

# (Like David) A Woman After God's Own Heart

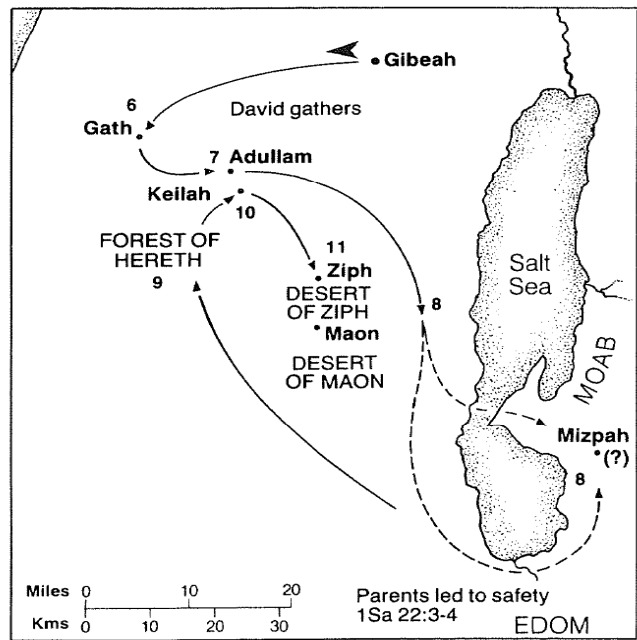
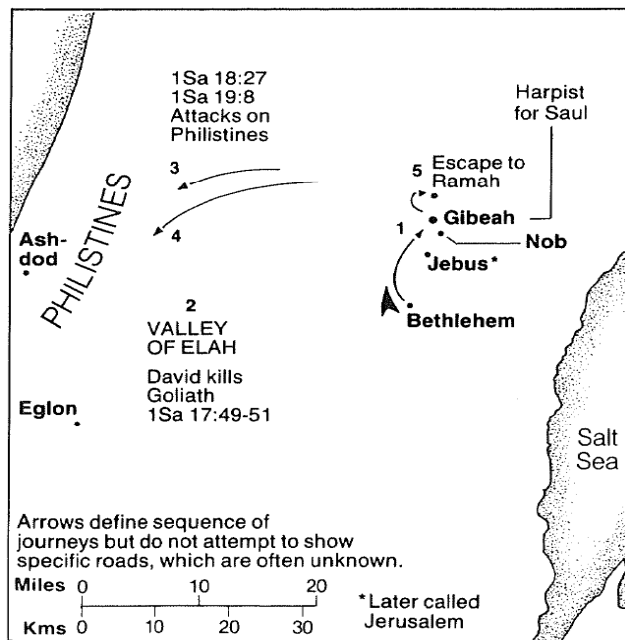
## #2 Taking on "The Big One" (I Sam. 17)

### I. Background

#### A. The Situation

1. The Philistines (people who inhabited five city states along the Philistine plain of Palestine) are encamped on one side of the Valley of Elah (a mile wide canyon along the border between Philistia and Saul's Kingdom, south west of Jerusalem).

### David the Fugitive



2. Every morning and every evening for forty days, the Philistine champion, Goliath has been taunting the Israelites. "Forty" is the number of testings:

- The rain (flood) lasted (Gen. 7)
- Moses fasts on the Mount (Ex. 24)
- Spies in Canaan (Num. 13)
- Christ's temptation (Luke 4)

#### B. The "characters"

1. Goliath

- A physical giant: 9' 9" tall (Dead Sea Scrolls say over 7' tall)
- Wearing a canvas like undergarment interlaced with bronze ringlets
- His coat of mail (from shoulder to knee) weighed over 175-200 lbs.
- He had a bronze helmet, bronze legging, a bronze javelin (the head which weighed 20-25 lbs).
- A servant carried a man-sized shield for him.
- His brothers (see 1 Chron. 20:5)
- He crosses the "line" in 1 Sam. 17:25
- He makes fun of David, calls him a "stick" (vs. 43)

## 2. Saul and his army

Verse 11, 24 "they are dismayed and greatly afraid"

Verse 13 David's three older brothers were part of the army

Verse 28 They questioned David:

- 1) Why did you really come?
- 2) Where did you leave the sheep?

## 3. David

Verse 15, 19 He was shuttling back and forth with supplies for his brothers.

