

DAVID VS GOLIATH

IS THE PROPHETIC PICTURE
OF
MESSIAH VS ANTI-MESSIAH

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Samuel Anoints David

1 Samuel 16:1 YHWH said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

2 But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.”

YHWH said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to YHWH.’ 3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.”

6 When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely YHWH’s anointed stands here before YHWH.”

7 But YHWH said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. YHWH does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but YHWH looks at the heart.”

8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “YHWH has not chosen this one either.”

9 Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has YHWH chosen this one.” 10 Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “YHWH has not chosen these.”

11 So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”



“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered.

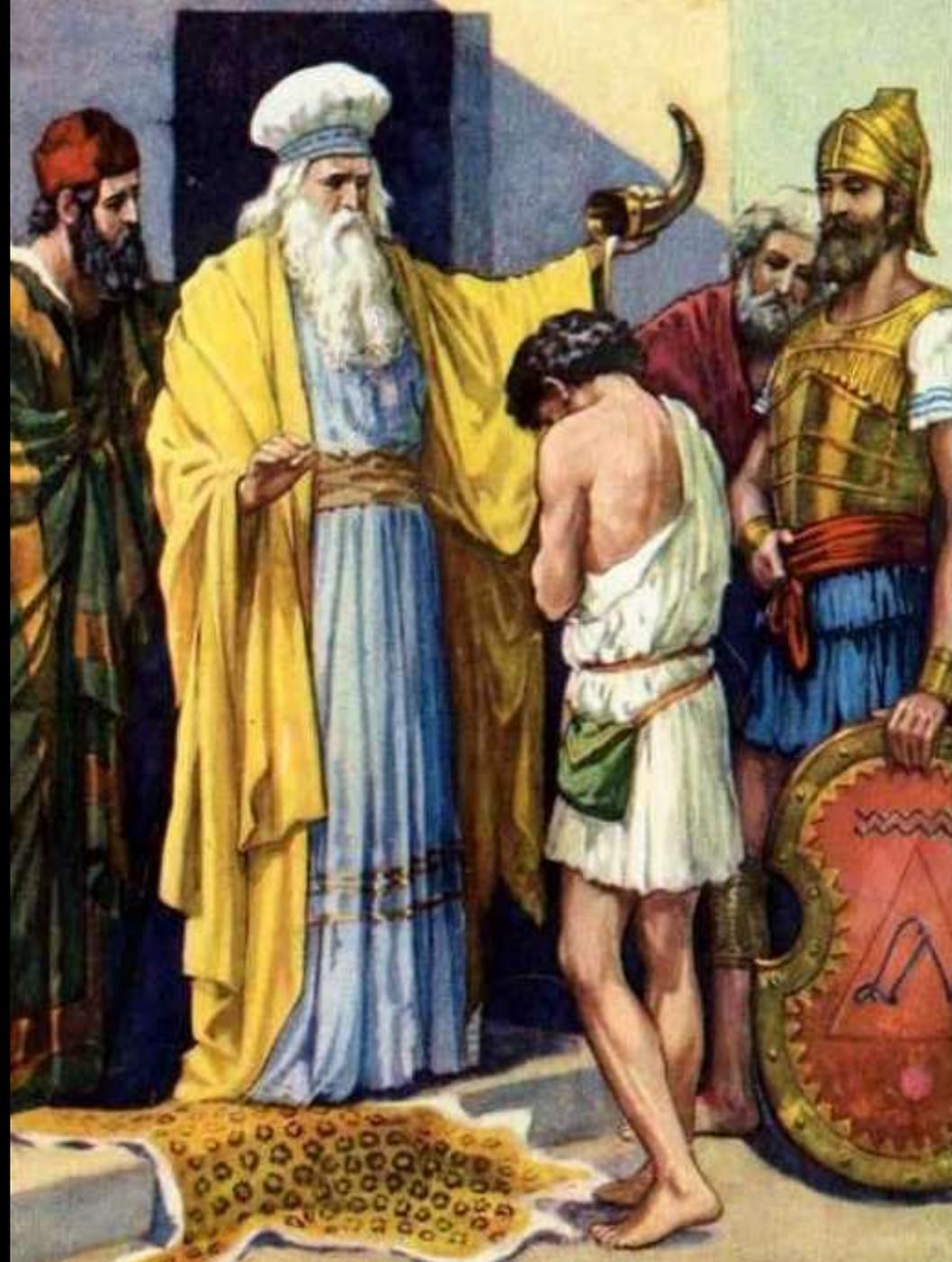
“He is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

12 So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then YHWH said,
“Rise and anoint him;
this is the one.”

13 So Samuel took
the horn of oil and
anointed him in the
presence of his
brothers, and from
that day on the Spirit
of the YHWH came
powerfully upon
David. Samuel then
went to Ramah.



David in Saul's Service

14 Now the Spirit of YHWH had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from YHWH tormented him.

15 Saul's attendants said to him, "See, an evil spirit from YHWH is tormenting you. 16 Let our lord command his servants here to search for someone who can play the lyre. He will play when the evil spirit from YHWH comes on you, and you will feel better."

17 So Saul said to his attendants, "Find someone who plays well and bring him to me."

18 One of the servants answered, “I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows how to play the lyre. He is a brave man and a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And YHWH is with him.”

19 Then Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, “Send me your son David, who is with the sheep.” 20 So Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine and a young goat and sent them with his son David to Saul.

21 David came to Saul and entered his service. Saul liked him very much, and David became one of his armor-bearers. 22 Then Saul sent word to Jesse, saying, “Allow David to remain in my service, for I am pleased with him.”



23 Whenever the spirit from YHWH came on Saul, David would take up his lyre and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.

WHERE DID THE PHILISTINES COME FROM ORIGINALLY

Unexpectedly, the Philistines first appear in the Table of Nations in Genesis 10:13-14: "Mizraim [a son of Ham] begot Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim, Pathrusim, and Casluhim (from whom came the Philistines [Philistim, KJV] and Caphtorim)."1 Mizraim is the Hebrew word that is commonly translated as "Egypt," thus the Philistines are ethnically related to the Egyptians.

However, note that the Casluhim are divided into the Philistines and Caphtorim (in fact, the Philistines are frequently identified with Caphtor, the Hebrew name for at least the island of Crete and perhaps for the whole Aegean region; see Amos 9:7; Jeremiah 47:4).

The Philistines were a race of people who lived mainly along the Mediterranean coast near the ancient Israelites. Their primary cities were Gaza, Ashkelon, Ashdod, Ekron and Gath.

They were fierce warriors with superior iron-working skills and frequently fought with the Israelites. During the time of Israel's judges, they at times conquered the Israelites and required them to pay tribute. In Ezekiel 25:15-17

We find a prophecy of God punishing the Philistines because of their hatred and spiteful hearts toward the Israelites.

From the ancient name of their country, Philistia, comes the modern name of Palestine. It is possible that some of the Palestinians today are descendants of the Philistines.

WHO ARE THE PALESTINIANS?

The so-called Palestinian people are the descendants of a mixed populace of local inhabitants together with numerous other groups of Muslims brought to Palestine from Bosnia, the Balkans, and the Caucasus by the Turks, and from the Sudan, Egypt, Syria, and Lebanon by the British. Those who came to Palestine in the time of the British Mandate were, however, brought over only partly due to the anti-Zionist, religious, and ideological motivation of some British officials -- and mainly because of administrative and economical necessity. Jewish Zionists and capitalists were amongst their major employers (often at the expense of the Jewish Proletariat) and struggles were fought over this issue.

At all events, it is possible to see the Palestinians as representing the Philistines in Biblical terminology for the following reasons:

1) It may be that many of them actually are physically descended from the Philistines -- some of whom remained in Gaza and neighbouring areas.

2) Their name "Palestinian" is derived from the Latin word for Philistine, i.e. they now call themselves, and are called by others, "Palestinian" -- meaning Philistine. If in days of yore a Hebrew Prophet had wanted to denote the present-day Palestinians using a familiar name, then he could have chosen no better an appellation than "Philistine."

3) The geographical bases of power, international connections, and general orientation of the "Palestinians" are all similar to those of the ancient Philistines.

The Prophet Isaiah -- and other prophets in addition to Obadiah -- foresaw the eventual reconciliation between Judah and Ephraim, and the defeat of Edom and the Philistines:

And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.

Types and Shadows – The Key to Understanding the Bible

The account of David slaying the giant Goliath is one of the most well-known Bible stories of all-time. David, the young shepherd boy, through his faith in YHWH, defeated the imposing giant Goliath, saving the nation of Israel from enslavement to their hated enemies, the Philistines.

Among the many wonderful spiritual lessons in this story there is also a prophetic significance. The account itself is a type and shadow of the final battle and victory of Yahshua HaMashiach over the anti-messiah, at Armageddon.

