
	This describes one battle.				
†	2-3 – The armies were encamped on opposite				
	hills with a valley in-between.				
†	4 – The Philistine champion was Goliath from				
	Gath.				

Introduction of Goliath – 17:1-11

- † 4 How tall? Hebrew says "six cubits and a span". The LXX says "four cubits and a span". So either 9 feet or 6 ½ feet.
- † 5-7 His equipment was a helmet of bronze, a coat of mail, bronze armor on his legs, and a spear with a 15 pound iron tip. And a shield bearer.

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Introduction of Goliath - 17:1-11

- † 8 His challenge was for an Israelite to fight him.
- † 9 If Goliath wins, the Israelites lose.
- † 11 But Saul and his army were all afraid.

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- † 12 David is introduced as if we don't know him. Originally a free-standing story?
- † 13 The oldest of 8 sons are with the army.
- † 14-15 David, the youngest, is not listed as a soldier, but is a shepherd.
- † 16 Meanwhile Goliath came out, twice a day, to issue his challenge.

David - 17:12-23

- † 17 Jesse sends David to take food to his sons.
- † 20 David rose early and took the provisions, arriving as they readied for battle.
- † 21-23 David heard Goliath's taunts and saw the reaction of the Israelite army.

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David's Outrage - 17:24-30

- † 24-25 David heard that Saul was offering a reward for defeating Goliath his daughter and free housing.
- † 28 Eliab, the older brother, accused David of abandon the sheep simply to watch the fighting.

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- † 31-32 Saul brings David before him and David volunteers to fight the giant.
- † 33-37 Even though he is not a trained soldier, David compared fighting Goliath to fighting a lion or a bear, which he had done. Besides, God will deliver him.
- † 38 Not being able to use Saul's armor, David's armor consisted of a staff, 5 stones and a sling.

The Battle - 17:31-54

- † 41-43 Goliath is insulted that Israel would send a boy with only a staff.
- † 44-45 Goliath boasts in his strength and size. David boasts in the Lord of Hosts.
- † 46 David is confident that he will kill Goliath and the Philistines will be defeated.
- † 47 As far as David is concerned, the battle is already over.

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The Battle - 17:31-54

- † 48-49 The battle was over in a few moments. David used his sling to put a stone in Goliath's forehead.
- † 51 He took Goliath's sword and cut off his head. The Philistines fled.
- † 52 The Israelite army pursued them back to their cities of Gath and Ekron.

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- † 53-54 David claimed Goliath's armor as the spoils of war.
- † He took the head to Jerusalem ?? Not yet David's city. Could be just an expression that says David claimed it as his own.

Who is this? - 17:55-58

- † 55 Saul and Abner don't now who David is.
 Just because David played music for Saul
 doesn't mean Saul knows who he is.
- † 56-57 Wanting to know his future son-in-law, David is brought to Saul, carrying the head of the Philistine.
- † 58 David simply refers to himself as the son of Jesse, not as the future king.