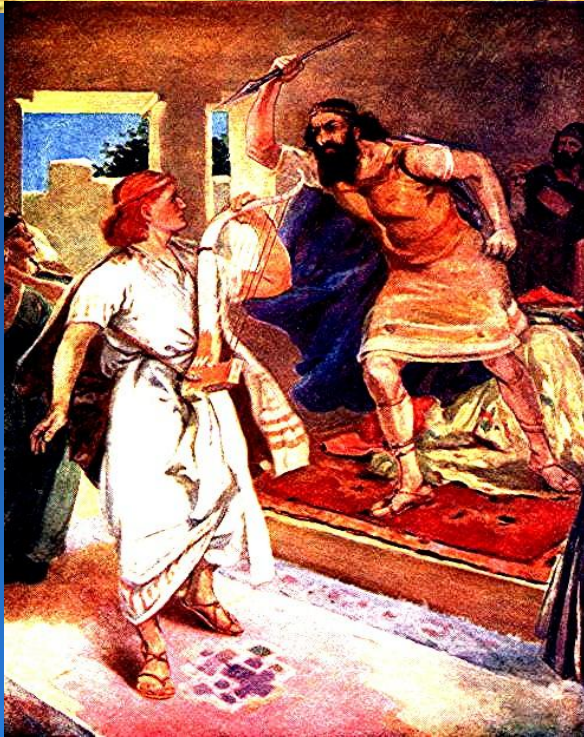


A TALE OF 2 BATTLES



- As legendary as is David and Goliath, it is key to focus on the spiritual context of the story
- Saul has been deposed by God, and David has been anointed
- David versus Saul is a battle of the Righteous King against the Anti-King



SPIRIT OF THE ANTI-KING



- David and Goliath a battle between Hebrews and Pagan Gentiles
- Saul and David a battle between a God-fearing Hebrew and a rebellious Hebrew
- The Spirit of the Anti-King (Anti-Christ) is not necessarily limited to gentiles !!
- Bible demonstrates that humankind **MUST** have a king

GOD'S TIMING IS PART OF GOD'S WILL

- Outside of God's will AND timing, otherwise good things can become sin
- It WAS God's will for Israel to have a King, but (with Saul) it wasn't His timing
- The Lord gave Israel what they demanded (Saul), but it was a curse and not a blessing
- David possessed the attributes of a righteous king
- After God used Saul to demonstrate the WRONG kind of king for Israel, David was selected to demonstrate the RIGHT kind of king for Israel



GOD NEVER GOES BACKWARDS



- Progression of history is God's will
- God did NOT decide to undo history with David, and go back to an administration of Judges
- Eccl. 12:13 ***"...fear God and keep His commandments for this is the whole duty of man"***
- From David forward Israel was to be ruled by a King
- David is the precursor of the Righteous King who will rule over us forever