This is essentially the Bible's way of foreshadowing future prophetic events through Old Testament Scripture. Here are some passages that highlight this:

Ecclesiastes 1:9 The thing that has been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. 10 Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? It has been already of old time, which was before us.

Colossians 2:16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days: 17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Messiyah.

Hosea 12:10 I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.

THIS IS YHWH'S WRITING STYLE OF COMMUNICATION TO US

It is very important to understand this concept because this is essentially, the “writing style” YHWH has used to communicate a great deal of revelation in Scripture. YHWH has used much of the historic events of the Old Testament to provide a preview of future events.

Whether it be the Passover of Exodus foreshadowing the crucifixion of Yahshua on the cross and His shed blood which provides the remission of sins or the 12 tribes of Israel and the twelve disciples, there are many similitudes throughout the Bible.

When discussing the events surrounding the Israelites in the wilderness in the book of Exodus, the Apostle Paul wrote: “Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.” (1 Corinthians 10:11)

Old Testament events provide a preview of the fulfillment of future Bible prophecy. Thus when reading the Bible any future prophetic event should have a type or shadow in a prior part of Scripture.

And David and Goliath provides a preview of our Messiah's victory over the anti-messiah at the battle of Armageddon. So let's look closely at that story now, for the greater prophetic significance for us in these last days.

WHY DID THE ISRAELITES FEAR THE PHILISTINES

Israel's problems with the Philistines can be traced back to the days of Abraham. Avraham's servants had dug wells, and the Philistines filled them up with dirt (Gen. 26). That was about the extent of the problems in the early days. But by the days of Moshe, the Philistines were very powerful - so powerful that YHWH knew He must take the Israelites through the Red Sea rather than go through the land of the Philistines. He knew that if they saw the power of the Philistines, they would turn around and go right back to Egypt (Exod. 13:17).

During the days of the Judges, the Israelites were oppressed by the Philistines and had deadly conflicts with them.

Their rise to power began in the early- to mid-twelfth century BC (for instance, the Philistines conquered Ashkelon in about 1175 bc), contemporaneous with the end of Deborah's judgeship and the length of Gideon's. By the days of Jephthah, Samson, and Samuel in the early eleventh century, the Philistines dominated most of the land of Canaan from Sinai to Galilee, especially in the areas closer to the coast.

A key to their dominance lay in their more advanced material culture. While the Israelites and Canaanites of the highlands still practiced Bronze Age skills, the Philistines had advanced to an Iron Age culture, making them nearly invincible on the battlefield.

Map of Philistine Cities and Conquests



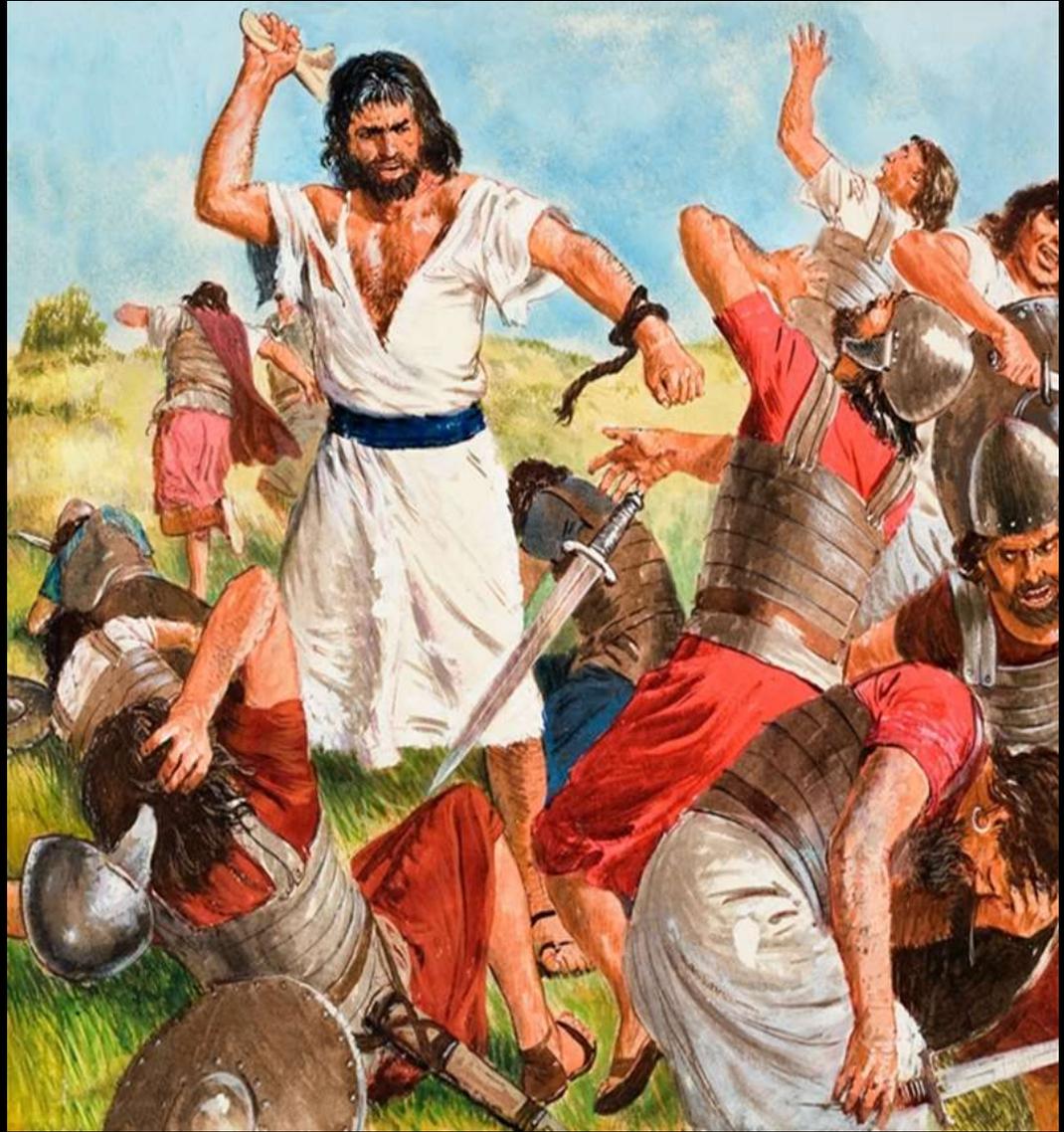
I Samuel 13:19-22 informs us:

Now there was no blacksmith to be found throughout all the land of Israel, for the Philistines said, "Lest the Hebrews make swords or spears." But all the Israelites would go down to the Philistines to sharpen each man's plowshare, his mattock, his axe, and his sickle; and the charge for sharpening was a pim [two-thirds of a shekel, an exorbitant price] for the plowshares, the mattocks, the forks, and the axes, and to set the points of the goads.

So it came about, on the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people who were with Saul and Jonathan. But they were found with Saul and Jonathan his son. Saul could muster only two swords among six hundred men (see verse 15)!

Evidently, most of his soldiers fought with axes, mattocks, ox goads, sickles, or sharpened sticks.

Recall that Samson never used a normal weapon either, resorting to the jawbone of a donkey or his bare hands.

