

9 – GOLIATH (1 SAMUEL 17:1-58)

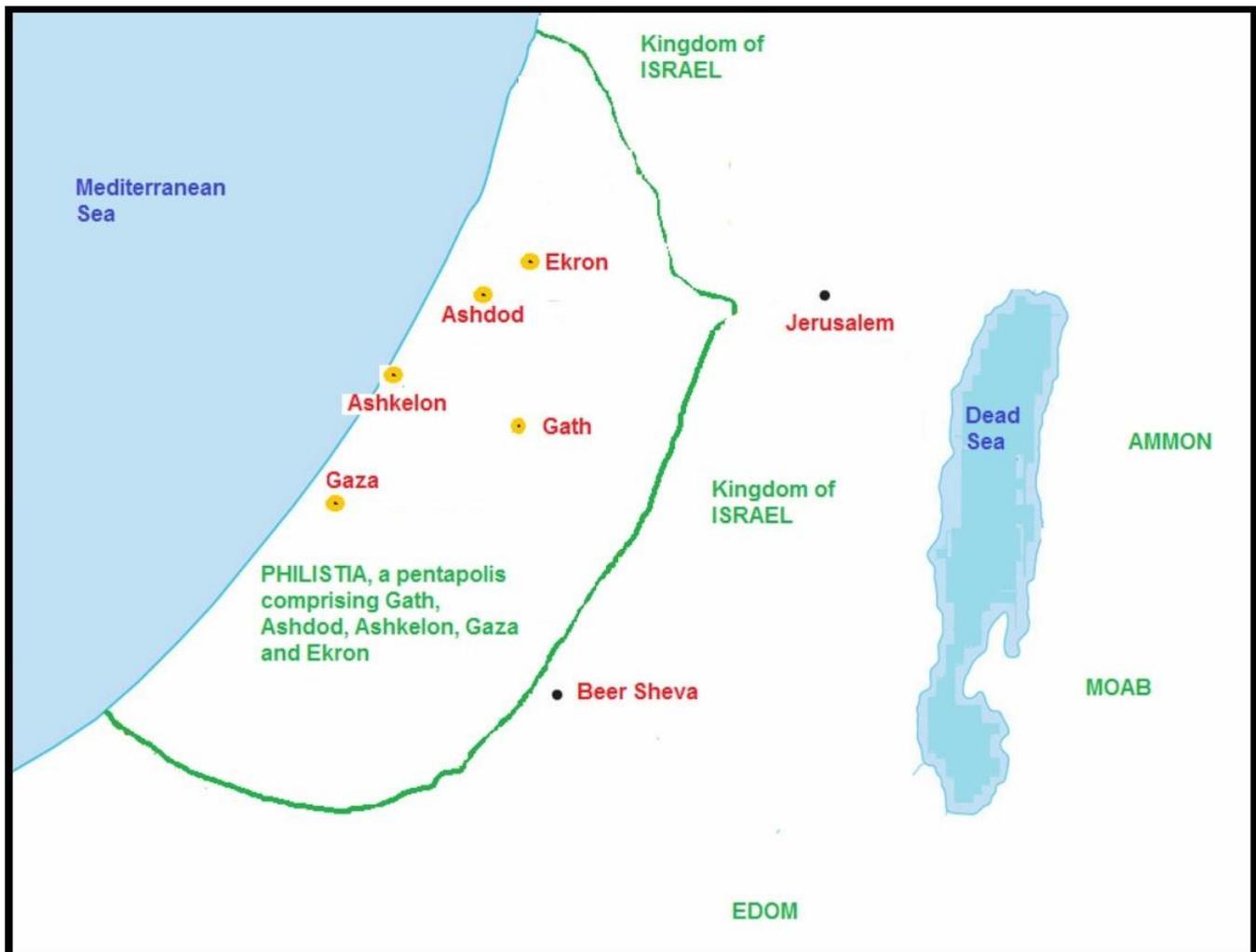
I. The Challenge (1 Samuel 17:1-11)

A. The Armies Gather (17:1-3)

- The Philistine armies gathered for battle in Judah.
- Saul and the armies of Israel gathered and encamped in the Valley of Elah.
- The opposing armies faced each other on opposite mountains with a valley between them.

B. The Philistine Champion (17:4-7)

- A champion went out from the Philistine army whose name was Goliath from Gath.



- Goliath's height was 6 cubits and a span or about 9 feet 9 inches.
- Goliath was fully armored in bronze and had a bronze javelin.

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C. Goliath's Challenge (17:8-10)

- In ancient times, battles were often determined by a battle between opposing champions.
- Goliath issued challenge for Israel to select a champion to meet him in battle.
- Goliath set the terms by stating that the losing side would become the victors' servants.
- Goliath then defied the Armies of Israel to give him a champion to fight in battle.

D. Israel's Response (17:11)

- Saul and all of Israel were demoralized and overwhelmed with fear.

II. David's Offense (1 Samuel 17:12-30)

- David's three older brothers had followed Saul to battle the Philistines.
- The writer states that David would periodically leave Saul's service and return to his father.
- The writer also pointed out that Goliath issued the challenge twice a day for forty days.
- Jesse sent David with supplies to check on his brother so he can get a report about them.
- While David talked with his brothers, Goliath appeared to issue his challenge.
- David witnessed that the men of Israel were scared and fled from Goliath.
- As the men discussed Goliath, David inquired what would happen to the man who kill Goliath.
- The one who killed Goliath would receive the king's daughter, riches and an exemption from taxes.
- David's older brother, Eliab, was irritated by David and rebuked him.
- David brushed off Eliab's accusation and continue to inquire about Goliath.

III. David Before Saul (1 Samuel 17:31-39)

- Someone reported David's words to Saul and he was brought before the king.
- David tells Saul that he will go and fight with the Philistine.
- Saul objects and David lists his accomplishments as he states that Goliath will be defeated as well.
- David also proclaims that the Lord will deliver Goliath into his hand.
- Saul permitted David to go and clothed him in his armor.

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- David rejected the armor since they were too restrictive to his movements.

IV. The Confrontation (1 Samuel 17:40-54)

- With his shepherd's staff, David carried a sling and five smooth stones to meet Goliath.
- Goliath was offended by David's challenge and cursed him by the Philistine gods.
- Goliath proclaimed that he will feed David's body to the birds and animals.
- David proclaimed that he was coming against Goliath in the name of the Lord.
- David proclaimed that the Lord will give him victory today over the Philistines.
- This would be a testimony that there is a God in Israel.
- David struck Goliath in the forehead with a stone and then beheaded him with a sword.
- Seeing Goliath being defeated by David, the Philistines fled as they were pursued by Israel.
- Israel then plundered the Philistine camp and David took Goliath's armor.

V. David Presented To Saul (1 Samuel 17:55-58)

- Saul inquired concerning the identity of the David and Abner did not know.
- David was presented to Saul with Goliath's head in his hand.
- Saul asked David which family he came from and David replied Jesse of Bethlehem.