40 DAYS OF CHALLENGE



Valley of Elah

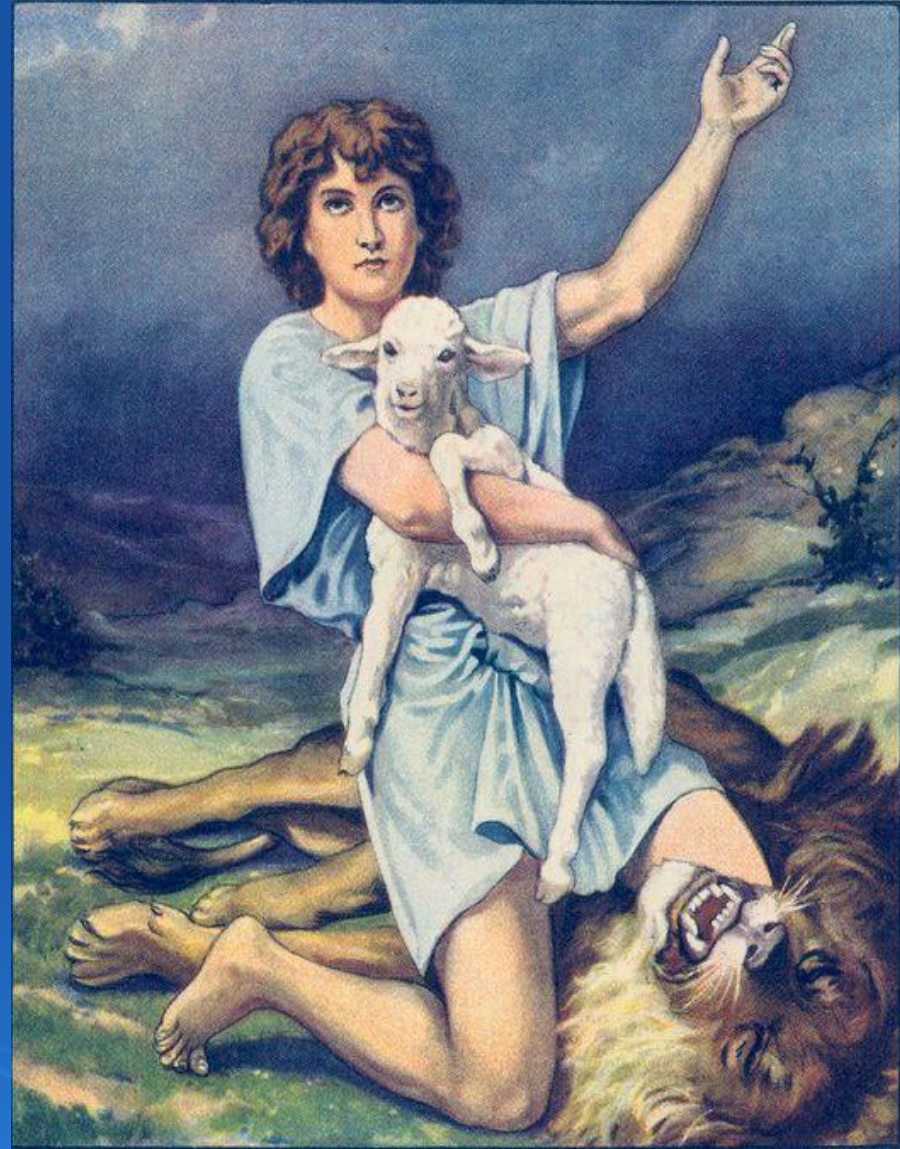
- Goliath terrified Israel for 40 days
- Philistines wanted to control the Elah Valley in Judah
- Hebrew troops were a militia
- Jesse sends his son David, with a supply of food, to check on his 3 brothers



- David arrives on the scene as no Israelite soldier will answer Goliath's challenge
- King Sha'ul will make the Hebrew man who kills Goliath his son-in-law, and exempt the man's family from taxes and service to the Kingdom
- Eliav becomes annoyed with David and tells him that **WATCHING** a battle is not the same as **FIGHTING** in the battle

DAVID VOLUNTEERS

- King Saul must have been amused at this shepherd standing before him
- Saul concerned that David would make him look bad
- Saul sending his Champion meant he had agreed to Goliath's terms
- If David lost, Saul and his men surrendered and became vassals of the Philistines