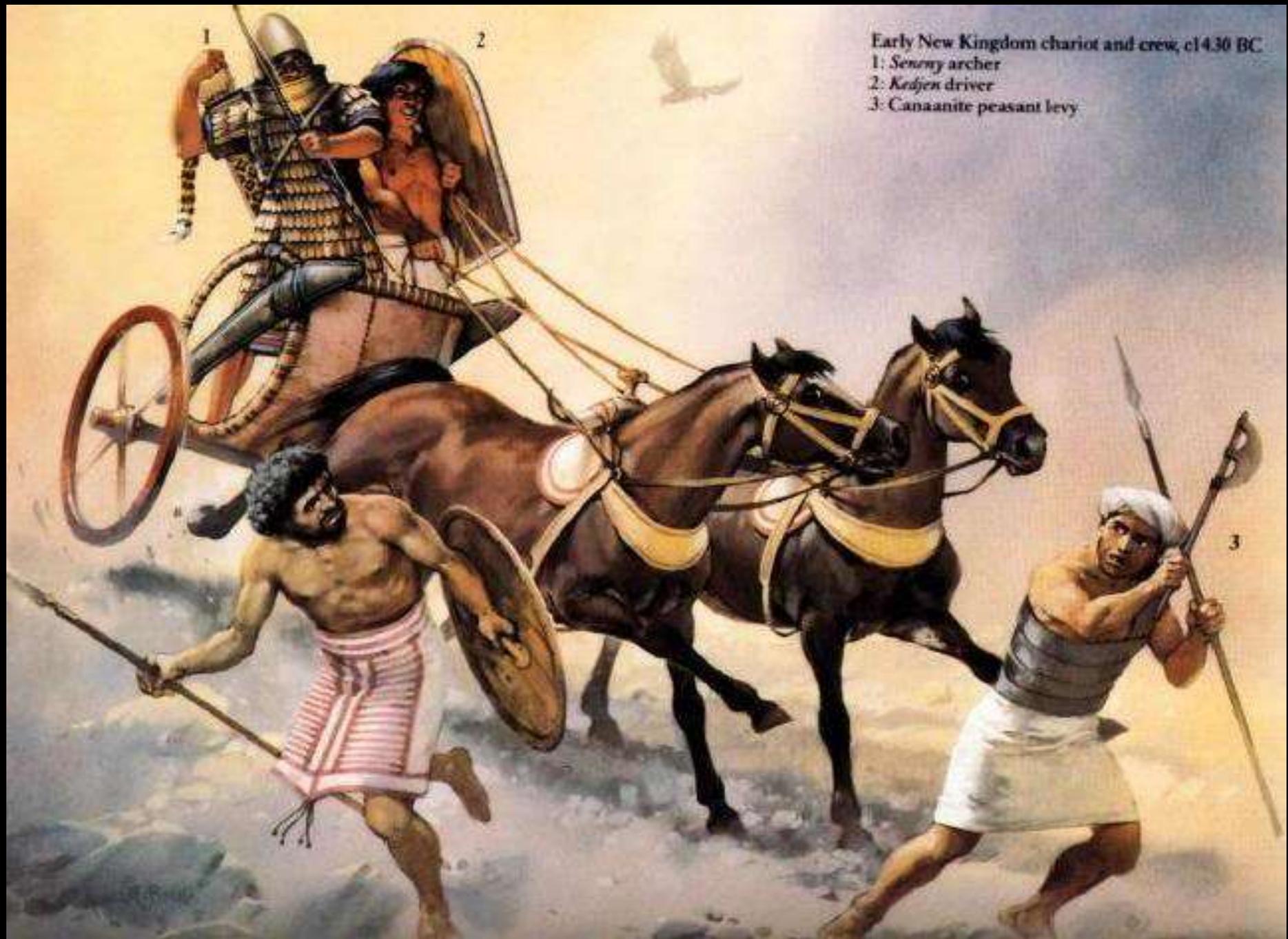




The Philistine army, however, was fully outfitted with the advanced weaponry of the day:

So YHWH was with Judah. And they drove out the inhabitants of the mountains, but they could not drive out the inhabitants of the lowland [the Philistines and Canaanites there], because they had chariots of iron.
(Judges 1:19)

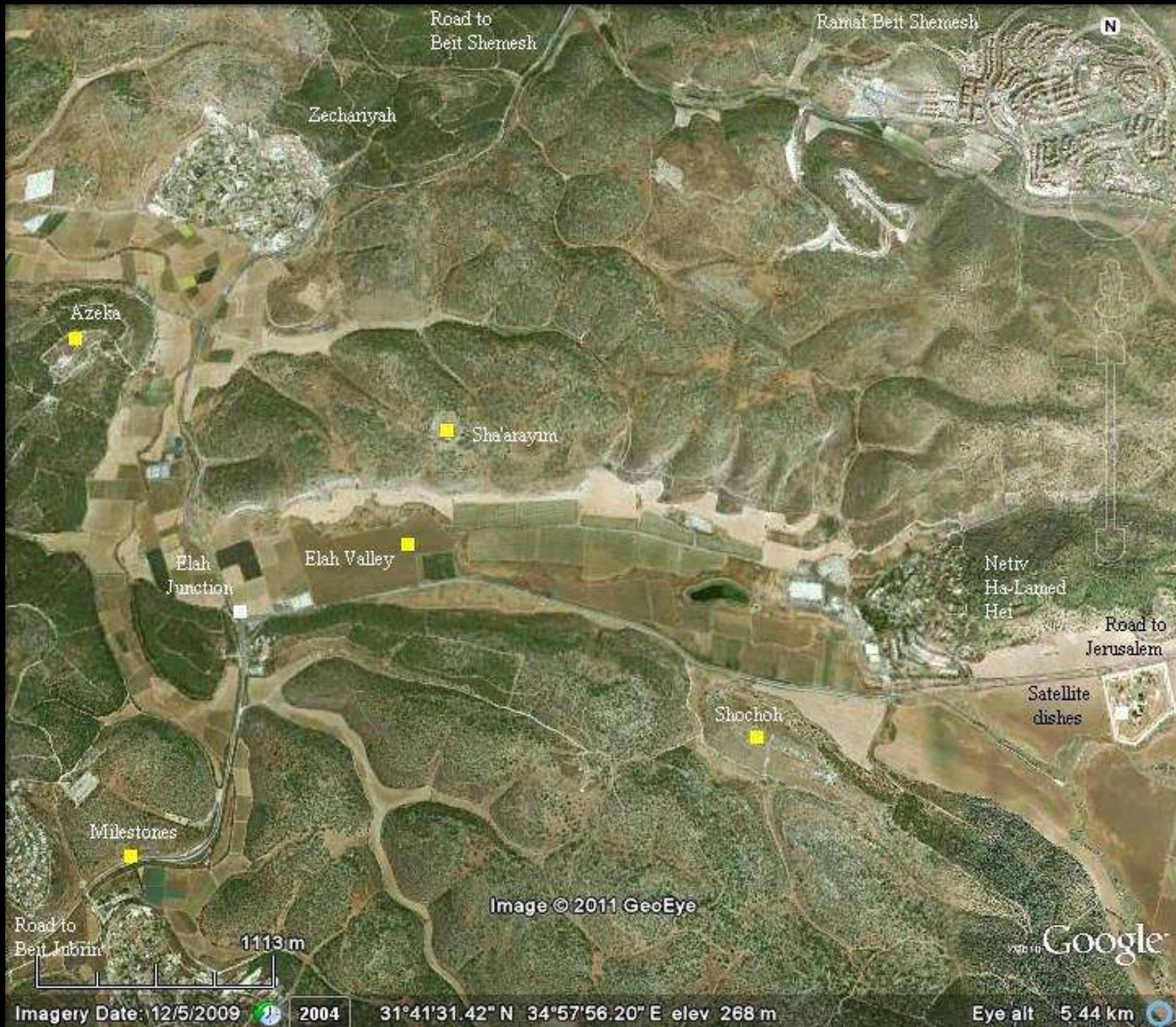
Early New Kingdom chariot and crew, c1430 BC
1: *Senwy* archer
2: *Kadjen* driver
3: Canaanite peasant levy



Goliath as a Foreshadow of the Antichrist

1 Samuel 17:1 Now the Philistines gathered their forces for war and assembled at Sokoh in Judah. They pitched camp at Ephes Dammim, between Sokoh and Azekah.

2 Saul and the Israelites assembled and camped in the Valley of Elah and drew up their battle line to meet the Philistines. 3 The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them.



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Ramat Beit Shemesh

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Elah Valley

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Road to Jerusalem

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PERSECUTION OF THE ISRAELITES WILL CONTINUE AND YAHSHUA RETURNS

As discussed above, Goliath's goal was to defy the nation of Israel and enslave it. The Anti-messiah during the Great Tribulation will not only seek to persecute the Jewish people, he will also kill the two witnesses sent to Jerusalem in Revelation 11 and he will complete the "Abomination of Desolation", in the temple of YHWH in Jerusalem.

2 Thessalonians says: “..the son of perdition. Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called YHWH, or that is worshipped; so that he as YHWH sits in the temple of YHWH, showing himself that he is YHWH.”

Israel is a clear target for the Anti-messiah reign of terror as it was for Goliath.

4 A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span. 5 He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels;

6 on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. 7 His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him.



WHERE DID THE GIANTS COME FROM?

They originated from the Nephilim, (Gen. 6:4). These were the violent tyrants of those days, those who fell upon others. The word may also be derived from a root signifying "wonder," and hence "monsters" or "prodigies." In Num. 13:33 this name is given to a Canaanite tribe, a race of large stature, "the sons of Anak." The Revised Version, in these passages, simply transliterates the original, and reads "Nephilim."

(2.) Hebrew rephaim, a race of giants (Deut. 3:11) who lived on the east of Jordan, from whom Og was descended.

They were probably the original inhabitants of the land before the immigration of the Canaanites. They were conquered by Chedorlaomer (Gen. 14:5), and their territories were promised as a possession to Abraham (15:20). The Anakim, Zuzim, and Emim were branches of this stock.

THE NEPHILIM AFTER THE FLOOD

Numbers 13: 32-33 Original KJV:

32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of great stature.

33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

The Anakim: This was another name for the Watchers. It means “the descendants of Anak”, or Enoch, Cain’s son. Though it was said that a flood had been sent to destroy them, there were still entire cities of Anakim in Canaan as late as the time of Moses. And Jewish chronicler Josephus states that even in his own day it was not uncommon for people to dig up gigantic skeletal remains.

