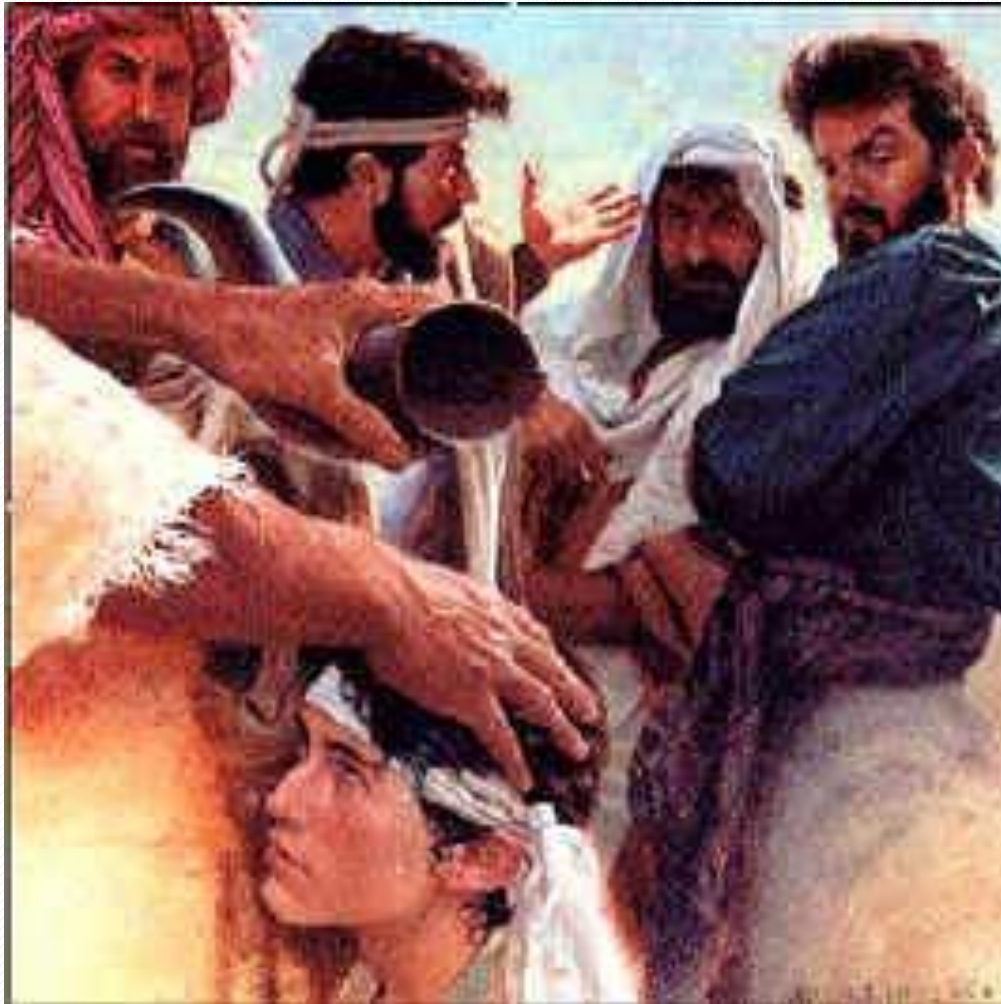


I Samuel 16 and 17

David: A Man after God's Own Heart

David anointed



Characteristics of David:

- He was the youngest son of Jesse the Bethlehemite
 - Bethlehem would be the birthplace of the future Messiah (Micah 5:2)
 - Jesse's genealogy can be traced back nine generations from Judah, making David a candidate for kingship and the Messianic line.

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Characteristics of David:

- He was healthy and handsome
 - Ruddy – he had a healthy glow
 - Beautiful eyes
 - An all-around “hunk”
- After his anointing, he had the Spirit of the Lord “from that day forward.”

Characteristics of David

- A skilled musician
 - Practice made perfect
- A mighty man of valor
 - Maybe because he successfully defended his flock from wild animals

