

The God of David

Goliath Defies the Living God

1 Samuel 17

Lesson 6

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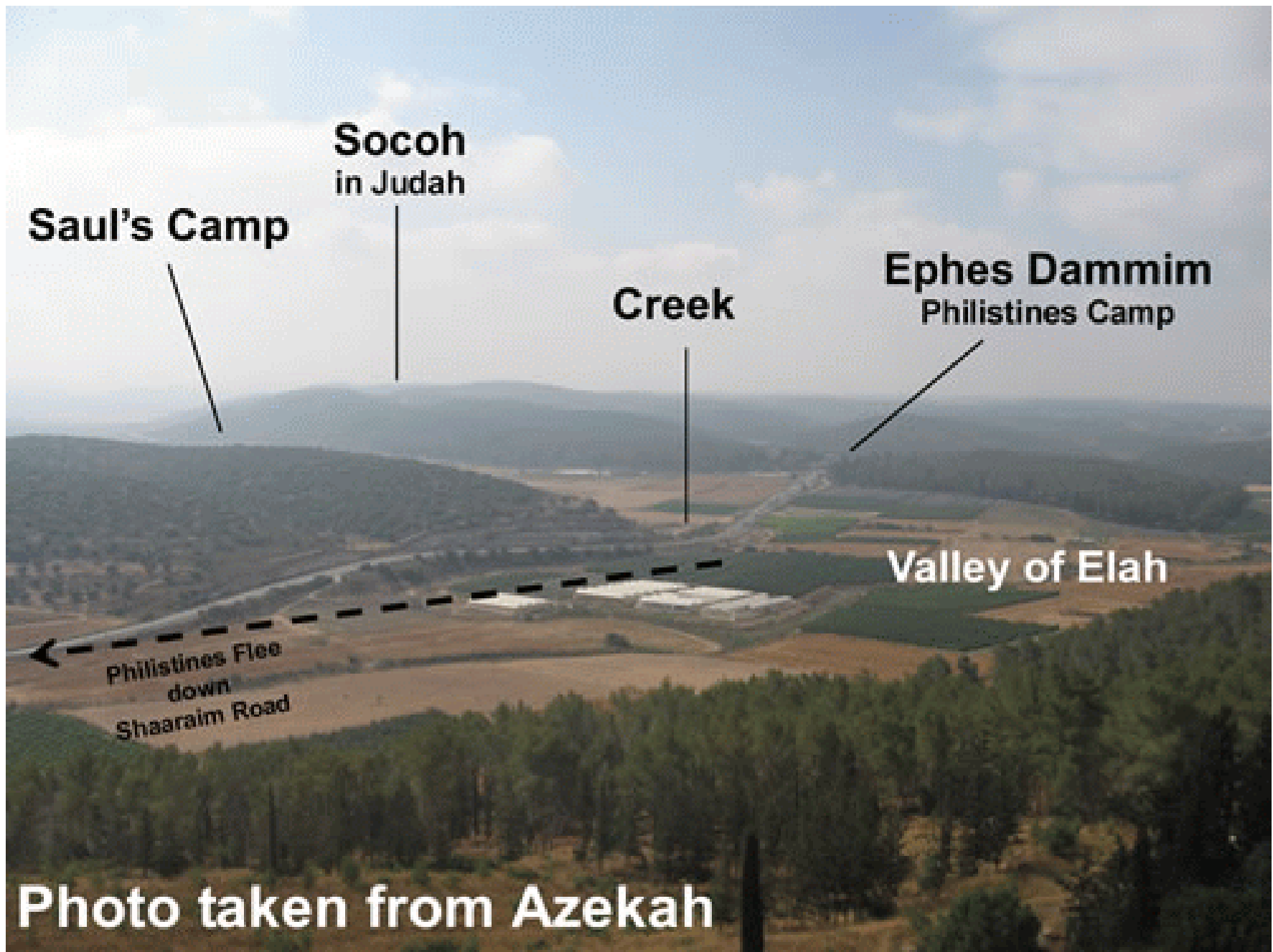
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- ▶ (1-3) Location