WHO DID GOLIATH DESCEND FROM?

Reading further, both in 2 Samuel 21:16-22 and I Chronicles 20:4-8, we discover that Goliath had four relatives, also giants:

- 1) Ishbi-Benob, whose bronze spearhead weighed three hundred shekels (more than seven pounds) and who said he would kill David;
- 2) Saph (or Sippai), another descendant of Rapha (the giant);
- 3) Lahmi (the brother of Goliath), whose spear shaft resembled a weaver's rod;

4) a huge man (unnamed in the text) with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot.

Goliath and these four were all descendants of Rapha in Gath, "and they fell at the hands of David and his men" (2 Samuel 21:22 and I Chronicles 20:8).

How Big were the Giants?

(probably around *9.5-14 feet)

(Ancient Hebrew cubit remains unknown)

*9 cubits using Egyptian Royal cubit (1.7 ft) =15.3 ft
(subtracted 1 ft for bed's comfort)

Deuteronomy 3:11 Original KJV:

For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of giants; behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron; is it not in Rabbath of the children of Ammon? nine cubits was the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man,

DO NOT FEAR THE GIANTS IF YHWH IS ON YOUR SIDE

The Bible says: “And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were very afraid.” (1 Samuel 17:24).

Similarly the anti-messiah will have so much military might and power that no one on Earth will dare challenge him: “and all the world wondered after the beast... saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?”

All of Israel (except for David) feared Goliath’s power just as in the end times the entire world will fear the might of the anti-messiah.

666 Connection

Revelation states that the number 666 is the number of the Anti-messiah. Numbers are very symbolic in the Bible and Goliath bears the number of the Anti-messiah as well. Notice that his height is 6 cubits. The description of his weapons and armour show 6 items. And his spears head weight “600 shekels of iron” giving reference to 666.

Also of note is that Goliath was a Nephilim hybrid. He was a descendant of the Nephilim of Genesis 6 who were the direct offspring of evil angels who took human women as wives and had children with them.

After the flood giants continued to have giant children. This is confirmed again in 2 Samuel 21 where Goliath's brothers, who all have 6 fingers and 6 toes on their hands and feet, are killed. So the number 6 is all over Goliath.

In Revelation 666 is technically called the number of "The Beast", an alternative name for the Antichrist. It is this author's belief that like Goliath, the Antichrist will not be fully human.

What is clear in scripture however is the Anti-messiah will have superhuman power and abilities supplied by Satan himself (like Goliath who received his supernatural size via genetics of Satanically-led angels).

GOLIATH ISSUES A CHALLENGE TO THE ISRAELITES

8 Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, “Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me.

9 If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us.”

10 Then the Philistine said, “This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other.”

11 On hearing the Philistine’s words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

Open Defiance and Blasphemy Against YHWH

Goliath was not just a war monger looking for more land to conquer on behalf of his people. He specifically hated YHWH and His chosen nation of Israel:

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

Notice his brashness. Later we read that: “And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.”

Goliath was a pagan.

The anti-messiah will also openly and brazenly speak out against YHWH and His son, Israel's Messiyah:

“And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against YHWH, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.” (Revelation 13:5-7).

The anti-messiah will be the ultimate Blasphemer against YHWH and lead the world in outright rebellion and satanic worship.

MAN JUDGES BY THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE BUT YHWH JUDGES BY THE HEART

1 Samuel 17:12 Now David was the son of an Ephrathite named Jesse, who was from Bethlehem in Judah. Jesse had eight sons, and in Saul's time he was very old. 13 Jesse's three oldest sons had followed Saul to the war: The firstborn was Eliab; the second, Abinadab; and the third, Shammah. 14 David was the youngest.

The three oldest followed Saul, 15 but David went back and forth from Saul to tend his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

16 For forty days the Philistine came forward every morning and evening and took his stand.

17 Now Jesse said to his son David, “Take this ephah of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread for your brothers and hurry to their camp.

18 Take along these ten cheeses to the commander of their unit. See how your brothers are and bring back some assurance from them.

19 They are with Saul and all the men of Israel in the Valley of Elah, fighting against the Philistines.”

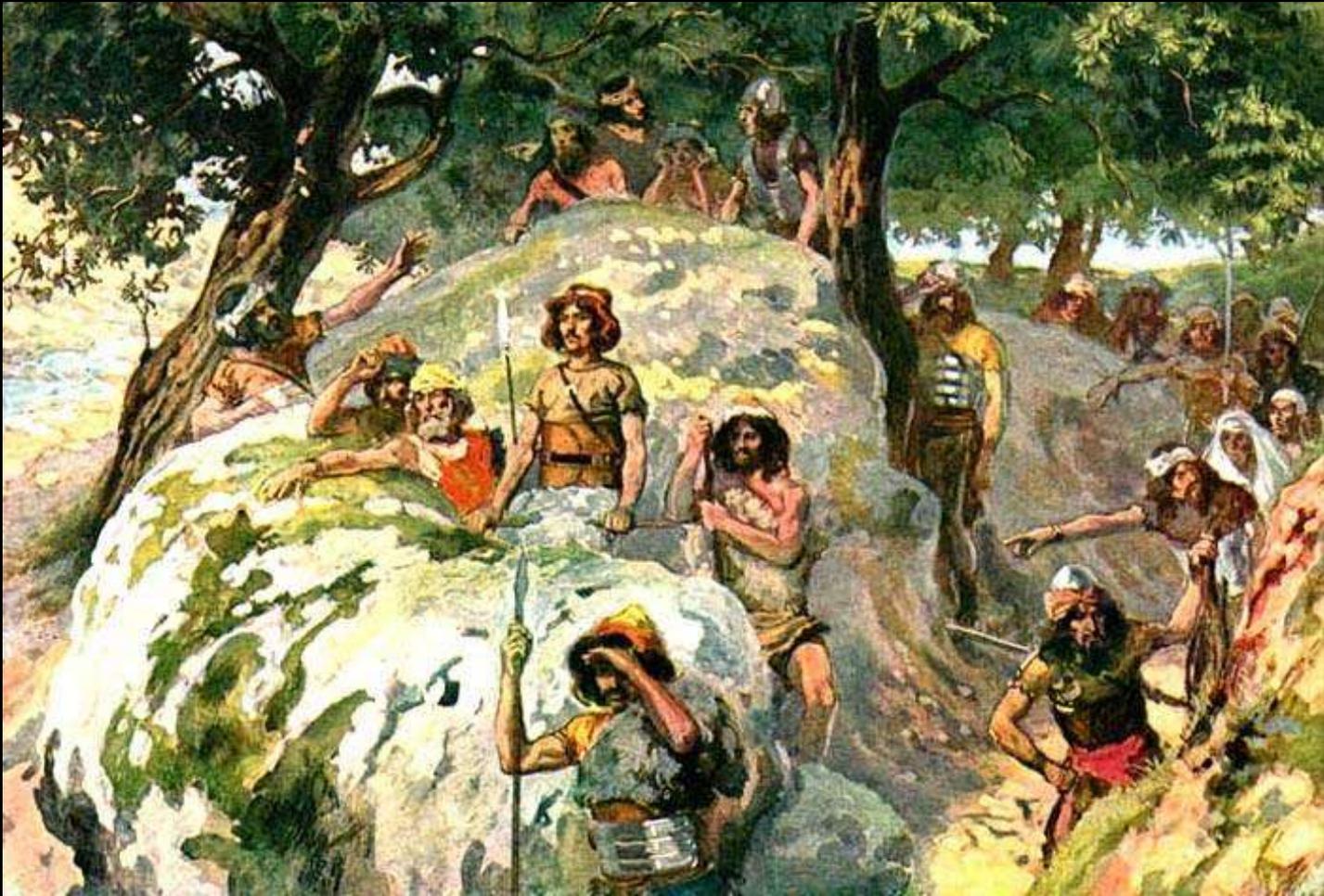
20 Early in the morning David left the flock in the care of a shepherd, loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed. He reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions, shouting the war cry.

21 Israel and the Philistines were drawing up their lines facing each other. 22 David left his things with the keeper of supplies, ran to the battle lines and asked his brothers how they were.

23 As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, stepped out from his lines and shouted his usual defiance, and David heard it.

24 Whenever the Israelites saw the man, they all fled from him in great fear.

25 Now the Israelites had been saying, “Do you see how this man keeps coming out? He comes out to defy Israel. The king will give great wealth to the man who kills him. He will also give him his daughter. in marriage and will exempt his family from taxes in Israel.”



26 David asked the men standing near him, “What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? **Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living YHWH?**”

27 They repeated to him what they had been saying and told him, “This is what will be done for the man who kills him.”

28 When Eliab, David’s oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, “Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle.”

THE BATTLE BELONGS TO YHWH

David does not rely on human strength or ingenuity to defeat Goliath. His only source in the battle is YHWH. While the entire nation was terrified of Goliath, David proclaimed:

“For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living YHWH?”