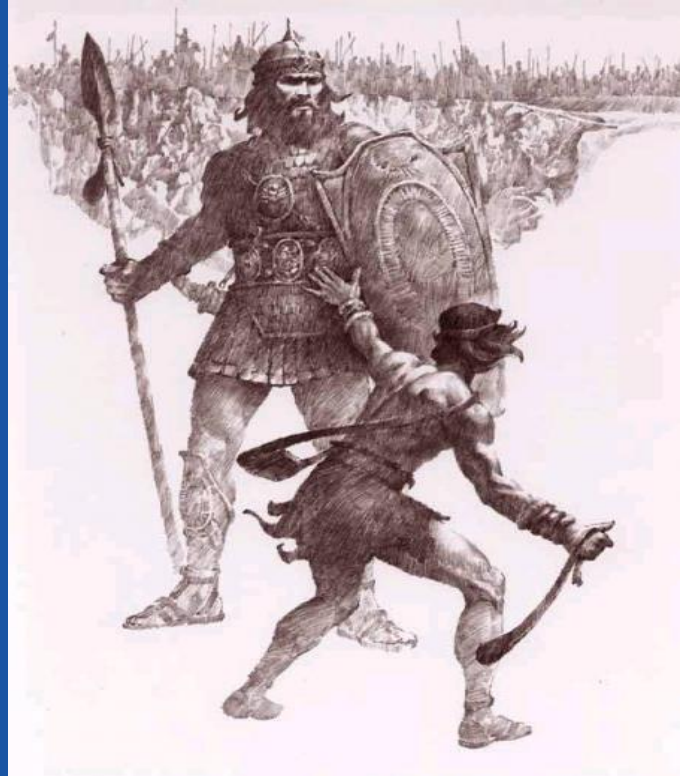
SAUL'S ARMOR ISN'T DAVID'S ARMOR

- Saul knew his men would soon grow tired of the stand-off and leave
- The experienced fighters knew it was a suicide mission
- David says this is actually the Lord's battle, not his
- *Elohim Chayyim* = the Living God
- Saul's armor LITERALLY didn't fit
- The issue was of spiritual armor, not earthly armor



THE CONFRONTATION

- Alfred Edersheim: “...1st demand is to be spiritual; the next is to be genuine and true.....”
- Why would God’s Righteous King don the armor of the Anti-King?
- David used the weapon he knew how to use
- David was FIRST a shepherd, then LATER a warrior-king
- Messiah came first as a shepherd, will return as a warrior-king
- **Na’ar** = youth, young person
- David had similar coloring as Esau



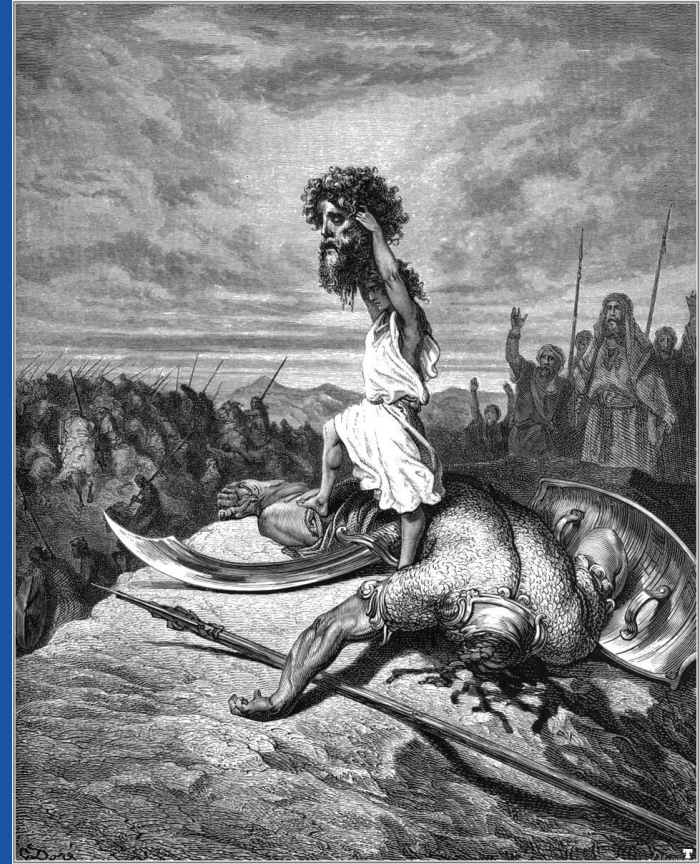
A VERY SHORT FIGHT



- Goliath was furious because to fight a shepherd boy was not honorable
- David's main concern was for YHWH's reputation
- The Hebrews wondered if the God of Israel was present with them
- The Philistines assumed that their god, Dagan, was there
- It was an issue of the gods' territoriality

GOLIATH, AND DAGAN, FALL PROSTRATE

- 1st Sam. 5:1 – 4
- The statue of Dagan and the warrior of Dagan both fall before the Lord
- Both have their heads removed
- Philistines reneged on the deal and fled !!
- David took Goliath's armor to his family home
- Took Goliath's head to Jerusalem





ISRAEL NEEDS A MODERN DAVID

- The World stands as a modern Goliath arrogantly threatening God's people
- Israel thinks they stand no chance without compromise & capitulation
- But just as in the Valley of Elah, THIS IS GOD'S WAR !!
- Messiah, the modern David, is coming to deliver to God's people

