

1 & 2 Samuel Series

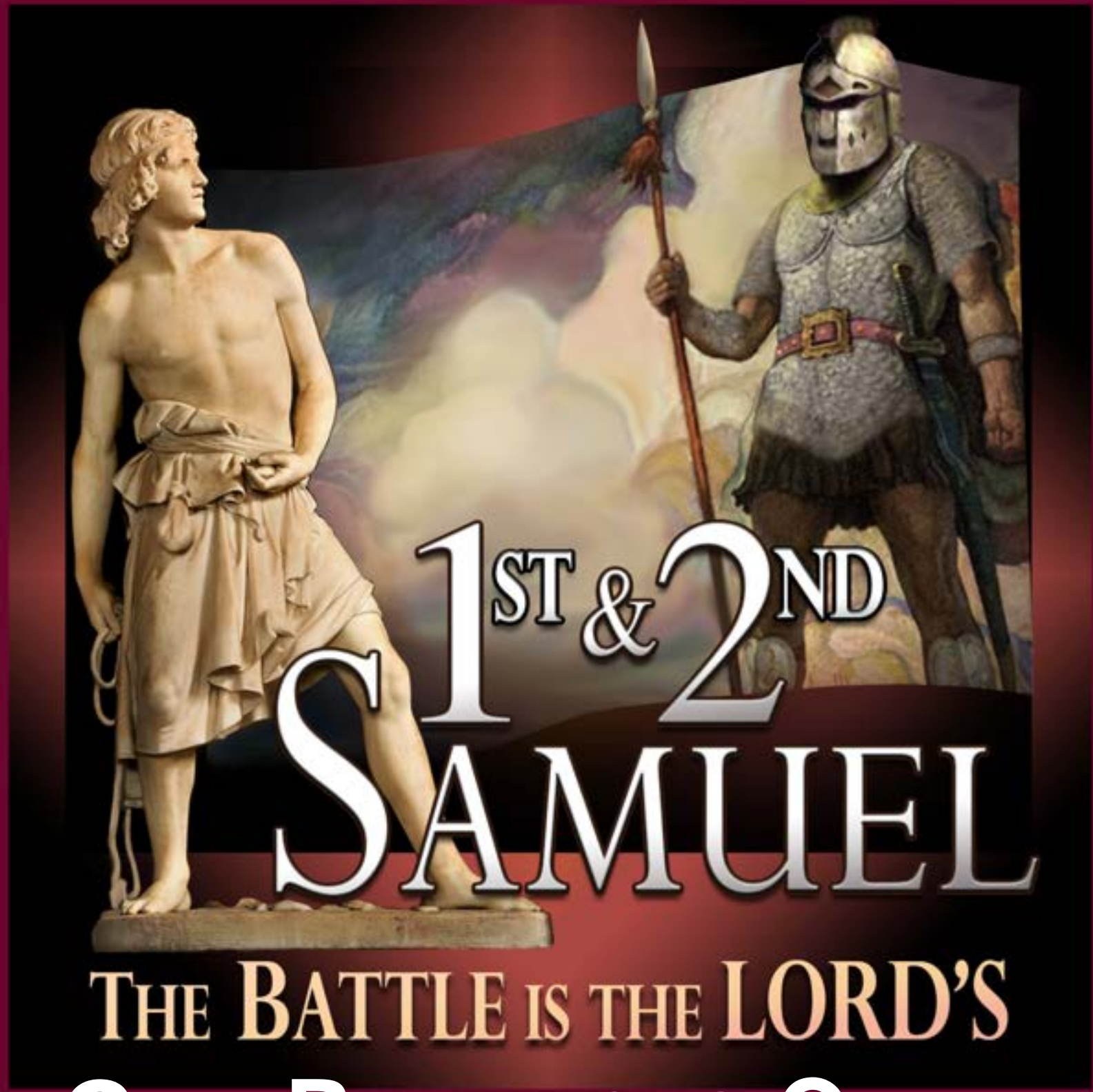