29 “Now what have I done?” said David. “Can’t I even speak?”

30 He then turned away to someone else and brought up the same matter, and the men answered him as before. 31 What David said was overheard and reported to Saul, and Saul sent for him.

32 David said to Saul, “Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.”

33 Saul replied, “You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.”

When the King Saul questioned whether David could beat Goliath, David gave his testimony:

1 Samuel 17:32-37 32 David said to Sha'ul, "No one should lose heart because of him; your servant will go and fight this P'lishti."

33 Sha'ul said to David, "You can't go to fight this P'lishti — you're just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth!"

34 David answered Sha'ul, "Your servant used to guard his father's sheep."

When a lion or a bear would come and grab a lamb from the flock, 35 I would go after it, hit it, and snatch the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned on me, I would catch it by the jaw, smack it and kill it.



36 Your servant has defeated both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised P'lishti will be like one of them, because he has challenged the armies of the living YAHUWAH."

37 Then David said, "Adonai, who rescued me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will rescue me from the paw of this P'lishti!"

Sha'ul said to David, "Go; may Adonai be with you."



THE SYMBOLISM OF DAVID'S CONQUESTS OF LION AND BEAR

Here is the description of the Antichrist from the book of Revelation:13:1-2

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

The Apostle John's vision of the monster that would be the Anti-messiah has both bear and lion body parts. So just as David slew the foreshadow of the Anti-messiah who was as a bear and lion, Yahshua HaMashiach will slay the real Antichrist who is bear, lion and leopard.



SAUL PUT HIS FAITH IN YHWH'S APPOINTED AND ANNOINTED

Saul said to David, "Go, and YHWH be with you."

38 Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armour on him and a bronze helmet on his head. 39 David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

"I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off. 40 Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

David apparently knew in facing Goliath that these other four might also have to be reckoned with. So David prepared himself to take down all five giants, one stone per giant, if need be. The Bible tells us that the other four did fight against David and his army in later battles, and all four were defeated.

David's stone was a bullet of faith, launched from his sling at probably 100 to 120 mph, and with sufficient momentum to break through Goliath's skull bones. The boastful giant never knew what hit him. The text indicates that David ran toward Goliath as he launched his shot, thus adding to its momentum. We can assume from David's success in killing both bear and lion that he was a fast runner.

41 Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. 42 He looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome, and he despised him.

43 He said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44 “Come here,” he said, “and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!”

Feast For The Animals

At the battle of Armageddon, we see this come to fulfilment:

“..and the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.” Revelation 19:20-21

THEY WIL BURN FOREVER IN THE LAKE OF FIRE



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THE BIRDS WILL DINE OF THE FLESH OF PAGAN KINGS

"And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great YHWH; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great." (Rev. 19:17:18)

We have seen Messiyah Yahshua on the white horse ready to slay the wicked with the sword of His mouth Rev 19:15. Now an angel appears calling the birds to feast on the flesh of kings and even horses. The kings then join the beast to fight the one on the horse. Then beast and false prophet are cast into the fire and the birds filled themselves with flesh.

But it shall come to pass, if you will not hearken unto the voice of YHWH thy ELOHIM, to observe to do all his commandments . . . that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field. . . . And thy carcass shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and no man shall fray them away. (Deut. 28:15, 16, 26)

DAVID REPLIES THAT HE WILL FEED GOLIATHS'S CARCASS TO THE BIRDS

David's amazing faith was demonstrated once again when he confronted Goliath as he proclaimed:

1 Samuel 17:45-47
David answered the Philistine, "You're coming at me with a sword, a spear and a javelin. But I'm coming at you in the name of Adonai-Tzva'ot, the YHWH of the armies of Israel, whom you have challenged."

46 Today Adonai will hand you over to me. I will attack you, lop your head off, and give the carcasses of the army of the P'lishtim to the birds in the air and the animals in the land. Then all the land will know that there is YHWH in Isra'el, 47 and everyone assembled here will know that Adonai does not save by sword or spear. For this is Adonai's battle, and he will hand you over to us."

48 As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him.



49 Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

50 So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.

The Mortal Wound to The Head

David defeated very Goliath by slinging a stone that hit Goliath in his forehead. This foreshadow is repeated in the Bible pointing to the anti-messiah who we are told suffers a mortal wound to his head: “And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.” (Revelation 13:3).

The Anti-messiah will suffer a mortal head wound and come back to life solidifying his false Messianic status among much of the world. So where Goliath the foreshadow died, the Anti-messiah will recover.

51 David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine's sword and drew it from the sheath. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword. When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran.



His victory is our victory!

1 Sam 17:52-53 And the men of Israel and Judah arose and shouted and pursued the Philistines as far as the valley, and to the gates of Ekron.

And the slain Philistines lay along the way to Shaaraim, even to Gath and Ekron. And the sons of Israel returned from chasing the Philistines and plundered their camps.



Saul's Camp

Socoh
in Judah

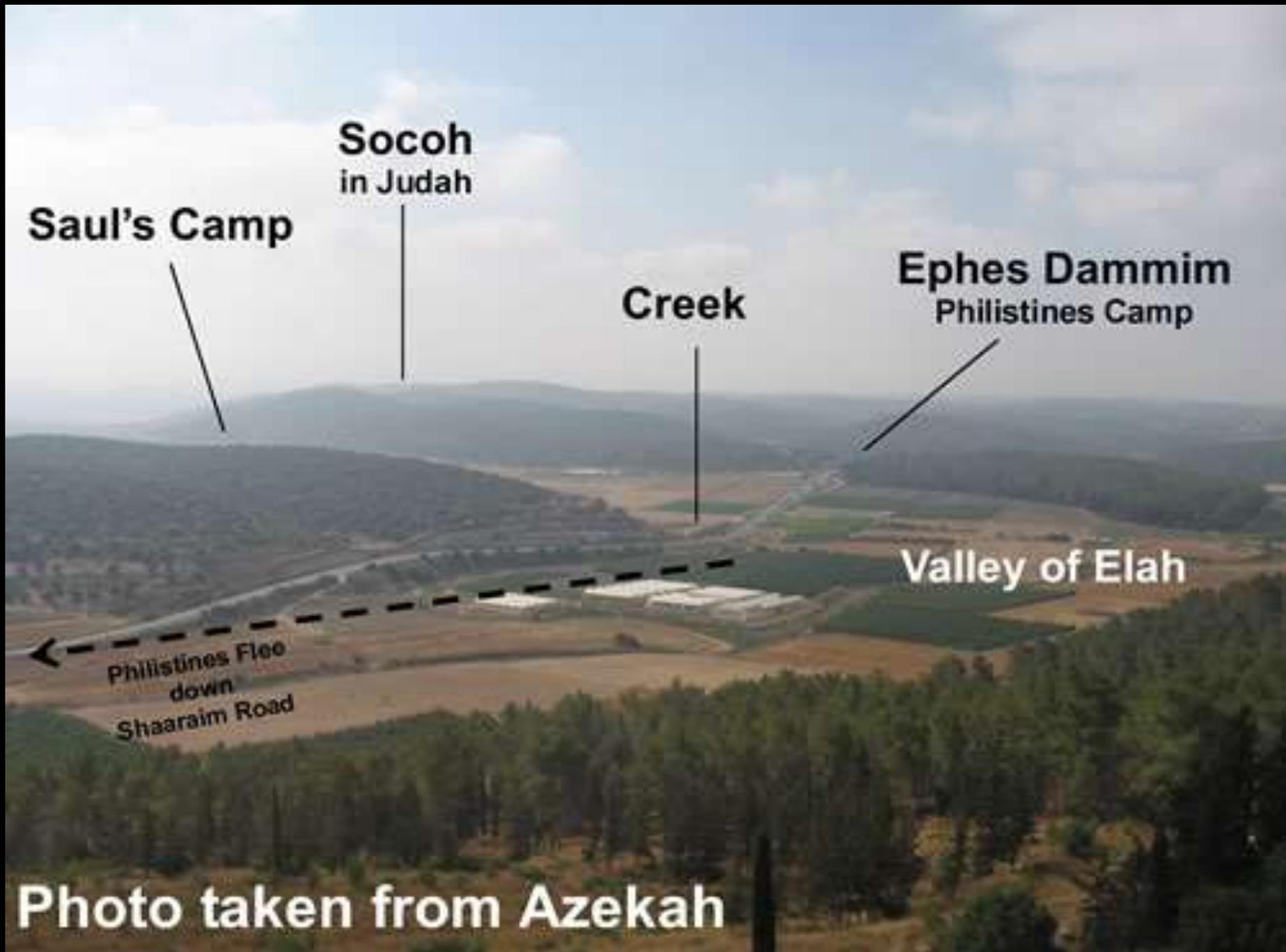
Creek

Ephes Dammim
Philistines Camp

Valley of Elah

Philistines Flee
down
Shaaraim Road

Photo taken from Azekah



The best news of all is that once David had won the battle, all of Israel participated in the victory. David's victory was their victory! So it is with Yahshua and His victory on the cross. The victory He won is our victory when we believe in Him!