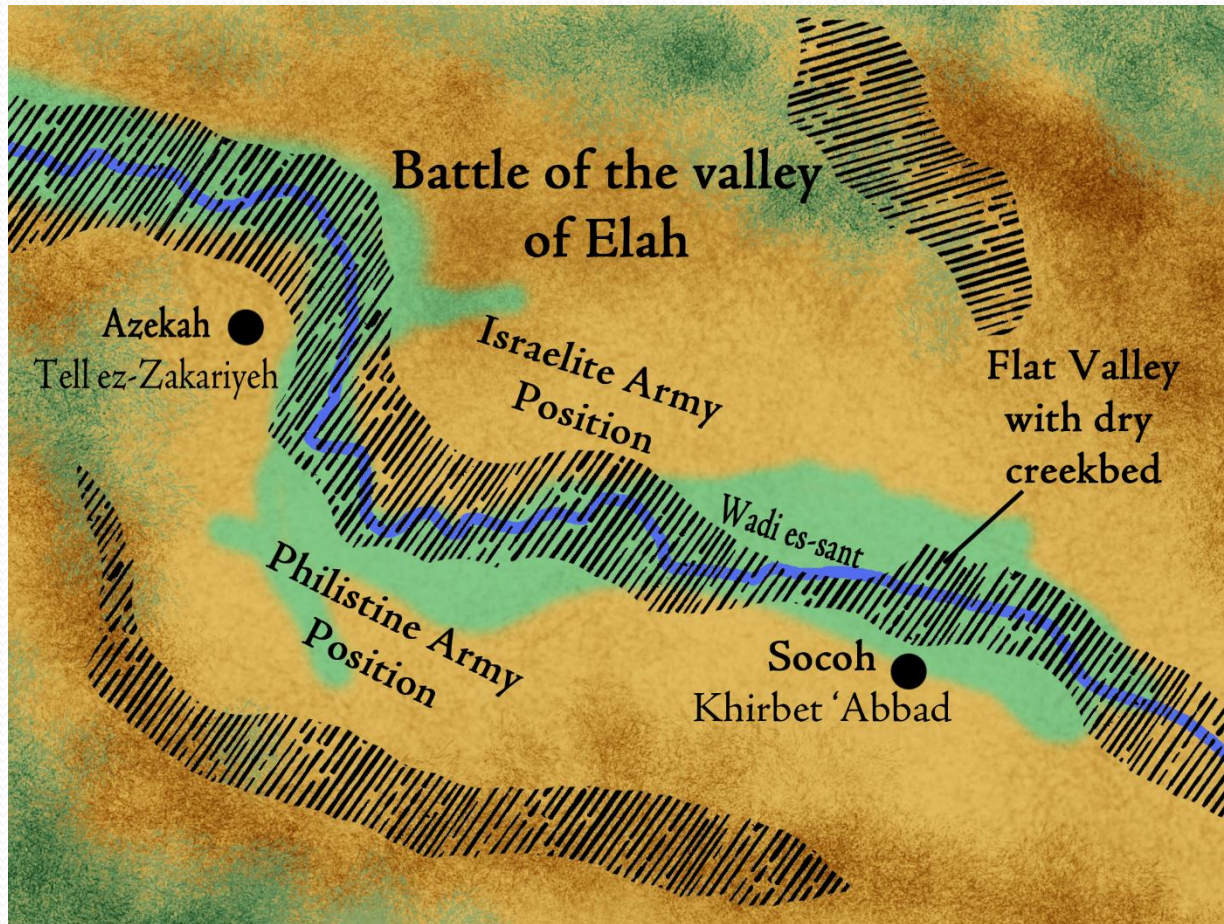
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- A warrior
 - He may have participated in defending his village against enemy raids
- One prudent in speech
 - He was careful and wise in what he said

