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?

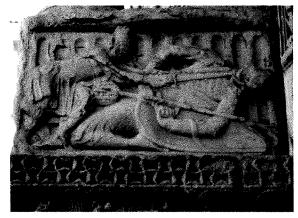
- 3. What was David's response when he saw all that was happening?
- 4. How did Eliab take to all that David was doing?

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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