Psalm 96: "Oh, sing to YHWH a new song! For He has done marvellous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory. YHWH has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations...."

"He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel."

It's been two thousand years since they turned their back on Him, but YHWH keeps His promises. "All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our YHWH. Shout joyfully to YHWH, all the earth; break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises. Sing to YHWH with the harp, with the harp and the sound of a psalm, with trumpets and the sound of a horn. Shout joyfully before YHWH, the King."

The victory of Yahshua is not a localized event. His triumph has freed the entire world from the bondage of Satan's control, and the Psalmist calls upon the earth to celebrate.

"Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell in it. Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills be joyful together before Yahweh....

54 David took the Philistine's head and brought it to Jerusalem; he put the Philistine's weapons in his own tent.

55 As Saul watched David going out to meet the Philistine, he said to Abner, commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is that young man?"

Abner replied, "As surely as you live, Your Majesty, I don't know."

56 The king said, "Find out whose son this young man is."

57 As soon as David returned from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with David still holding the Philistine's head.

58 "Whose son are you, young man?" Saul asked him.

David said, "I am the son of your servant Jesse of Bethlehem."



Don't rely on your strength but on YHWH
who supplies strength from on high

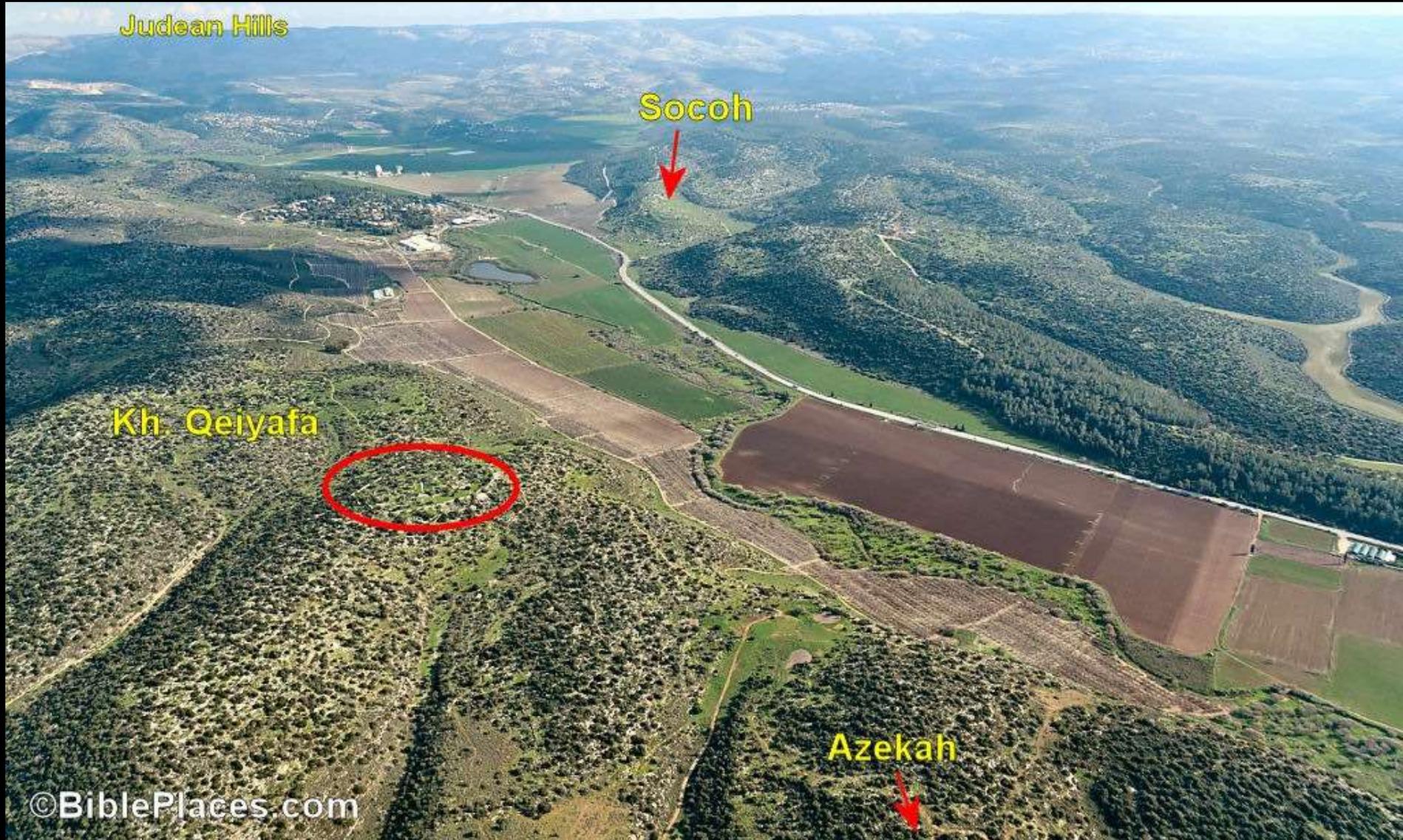
David did not care about Goliath's size. Why? Because David knew that YHWH was on his side. Notice David credits YHWH for the victory before the battle even begins. David was so reliant on YHWH that he refused King Saul's armour as protection. Anyone opposing YHWH will fail and be conquered. And the battle was over quickly. Goliath never lands a blow on David.

Location

The reader who is closely studying this may have already noticed that in the opening of 1 Samuel 17, the battle between the Israelites and the Philistines takes place with both armies on mountains across from each other with a valley in between. The Battle of Armageddon takes place in a valley at YHWH's Holy Mountain.

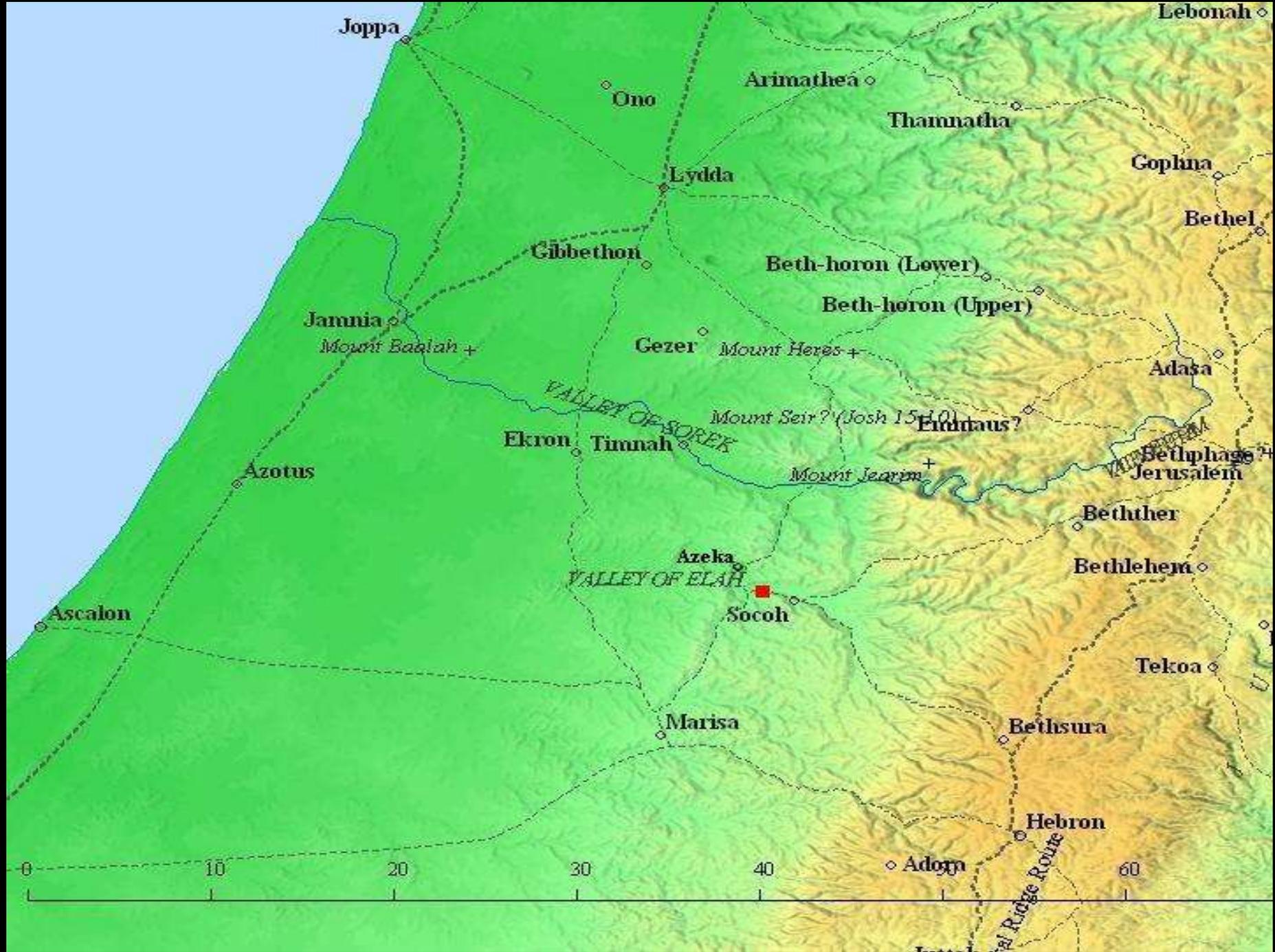
The land around the valley of Elah was part of the tribe of Judah. It is named after the Terebinth (Pistacia) trees that grow in the Holy Land.

