

DAVID KILLS GOLIATH (I SAMUEL 17)

Parts: Goliath
David
Soldiers (1 & 2)
Jesse
Saul
Eliab

SCENE 1: SOCHOH

Narrator:

Now the Philistines gathered their armies together to battle, and were gathered together at Sochoh, which belongs to Judah: they encamped between Sochoh and Azekah, in Ephes Dammim. 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. The Philistines stood on a mountain on one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side, with a valley between them. And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

Goliath:

"Why have you come out to line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together."

Narrator:

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

SCENE 2: BETHLEHEM, THEN SOCHOH

Jesse (to David):

"Take now for your brothers an ephah of this dried grain and these ten loaves, and run to your brothers at the camp. And carry these ten cheeses to the captain of their thousand and see how your brothers fare, and bring back news of them."

Narrator:

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. For Israel and the Philistines had drawn up in battle array, army against army. And David left his supplies in the hand of the supply keeper, ran to the army, and came and greeted his brothers.

David:

"Peace to you, my brothers. I come from our father, to bring supplies and to get news. What have..."

Goliath:

"I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together."

Soldier 1 (soldiers all hiding and fearful):

"Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel!"

Soldier 2:

"The man who kills him the king will enrich with great riches, will give him his daughter, and give his father's house exemption in Israel."

David:

"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?"

Soldier 2 (to David):

"The man who kills him the king will enrich with great riches, will give him his daughter, and give his father's house exemption in Israel."

Eliab (angrily):

"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."

David:

"What have I done now? Is there not a cause?" (*turning to someone else*) "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

Soldier 1 (listens to David, goes and tells Saul.)

SCENE 3: BEFORE SAUL

Saul:

"What is this my men report to me?"

David:

"Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."

Saul:

"You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth."

David:

"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, 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. 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. Yehowah, 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."

Saul:

"Go, and Yehowah be with you!"

Narrator:

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. And David fastened his sword to his armor, and he tried to walk, for he had not tested them.

David:

"I cannot walk with these, for I have not tested them."
(David takes off armor and leaves.)

SCENE 4: BATTLEFIELD

Narrator:

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

Goliath:

"Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?
"I curse you, in the name of the great Dagon! And may Baal heap his plagues on your head....Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!"

David:

"You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of Yehowah, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day Yehowah 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. Then all this assembly shall know that Yehowah does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is Yehowah's and He will give you into our hands."

Narrator:

And it was so, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hastened and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. 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.

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. 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. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

Soldiers (all chase Philistines, with battle-cry.)

(The End)