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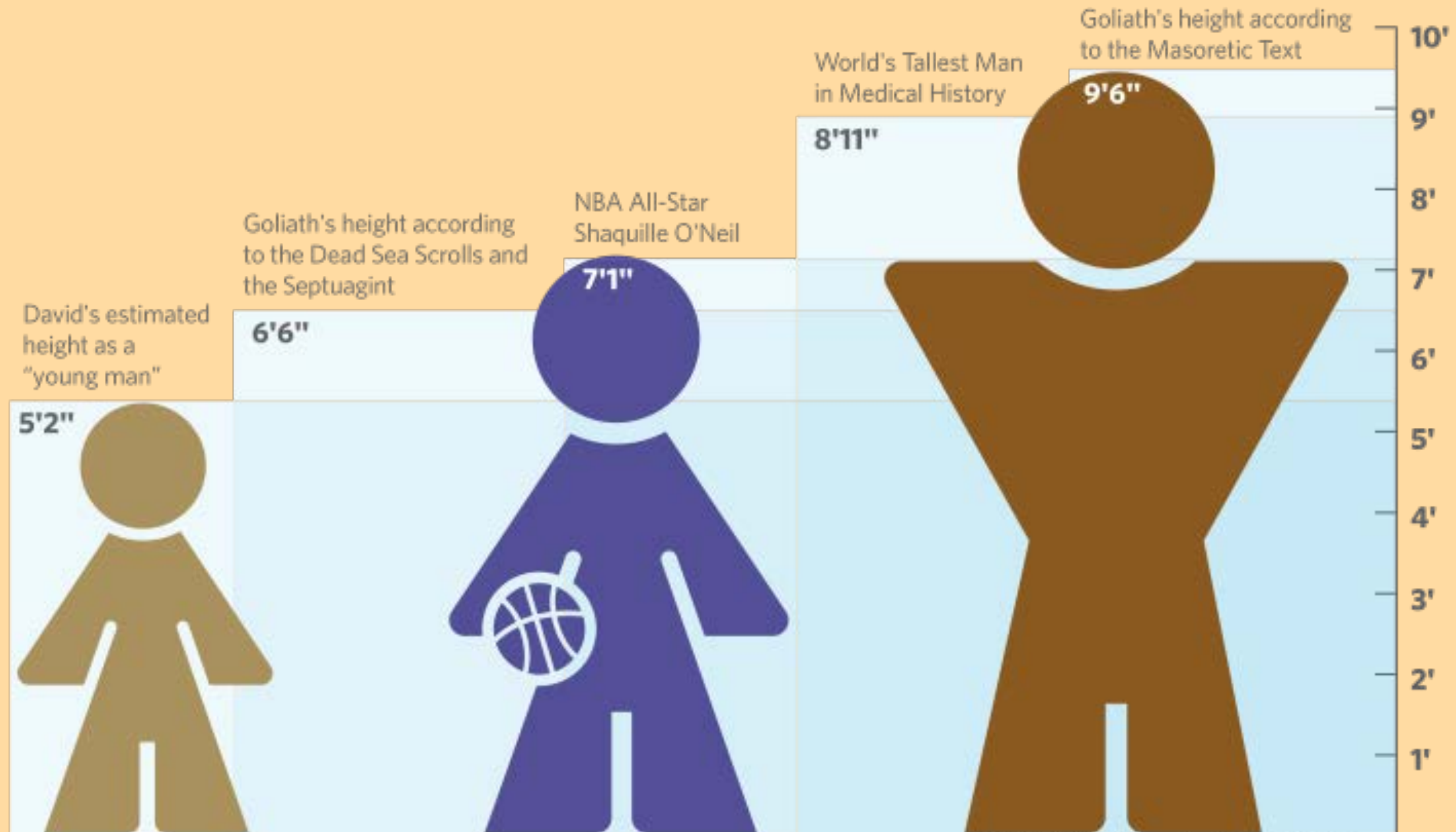


