

## ***5 smooth stones***

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So it came down to this! The fate of Israel hung on “a person of no consequence”! A kid who carried a staff, knife and sling. But as the Psalmist wrote, Ps 147:10-11, He does not delight in the strength of the horse; He does not take pleasure in the legs of a man. 11 The Lord favors those who fear Him, Those who wait for His lovingkindness. And with this young shepherd boy, the Lord had the right guy!

38 Then Saul clothed David with his garments and put a bronze helmet on his head, and he clothed him with armor. 39 David girded his sword over his armor and tried to walk, for he had not tested them. So David said to Saul, “I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them.” And David took them off.

40 He took his stick in his hand and chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in the shepherd’s bag which he had, even in his pouch, and his sling was in his hand; and he approached the Philistine.

[1.] v:38-39, and tried to walk, David found he was loaded down like a conventional soldier. Write down the things he had on.

[2.] v:38-39, I have not tested them. So what weapons had David tested?

[3.] Reviewing I Sam 17:37, Who did David put his trust in and why?

[4.] v:40, approached the Philistine, Why didn’t David have a problem with facing the enemy alone?

[5.] question [4.] Why should it not surprise you if you have to face your personal giant/s alone?

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41 Then the Philistine came on and approached David, with the shield-bearer in front of him.

42 When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him; for he was but a youth, and ruddy, with a handsome appearance.

43 The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

44 The Philistine also said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the sky and the beasts of the field."

[6.] v:41, Then the Philistine came on, So we're talking two against one. Who is the two and who is the one?

[7.] v:42, the Philistine looked and saw David, So what do you think Goliath imagined Saul would send out to face him?

[8.] v:43, Am I a dog, To Goliath, David looked like easy pickens. However, on the other hand, if Goliath spread the remains of a small shepherd boy over the hillside, how would that go down with the boys?

[9.] v:43 again, cursed David by his gods. When David heard Goliath's rantings, choose what he might have thought.

a) Wow, maybe he's got something there.

b) Gosh big guy! You turned me right around with that one.

c) Goliath, you're dramatic and pathetic.

d) Keep talking my friend cause it's gonna be your last.

[10.] v:44, Come to me, So far Who was the aggressor?

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[11.] v:44 again, I will give your flesh, By bellowing these words, Goliath wanted David to:

- a) Go home crying.
- b) Beg for mercy.
- c) Negotiate.
- d) Drop his staff and freeze.
- e) All of the above.

[12.] v:44 again, Write down some ways that, as a Christian, the world tries to scare you.

[13.] question [12.] How do Christians find out about the worlds scare tactics?

[14.] v:45, sword, a spear, and a javelin, From II Corinthians 10:3-5, What weapons does Paul and all Christians use in their ministries?

[15.] v:45 again, but I come to you, In whose name was David going to do battle?

45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted.

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46 "This day the Lord will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down and remove your head from you. And I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel,

47 and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the Lord's and He will give you into our hands."

48 Then it happened when the Philistine rose and came and drew near to meet David, that David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine.

49 And David put his hand into his bag and took from it a stone and slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead. And the stone sank into his forehead, so that he fell on his face to the ground.

[16.] v:46, This day the Lord, **Write down the difference of what Goliath threatened (v:44) and what the Lord was actually going to do?**

[17.] v:46 again, that all the earth, **What would this victory make known?**

[18.] v:47, and that all this assembly, **Why was the Lord going to do this?**

[19.] v:47 again, He will give you into our hands. **The Lord did this in the olden times but why or why doesn't He work the same way now?**

[20.] v:48-49, David ran quickly, **Ok, what might Goliath have thought of this kid running at him to do battle?**

[21.] v:49, and slung it, **Why or why don't you think Goliath ever figured out why David moved his arm in a circular motion.**

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[22.] v:49, he fell on his face, It was probably a ringing pain that he couldn't understand. As the ground came up to meet him, what might have been Goliath's last thoughts?

## **NOTES**