

Archeology and the Bible

David vs. Goliath

1. Pictures of the Shaaraim and the Elah Valley

1 Samuel 16:14-23

1. How is David described?
2. Why does David go to Saul?
3. How does Saul see David?

1 Samuel 17:1-11 (Setting the Scene)

1. How is Goliath described?
2. What military advantage did the Philistines have over the Israelites?
3. What was Goliath's challenge and proposal to Saul and his men?
4. How did Saul and his men take the challenge?

17:12-18

1. What was David supposed to do?
2. Why do you think Jesse sent David to do this?

17:19-30

1. Ancient warfare
2. How did the men respond to Goliath?

3. What was David's response when he saw all that was happening?

4. How did Eliab take to all that David was doing?

17:31-40

1. Why did Saul not think David could defeat Goliath?

2. How does David describe Goliath?

3. Is there any theological significance to David defeating Goliath with just a sling?

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1. What is Goliath's reaction when he sees David?

2. How does David respond?

3. What did David do after defeating Goliath?

4. In the context of Saul and David why is it important David is from the tribe of Judah?



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