David Playing for Saul



Chapter 17



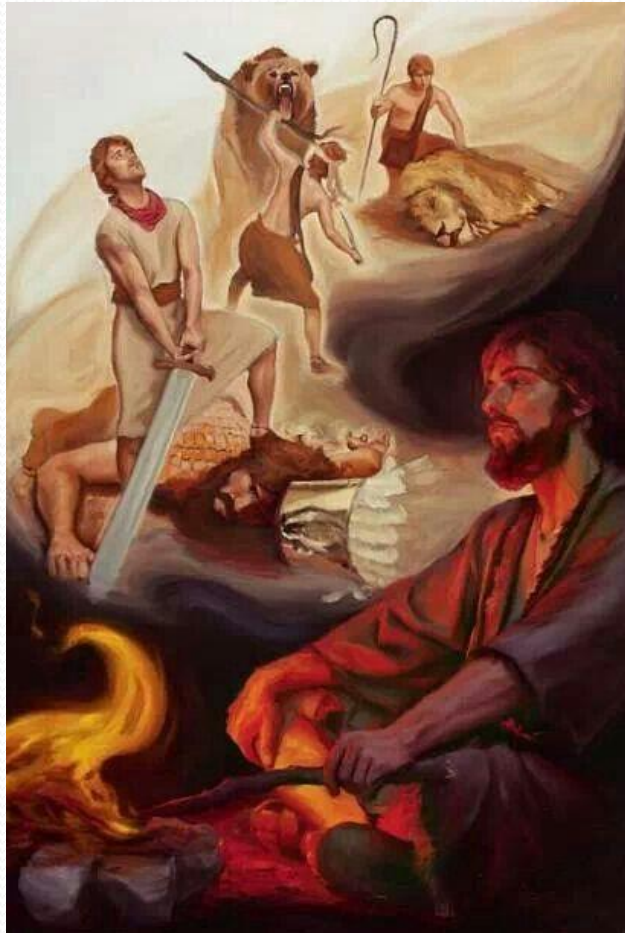
Valley of Elah



Goliath the champion



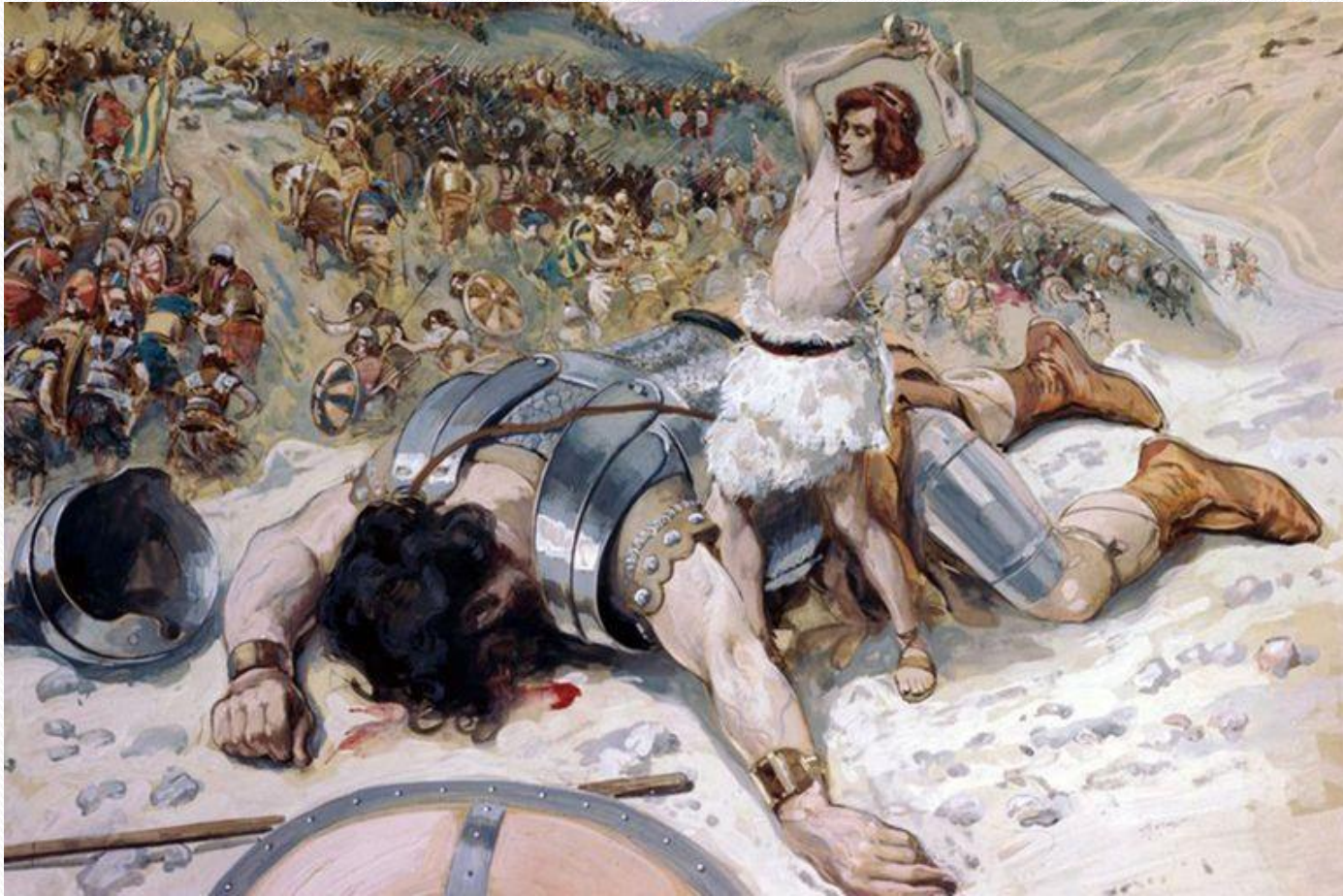
David the shepherd



David slays Goliath



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Lessons

- From Chapter 16:
 - Man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart (16:7)
 - What does He see when He looks on ours?
 - Be a woman after God's own heart
 - In faithfulness, humility, obedience

Lessons

- From Chapter 16:
 - Keep learning new skills
 - You never know when the Lord will call upon you to use them

Lessons

- From Chapter 17:
 - Remember past victories when facing new trials (17:35-35)
 - Do we seek victories for our own glory or for the Lord's (17:45-46, James 4:6, Isaiah 42:8)
 - The battle is the Lord's and He brings the victory (17:47, Phil. 4:13)