Verse 26, 30 Asked two key questions

- 1) Who is this guy who taunts the army of the loving God?
- 2) What reward to you get if you kill this guy?

## **II. David volunteers to "go and fight with this Philistine" (vs. 32-37)**

- A. Saul rejects David because of his youth (1 Tim. 4:12)
- B. David remembers his previous conquests (killing the lion and the bear)
- C. Saul "prepares" David (vs. 38-39)
- D. David prepares for battle.
  1. He kneels down at the brook – collecting stones (vs. 40) – David is vulnerable! (A stick and 5 smooth stones) 1 Cor. 1:27-29
  2. He declares the battle belongs to the Lord (vs. 45-47) – David is confident!  
 "...do not fear or be dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not your but God's" (2 Chron. 2:15)

"The Lord will fight for you while you keep silent." (Ex. 14:14)

### III. The true giant kills Goliath

- A. David runs at Goliath (vs. 48) – He is bold!
- B. David prevails...he kills Goliath (vs. 49-50)
- C. David cuts off the head of Goliath (a public display of victory)
- D. David keeps Goliath's sword and shield in his own tent (a private display of victory).

### IV. So what?

- A. We need the courage of David (and Caleb) to drive out our giants:

"Now then give me the hill country that the Lord promised me...the giants are there in the large walled cities...the Lord will be with me and I will drive them out." (Joshua 14:12)

Drive out giants like:

#### 1. Fear

Ps. 27:3 "Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident."

Ps. 118:6 "The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

Drive this giant out with biblical courage:

Deut. 31:6 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

#### 2. Jealousy

Prov. 6:34 "Jealousy enrages a man."

Look at Cain's response to Abel (Gen. 4), Joseph's brothers (Gen. 37:4), Saul regarding David (1saiah 18:8) and the older brother (Luke 15:28)

Drive this giant out with contentment:

Phil. 4:11 "I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances."

#### 3. Lust

See Judges 14:1 – 16:20. And the life of Samson His epitaph might be Prov. 5:22-23 "The evil deeds of a wicked man ensnare him; the cords of his sin hold him fast. He will die for lack of discipline, led astray by his own great folly."

Drive this giant out by fleeing temptation:

1 Cor. 6:18

4. Resentment

Prov. 26:23-26 "Like a coating of glaze over earthenware are fervent lips with an evil heart. A malicious man disguises himself with his lips, but in his heart he harbors deceit. Though his speech is charming, do not believe him, for seven abominations fill his heart. His malice may be concealed by deception, but his wickedness will be exposed in the assembly."

Drive this giant out with an application of grace.

Heb. 12:15 "See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many."

[These "giants" were adapted from Chuck Swindoll's, Killing Giants, Pulling Thorns]

B. The 5 stones: Regardless of your giant, God is using David's encounter with Goliath to remind you that "a sling of faith and a few smooth stones" when entrusted to God will accomplish a victory!

1. Faith

Heb. 11:6 "And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."

2. Prayer

1 Chr. 16:11 "Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!"

3. Perseverance (Endurance)

Gal. 6:9 "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

4. Contentment (Patience)

Phil. 4:11 "Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content."

