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Like a huge tree, Goliath fell, crashing to the ground. Both armies watched in breathless silence. There was no taunting and laughter now. If their champion did not get up, the Philistines were as good as dead! The small boy stood over the giant and looked down at him.

50 Thus David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and he struck the Philistine and killed him; but there was no sword in David's hand.

51 Then David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

52 The men of Israel and Judah arose and shouted and pursued the Philistines as far as the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the slain Philistines lay along the way to Shaaraim, even to Gath and Ekron.

[1.] v:50, no sword, **What task would David have to complete in order prove to those watching that the giant was dead?**

[2.] v:51, their champion was dead, **What did the Philistines do when they saw David remove Goliath's head?**

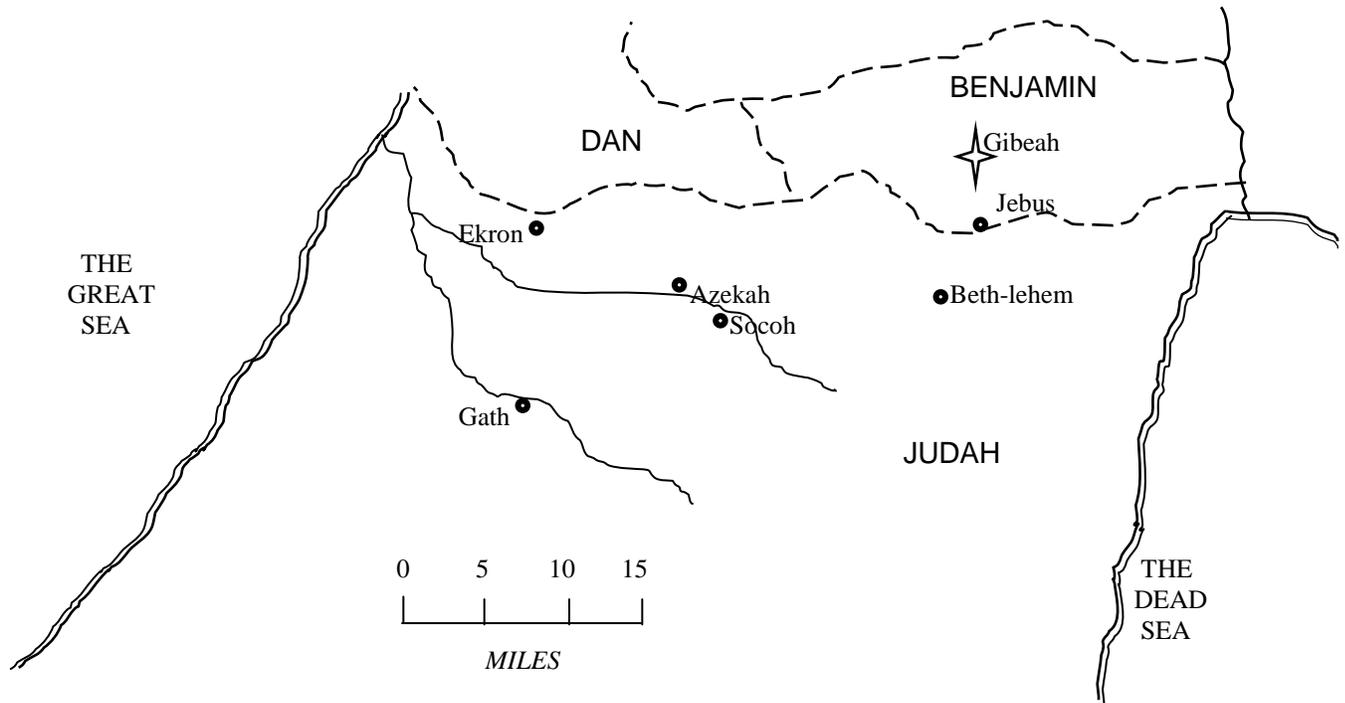
[3.] question [2.] In Ephesians 1:22-23 and 5:23, scripture states that Christ "is the head of the church". Select some things Satan might do to remove Christ as head.

- a) Install an earthly head of a church.
- b) Teach that righteousness is by the works of the law.
- c) Teach Christians to put their trust in a nation or a family or intellect or job or psychology, or philosophy or science.
- d) Minimize the teaching of just scripture.
- e) All of the above.

[4.] v:52, to the gates of Ekron, **Looking at the map (next page) about how far did Saul's army chase the Philistines?**

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[5.] v:52 again, More map work. Draw arrows from the battle field to the directions of retreat.

[6.] v:52 again, True or False: Do you think that Saul was surprised that God gave David the victory.

[7.] v:53, plundered their camps, List some things that Saul's army would have found in these camps?

53 The sons of Israel returned from chasing the Philistines and plundered their camps.

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54 Then David took the Philistine's head and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his weapons in his tent.

55 Now when Saul saw David going out against the Philistine, he said to Abner the commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is this young man?" And Abner said, "By your life, O king, I do not know."

56 The king said, "You inquire whose son the youth is."

[8.] v:53 again, plundered their camps, If there were pigs or idols or people, what might Saul's soldiers have done with them?

[9.] v:54, brought it to Jerusalem, OK, we did a little Jebus quiz already but, during the time of David, what was happening at Jerusalem?
(ref Josh 15:63)

[10.] v:54 again, the Philistine's head, What might the Jebusites think when they saw a small shepherd boy walk into Jerusalem dragging that giant head?

[11.] question [10] Why or why wouldn't they take special note of the shepherds name?

[12.] v:55, I do not know, For starters, how come do you think, everyone could recognize Goliath but not David?

[13.] v:56, You inquire, Giving Saul the benefit of the doubt, from lesson 4, question [2.], what had he promised to the victor?

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57 So when David returned from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul with the Philistine's head in his hand.

58 Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" And David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

[14] v:56 again, You inquire, Just suppose that Abner came back and reported that Samuel has anointed this boy as king of Israel. Describe Saul's response.

[15] v:57, with the Philistine's head in his hand, Why or why wouldn't Saul conclude that this was just another Shepherd boy?

[16.] v:58, Whose son are you, About a thousand years later, king Herod inquired about the birth of Christ. From Matt 2:16, what was Herod's real purpose for finding out about the son of David?

[17.] v:58 again, Jesse the Bethlehemite, Review I Sam 15:28. What hint did Samuel give Saul about the person that would replace him?

[18.] In conclusion. What might be God's reasons for preserving the account of young David's fight with the giant for the born again Christian?

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