THE VALLEY OF ELAH



A Biblical map is seen below, indicating the cities and roads of those periods (Canaanite through Roman). The location of valley of Elah is indicated as a red square in the Biblical map below. This the location of the battle of David and Goliath, near or west to the location of the city of Socoh (or: Sochoh, Shochoh).

Notice the dashed line of the ancient road that ascends from the valley of Elah to Jerusalem, passing at the site. This road connected the coast cities to Jerusalem and Bethlehem.



HAR-MEGIDDON/ARMAGEDDON

The word “Armageddon” only occurs in Revelation 16:16, “Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.”

This text has puzzled Bible students for centuries, but I think the meaning is quite simple. The word har-megiddon is mentioned only once in the Bible. However, in Old Testament times it is well known that the Hebrews would join words together to create names as circumstances warranted.



The Valley of Armageddon looking east from the top of Mount Carmel

For example, when YHWH called Avraham to offer his son Yitshack on Mount Moriah, YHWH intervened and He provided a ram that was caught in a thicket to be the sacrifice. Abraham named that place "YehovahYireh" by putting two Hebrew words together; which means "Yehovah will provide [the sacrifice]" or "Yehovah will see to it [that the sacrifice will be provided]." (Genesis 22:14)

THE FINAL BATTLE

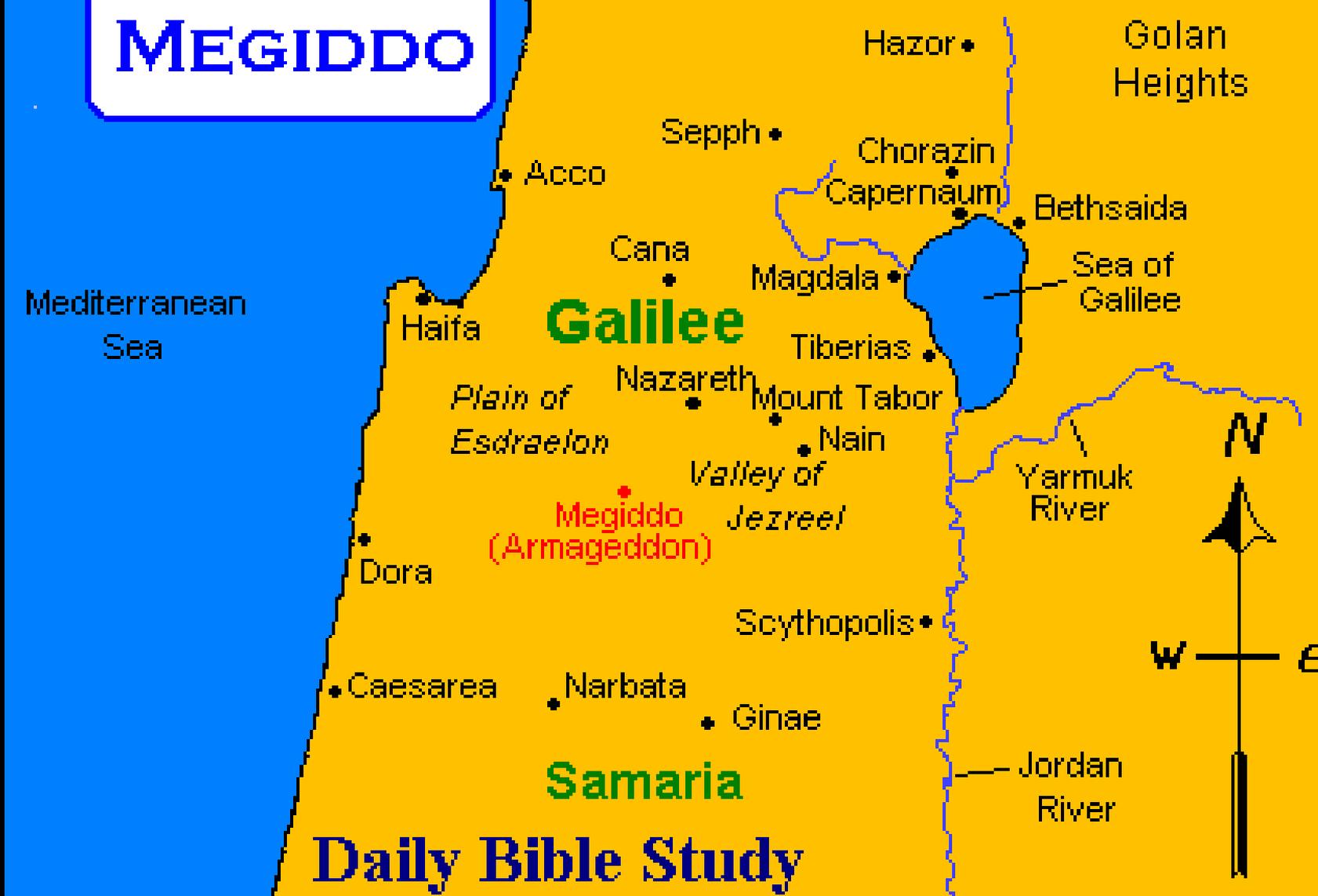
YHWH will intervene and destroy the armies of the Antichrist as predicted in biblical prophecy (Revelation 16:16; 20:1-3, 7-10). There will be a multitude of people engaged in the battle of Armageddon, as all the nations gather together to fight against the Messiyah of Israel.

The exact location of the valley of Armageddon is unclear because there is no mountain called Meggido. However, since “Har” can also mean hill, the most likely location is the hill country surrounding the plain of Meggido, some sixty miles north of Jerusalem. More than two hundred battles have been fought in that region.

The plain of Megiddo and the nearby plain of Esdraelon will be the focal point for the battle of Armageddon, which will rage the entire length of Israel as far south as the Edomite city of Bozrah (Isaiah 63:1). The valley of Armageddon was famous for two great victories in Israel's history: 1) Barak's victory over the Canaanites (Judges 4:15) and 2) Gideon's victory over the Midianites (Judges 7).

Armageddon was also the site for two great tragedies: 1) the death of Saul and his sons (1 Samuel 31:8) and 2) the death of King Josiah (2 Kings 23:29-30; 2 Chronicles 35:22).