HOW GOD PRODUCES CHAMPIONS
1 SAMUEL 17:12–39

1 Cor. 10:13, “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”

I. God's Perfect Tests that provide perfect training are perfectly timed.

A Man of Vast Bulk: Goliath's Height



A Man of Large Strides: Goliath's Foot Size

				
Goliath Version 1	Goliath Version 2	Robert Wadlow	David	NBA All Star Shaq
About 19 3/8" long	About 12" long	18 1/2" long	About 9 3/10"	14 5/16" long
An estimate based on the Masoretic Text's record of his height.	An estimate based on the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Septuagint's record of his height.	Wadlow's shoe size—the closest comparison to the Masoretic Text's Goliath	An estimate based on the Masoretic Text's record of his height.	According to his NBA Profile

Num. 13:22, “And they went up through the South and came to Hebron; Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the descendants of Anak, were there. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)”

Num. 13:28, “Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there.”

Num. 13:33, “There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.”

Josh. 11:21, “And at that time Joshua came and cut off the Anakim from the mountains: from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel; Joshua utterly destroyed them with their cities.

Josh. 11:22, “None of the Anakim were left in the land of the children of Israel; they remained only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod.”

God prepared Goliath since the time of the first reconnaissance in the land in 1445 BC.

1 Cor. 15:54, “So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory.

1 Cor. 15:55, “ ‘O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?’ ”

1 Cor. 15:57, “But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Sam. 17:12, “Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehem Judah, whose name was Jesse, and who had eight sons. And the man was old, advanced in years, in the days of Saul.”

1 Chron. 2:19, “When Azubah died, Caleb took Ephrath as his wife, who bore him Hur.”

1 Chron. 4:4, “and Penuel was the father of Gedor, and Ezer was the father of Hushah. These were the sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah the father of Bethlehem.”

Mic. 5:2, “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.”



PHILISTIA

MOAB



Area around Jebus not controlled by Saul

was buried

Tel Qasile
Joppa

Aphek

Shechem

Shiloh

Bethel

Gezer

Aijalon

Jericho

Gibeah

Jebus (Jerusalem)

Beth-shemesh

Bethlehem

Gath

Lachish

Hebron

DEAD SEA

En-gedi

Gerar

Ziklag

Masada

Arad

Beer-sheba

Hormah

Kir-hareseth

Zaphon

Mahanaim

Succoth

Adam

Jogbehah

Rabbah (Amman)