5. Truth

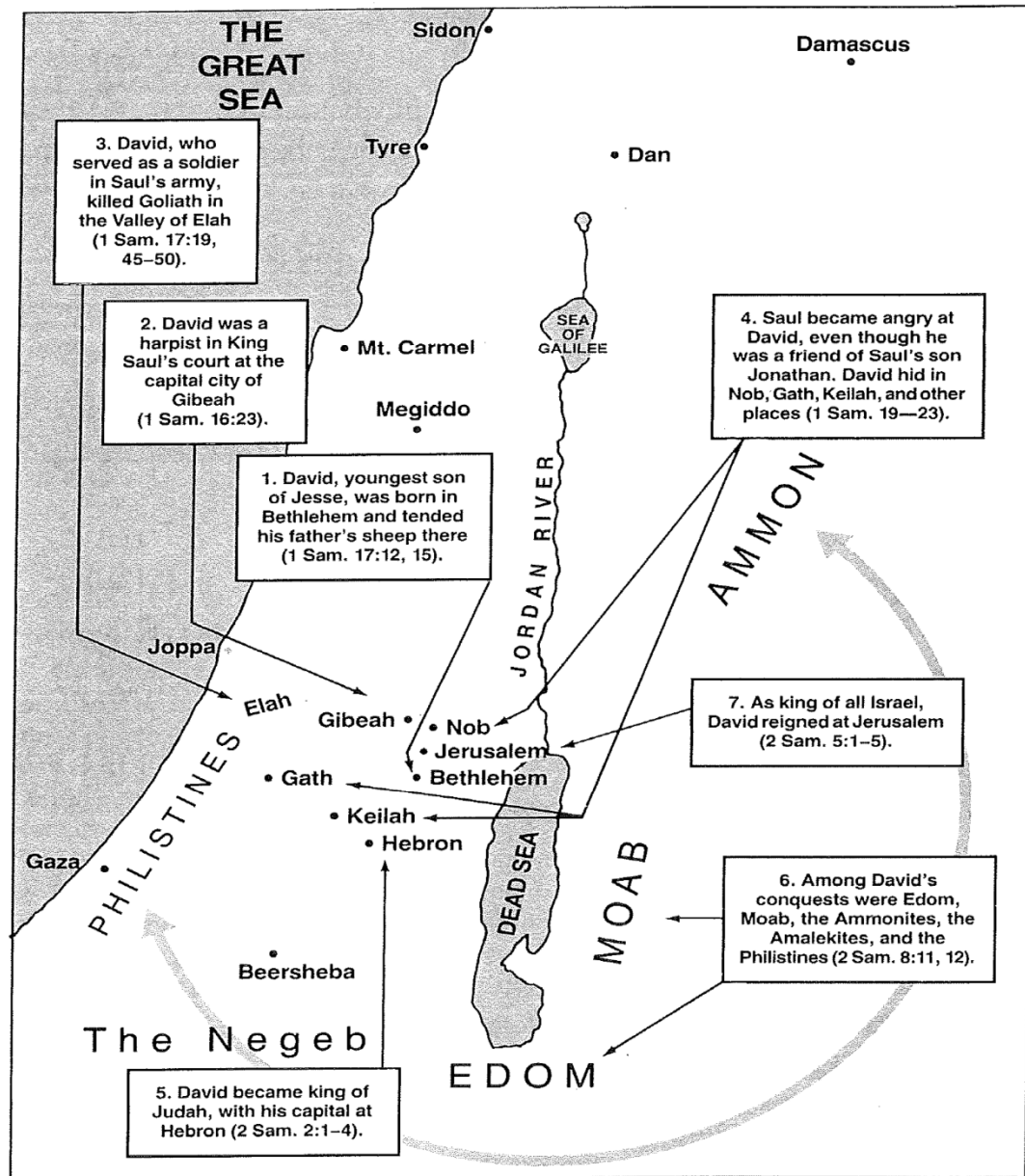
Malachi 2:6 "True instruction<sup>[a]</sup> was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many from iniquity."