MEGIDDO



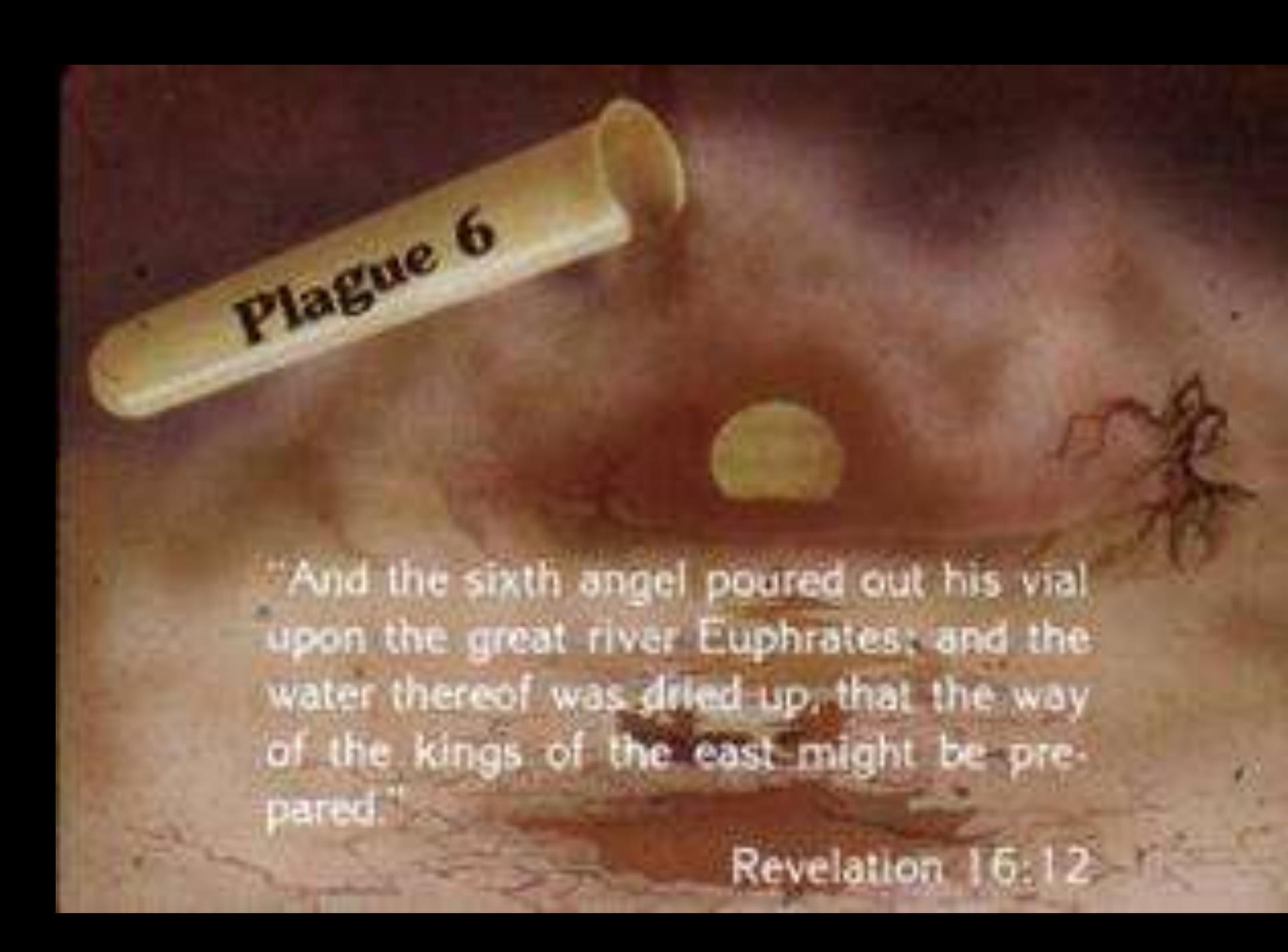
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Because of this history, the valley of Armageddon became a symbol of the final conflict between YHWH and the forces of evil.

Revelation 16:16, “Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.” This speaks of the kings who are loyal to the Antichrist gathering together for a final assault on Israel.

At Armageddon “the cup filled with the wine of the fury of YHWH’s wrath” (Revelation 16:19) will be delivered, and the Antichrist and his followers will be overthrown and defeated. “Armageddon” has become a general term that refers to the end of the world, not exclusively to the battle that takes place in the plain of Megiddo.

Read more: <http://www.gotquestions.org/battle-Armageddon.html#ixzz2RYwzqJXi>

A yellow test tube lies on a brown, textured surface. The test tube is tilted and has the words "Plague 6" printed on it in black. To the right of the test tube, there is a small, circular, yellowish puddle. Further to the right, there is a dark, root-like or branching mark on the surface.

Plague 6

"And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared."

Revelation 16:12

Revelation 16:12-15 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of EL SHADDAI.

Revelation 16:15 “Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed.”

16 Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

17 The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, “It is done!” 18 Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake.



No earthquake like it has ever occurred since mankind has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake. 19 The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath.

20 Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found.

21 From the sky huge hailstones, each weighing about a hundred pounds,[a] fell on people. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.



FACING OUR GOLIATH'S

We may be facing a giant of a problem tantamount to a Goliath in our own lives. Feelings of doubt chew at your thoughts and lately you wonder how you will be able to face the challenge. Yet if we love YHWH our ELOHIM above all else and give Him the preeminent position in our lives, we can rest assured that He will not abandon us in our times of trials as we placed our full faith in Him.

DON'T BE DOUBTER
HAVE 100% FAITH! IN YHWH

Our well-meaning friends and relatives may give us advises that instil doubts in us, much like David's brothers did. Yet if he had listened to his brothers' doubting words, both he and YHWH's people would have suffered defeat. Instead, he chose to not listen to the advises of man but put his faith and hope in our living YHWH.

There are Goliaths all around us, hulking giants with evil intent to destroy. These are not nine-foot-tall men, but they are people and institutions that control attractive but evil things that may challenge, weaken and destroy us. Included are liquor and tobacco. Those who market these products would like to enslave you into their use. There are illegal and prescription drugs of various kinds which are relatively easy to obtain.

For those who peddle them this is a multibillion-dollar industry, a giant web of evil.

SIN?



There is pornography; It has become a giant industry, producing magazines, films, and other materials. It is available on the Internet and, if you allow, it will intrude into your home via your television. It is designed to take your money and lead you toward activities that utterly destroy.

The giants who are behind these efforts are formidable and skilful. They have gained vast experience in the war they are carrying on. They would like to ensnare you and slay you as Goliath wished to slay David and all believers in YHWH.

It is almost impossible to entirely avoid exposure to their products. You see these materials on all sides. But you need not fear if you have the slingshot of truth in your hands. You have been counselled and taught and advised. You have the stones of virtue and honour and integrity to use against these enemies who would like to conquer you.

When they challenge you, you can hit them “between the eyes,” to use a figurative expression.

You can triumph over them by disciplining yourself to avoid them at all costs.

You can say to the whole lot of them as David said to Goliath, “Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of YHWH of hosts, the YHWH of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.”

Victory will be yours. You are a child of the most high. You have His power within you to sustain you. You have the right to call upon YHWH to protect you.

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Do not let Goliath frighten you. Stand your ground and hold your place, and you will be triumphant. As the years pass, you will look back with satisfaction upon the battles you have won in your life.

When temptation comes your way, name that boastful, deceitful giant “Goliath!” and do with it as David did to the Philistine of Gath. DESTROY IT AND CUT OFF ITS HEAD. DESTROY IT AT THE ROOT!



1 Samuel 17:51 When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran. 52 Then the men of Israel and Judah surged forward with a shout and pursued the Philistines to the entrance of Gath[f] and to the gates of Ekron. Their dead were strewn along the Shaaraim road to Gath and Ekron. 53 When the Israelites returned from chasing the Philistines, they plundered their camp.

YHWH HELPS US FIGHT OUR ENEMIES

“It is YHWH who arms me with strength, and makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like the feet of deer, and sets me on high places. He teaches my hands to make war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze ... I have pursued my enemies and overtaken them; neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed, I have wounded them, so that they were not able to rise; they have fallen under my feet. For You have armed me with strength for the battle; you have subdued under me those who rose up against me.”

Psalm 18:32

DRIVING THE DEVIL OUT OF OUR LIFE

Once you destroy the strongman, then you can plunder his house. Whatever is the goliath in your life is the strongman and once its destroyed, all the rest of the issues in your life can be attacked and driven out.

Don't stop until you have destroyed every enemy of your spirit and soul and driven them far from you.

The Bible tells us that it is important to guard our minds from sinful thoughts. From wrong thinking comes wrong actions. Proverbs 4:23 says, “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.”

This verse says that to guard your heart it will take diligence. That means it is something that doesn't happen without effort. 2 Corinthians 10:5 says that we need to bring wrong thoughts into captivity. We must control our mind so that we can obey Yahshua. “Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of YHWH, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Yahshua;”

YHWH wants us to live a victorious life. When fears, doubts, and circumstances of life seek to crush us under the weight of its burden and stress, we need to gather our slingshot of faith armed with stones as our ammunitions which symbolizes the Word of YHWH and declare our conquering faith in Yahshua, we will surely gain a mighty victory through Him Whom we love most dearly. Keep in mind that the true nature of our battle is spiritual.

FAITH IN YHWH IS OUR GREATEST WEAPON

“Through You we will push down our enemies; through Your name we will trample those who rise up against us. For I will not trust in my bow, nor shall my sword save me. But You have saved us from our enemies, and have put to shame those who hated us. In YHWH we boast all day long, and praise Your name forever.” Psalm 44:5

YHWH's enemies and our enemies have but one goal, and that is to discourage us. In order to defeat and discourage us, Satan often sends many 'Goliaths' that seemed to wield an inexorable force to crush us like he did with YHWH's people in the Old Testament. However, as long as we maintain Yahshua as our First love and seek after YHWH's desires and interests over our own, He will train us and make us mighty warrior's like David; who feared nothing.

Therefore, at the beginning of the same chapter where David declared that the one thing he sought after is to dwell in the house of YHWH in order to behold the beauty of YAHUWAH, he also proclaimed with full faith that “YHWH is the Strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” (Psa 27:1).

May we all seek to love YHWH or ELOHIIM with all our hearts, soul, mind and strength, then the rest of the problems, however great and ominous they may seemed, shall surely be taken care of by EL SHADDAI.

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