Shittim

Heshbon

Medeba

Dibon

Aroer

Tirzah

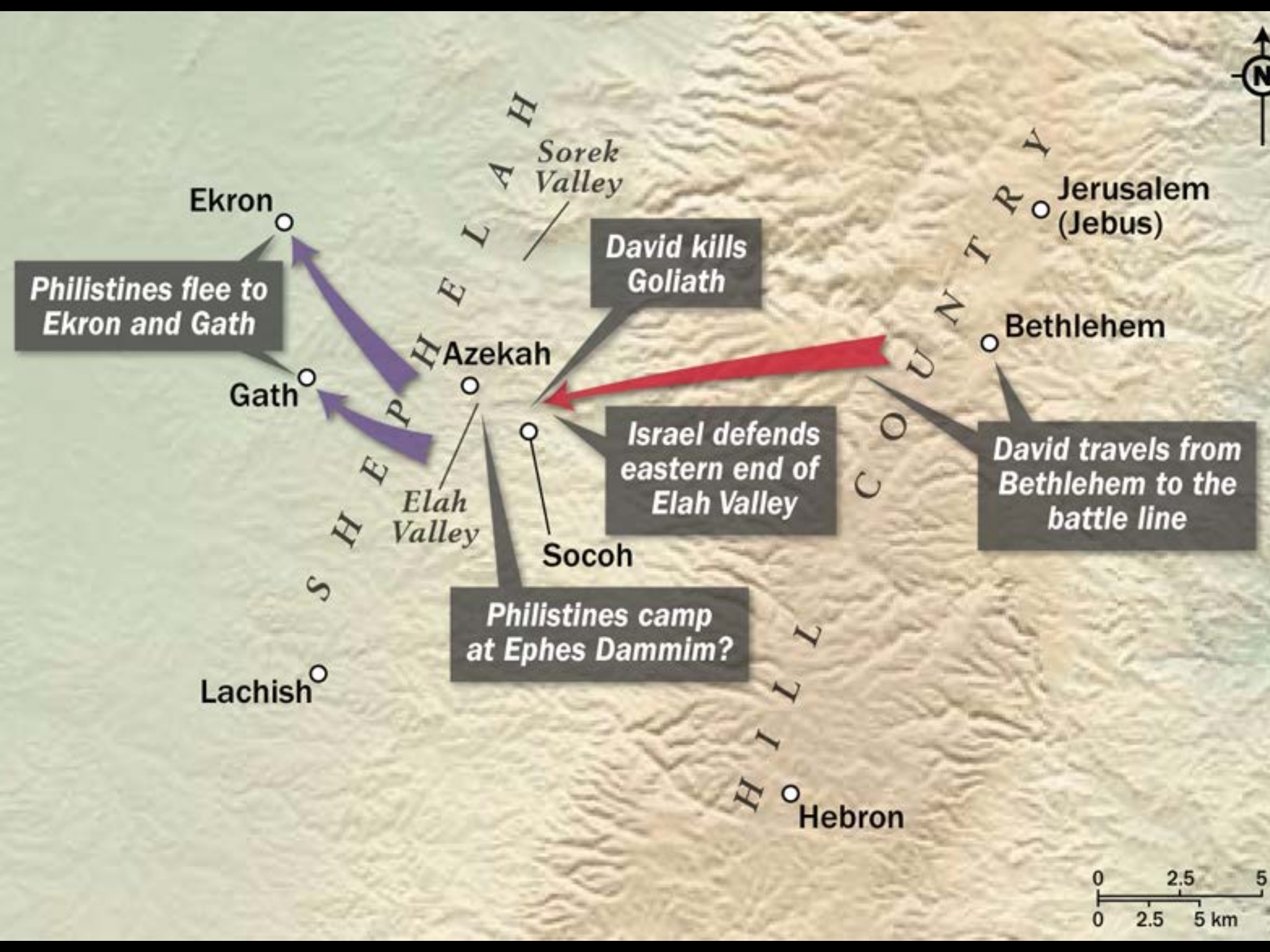
W. Farid R.
Jordan River

Jabbok River

Jordan River

Arnon River

River



Philistines flee to Ekron and Gath

David kills Goliath

Israel defends eastern end of Elah Valley

David travels from Bethlehem to the battle line

Philistines camp at Ephes Dammim?

Ekron

Gath

Azekah

Socoh

Lachish

Hebron

Jerusalem (Jebus)

Bethlehem

Sorek Valley

Elah Valley

SHEPHELAH

JUDAH

HILL

0 2.5 5
0 2.5 5 km





Elah Valley

Azekah

to Beth Shemesh

Elah Valley

Ephes-dammim?

to Lachish

Azekah and Elah Valley aerial from south

1 Sam. 17:13, “The three oldest sons of Jesse had gone to follow Saul to the battle. The names of his three sons who went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, next to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah.

1 Sam. 17:14, “David was the youngest. And the three oldest followed Saul.”

1 Sam. 17:15, “But David occasionally went and returned from Saul to feed his father’s sheep at Bethlehem.”

1 Sam. 17:16, “And the Philistine drew near and presented himself forty days, morning and evening.”



1 Sam. 17:17, “Then Jesse said to his son David, ‘Take now for your brothers an ephah of this dried grain and these ten loaves, and run to your brothers at the camp.

1 Sam. 17:18, “ ‘And carry these ten cheeses to the captain of their thousand, and see how your brothers fare, and bring back news of them.’ ”

1 Sam. 17:19, “Now Saul and they and all the men of Israel were in the Valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.”

1 Sam. 17:20, “So David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, and took the things and went as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the camp as the army was going out to the fight and shouting for the battle.”

1 Sam. 17:21, “For Israel and the Philistines had drawn up in battle array, army against army.

1 Sam. 17:22, “And David left his supplies in the hand of the supply keeper, ran to the army, and came and greeted his brothers.”

1 Sam. 17:34, “But David said to Saul, ‘Your servant used to keep his father’s sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock,

1 Sam. 17:35, “ ‘I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard, and struck and killed it.

1 Sam. 17:36, “ ‘Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God.’ ”





1 Sam. 17:23, “Then as he talked with them, there was the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, coming up from the armies of the Philistines; and he spoke according to the same words. So David heard them.

1 Sam. 17:24, “And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were dreadfully afraid.”

1 Sam. 17:11, “When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.”

1 Sam. 17:25, “So the men of Israel said, ‘Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel; and it shall be that the man who kills him the king will enrich with great riches, will give him his daughter, and give his father’s house exemption from taxes in Israel.’ ”

1 Sam. 17:26, “Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, ‘What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?’”

1 Sam. 17:27, “And the people answered him in this manner, saying, ‘So shall it be done for the man who kills him.’ ”

Josh. 3:10, “And Joshua said, ‘By this you shall know that the living God is among you, and that He will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Hivites and the Perizzites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Jebusites:’ ”

2 Kings 19:4, “It may be that the LORD your God will hear all the words of the Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to reproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD your God has heard. Therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left.”

2 Kings 19:16, “Incline Your ear, O LORD, and hear; open Your eyes, O LORD, and see; and hear the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to reproach the living God.”

Jer. 23:36, “And the oracle of the LORD you shall mention no more. For every man’s word will be his oracle, for you have perverted the words of the living God, the LORD of hosts, our God.”