C. In battle, using someone else's armor never works! Saul trying to loan David his armor)

## Discussion Question:

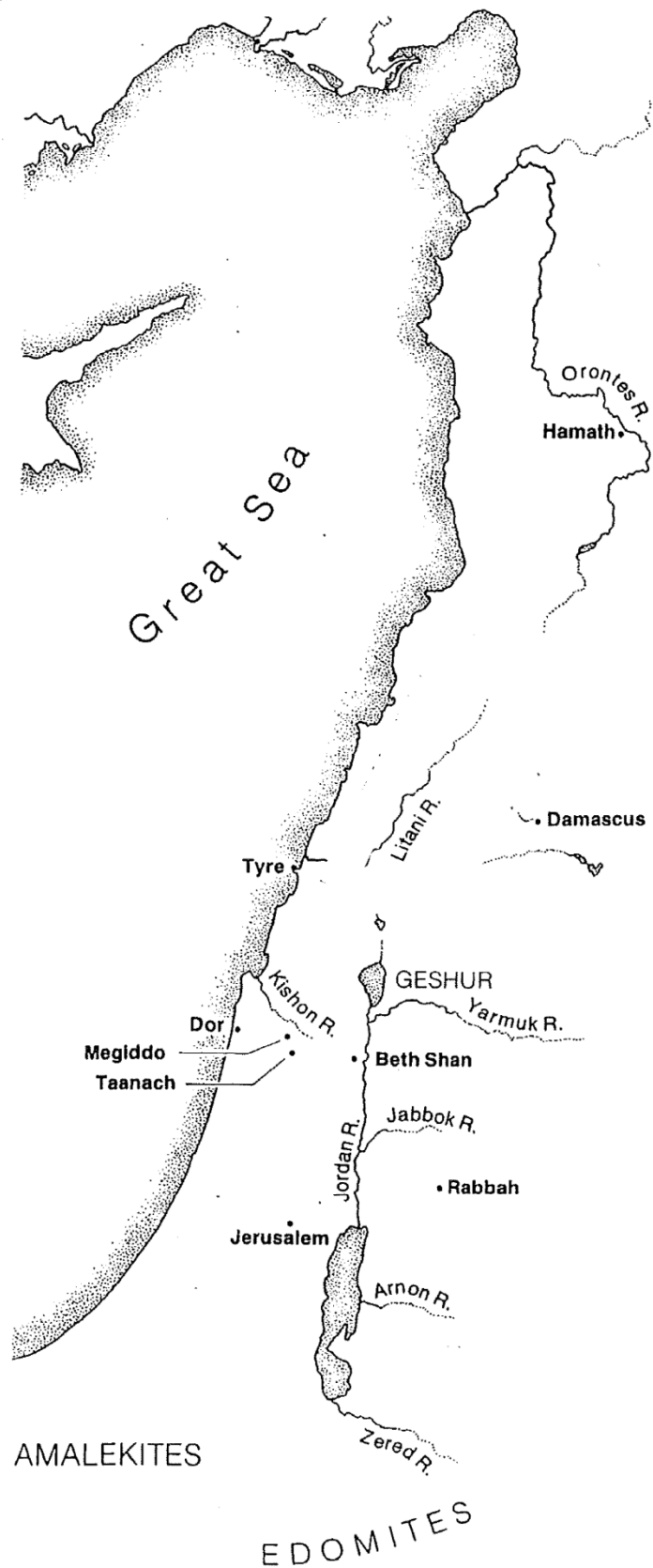
1. What is the giant in your life? What stone can you "throw" at your "enemy"?

## The Life of David

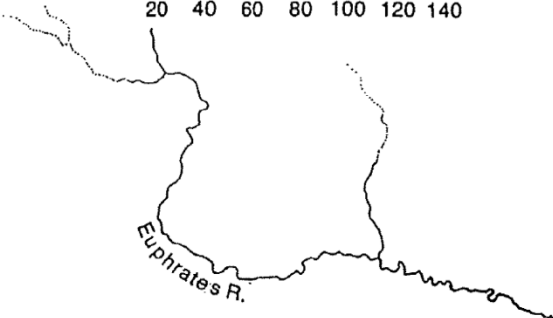


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## David's Conquests



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Once he had become king over all Israel (2Sa 5:1-5), David:

1. Conquered the Jebusite citadel of Zion/ Jerusalem and made it his royal city (2Sa 5:6-10);
2. Received the recognition of and assurance of friendship from Hiram of Tyre, king of the Phoenicians (2Sa 5:11-12);
3. Decisively defeated the Philistines so that their hold on Israelite territory was broken and their threat to Israel eliminated (2Sa 5:17-25; 8:1);
4. Defeated the Moabites and imposed his authority over them (2Sa 8:2);
5. Crushed the Aramean kingdoms of Hadadezer (king of Zobah), Damascus and Maacah and put them under tribute (2Sa 8:3-8; 10:6-19). Talmi, the Aramean king of Geshur, apparently had made peace with David while he was still reigning in Hebron and sealed the alliance by giving his daughter in marriage to David (2Sa 3:3; see 1Ch 2:23);
6. Subdued Edom and incorporated it into his empire (2Sa 8:13-14);
7. Defeated the Ammonites and brought them into subjection (2Sa 12:19-31);
8. Subjugated the remaining Canaanite cities that had previously maintained their independence from and hostility toward Israel, such as Beth Shan, Megiddo, Taanach and Dor.

Since David had earlier crushed the Amalekites (1Sa 30:17), his wars thus completed the conquest begun by Joshua and secured all the borders of Israel. His empire (united Israel plus the subjugated kingdoms) reached from Ezion Geber on the eastern arm of the Red Sea to the Euphrates River.