Saul's Camp

**Socoh
in Judah**

Creek

**Ephes Dammim
Philistines Camp**

Valley of Elah

**Philistines Flee
down
Shaaraim Road**

Photo taken from Azekah

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- ▶ (1-3) Location
- ▶ (4-7) Goliath
 - Champion
 - 9.5 feet – 6.5 feet in Septuagint and Dead Sea Scrolls
 - Armor
- ▶ (8-11) Goliath's challenge
 - 14:47-48; 52 – Saul's record of success – taunted
 - Challenge and defiance of Israel
 - Israel's fear

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- ▶ (12-16) David is introduced
 - Ephrathah – Mother of Hur who founded Bethlehem (1 Chron. 2:19; 4:4)
 - Insignificant clan and city in Judah (Micah 5:2)
 - David the youngest (16:11) – small or insignificant
 - David “went back and forth” – Saul’s musician; shepherd
 - Goliath’s challenge for 40 days, morning and evening
- ▶ (17-23) David comes to the battlefield
 - Sent by his father
 - Goliath made his challenge and David heard

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▶ (24-30) David's reaction

- Men of Israel fled
- Reproach of Israel by uncircumcised man
- Defying the armies of the Living God
- Eliab's rebuke

▶ (31-39) David and Saul

- Why did Saul send for David?
- David volunteers
- David's experience as a shepherd
- David's hope – Living God will deliver from "this Philistine"
- Saul's empty blessing and foolish help

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► (40-51a) David v. Goliath

- Staff and 5 stones with his sling from the brook
- Goliath despises David – cursed David by his gods (Genesis 12:1-3)
- David's challenge
 - Name of the LORD of hosts
 - God of armies of Israel – defied by Goliath
 - Assured of victory
 - Show there is God in Israel
 - Battle is the LORD'S
- Short battle – one stone
- David cuts off his head with Goliath's sword

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► 51b-58 Victory and aftermath

- Philistines fled to Gath and Ekron
- David took Goliath's head to Jerusalem
- David put Goliath's armor in his tent
- Saul's curious inquiry

False or Superficial Interpretations

- ▶ Jewish Mythology
- ▶ Good v. Evil
- ▶ Personal battle with a giant
- ▶ Power of a life of faith

Biblical Interpretation

- ▶ The purpose of God
 - Genesis 3:15
 - Genesis 12:1-3
- ▶ The Old Covenant era – Reveal sin
- ▶ The nature of the Blessing: salvation
 - Spiritual
 - Physical
- ▶ Grace
 - Unworthy Israel
 - His strength made perfect in weakness
 - The strong defeats the weak

Biblical Interpretation

▶ The Messiah

- Hannah's prayer/song (2:1, 9-10)
- She rejoiced in the the LORD and His salvation
- Hope in the LORD's Messiah/King

▶ Saul, the false king

- No permanent victory
- No spiritual sense

▶ David – God's anointed

- Heart of God (13:14)
- Anointed and filled with Holy Spirit
- In the shadows – small (16:11)

Biblical Interpretation

- ▶ The anointed of the LORD delivers Israel
- ▶ The name of the LORD
 - Israel in rebellion and worthy of destruction
 - Goliath defies the purpose of God
 - Goliath cursed the anointed one by his gods
- ▶ LORD does not save with sword or spear (17:47)
 - He saves with His anointed one
 - Showing there is a God in Israel (17:46)
 - The battle is the LORD'S
- ▶ Victory occurred because David was the anointed one

David & Goliath – 2012

- ▶ Not a lesson that we can face down giants and win
 - Ultimate victory v. immediate victory – Hebrews 11:36-39
 - The glory of God prevails
- ▶ A man after God's Own heart
 - Divine priorities
 - Led by the Spirit
- ▶ The battle is the LORD'S
 - The army of Israel paralyzed
 - The anointed one delivers