



# *Historical & Prophetic Writings I*

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- 8:30**    *Arrival & Setup*
- 8:45**    *Opening Prayer / Initial Announcements*
- 9:00**    **Session 1 – Entry into the Land (Joshua): Controversies**
- 10:00**    *Q & A*
- 10:15**    *Break*
- 10:30**    **Session 2 – Period of the Judges (Judges)**
- 11:30**    *Group Discussions:* How do the modern debates about Israel's entry into the land impact our theological reflection on modern issues?
- 11:40**    **Presentation – Deborah and Jael (Jgs 4–5)** (Sr. Christine Hilliard, CSJ)
- 11:50**    **Presentation – Jephthah and His Daughter (Jgs 11:1–12:7)** (Randy Lopez)
- 12:00**    *Lunch*
- 1:00**    **Session 3 – Choosing a King and Assessing Kingship (Historical Books)**
- 2:00**    *Group Discussions:* Are there theological and ethical implications to Israel's criticism of the Israelite Kings?
- 2:15**    *Break*
- 2:30**    **Session 4 – The Beginning of the Prophetic Movement (Elijah and Elisha/Balaam!)**
- 3:30**    *Q & A*
- 3:45**    *Final Announcements / Closing Prayer*
- 4:00**    *Clean-up & Departure*

# Jephtah and His Daughter

(Jgs 11:1-12:7)

Levels of Interpretation:	Questions to Consider:
<b>LITERAL</b>	What is the <b>content</b> of this biblical text? What is it <i>literally</i> about? Also, what is the literary <i>genre</i> or <i>style</i> of this ancient scriptural text?
<b>RHETORICAL</b>	What <b>message</b> did the author <i>intend</i> to convey to the <i>original</i> readers? What did the biblical author want these readers to <i>know</i> and/or to <i>do</i> ?
<b>PERSONAL</b>	What does this text mean to <b>me</b> , here and now, on a <i>personal</i> level? How can I apply it to my own life today, <i>as an individual believer</i> ?
<b>COMMUNAL</b>	What does this text say to <b>all of us</b> together, <i>as a faith community</i> today? How can Christian Churches apply these lessons for the common good?

**Note:** The first two levels focus on the *ancient* world (the original author and original audience), while the last two levels focus on our *modern* world (today's readers, individually and collectively).

Level of Interpretation	Response
<p><b>LITERAL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the actual <b>content</b> of the biblical text, as written by the ancient author? (<i>events, people, problems, etc.</i>)</li> <li>• What literary <i>genre</i> is used by the biblical author? (<i>narrative, dialogue, letter, parable, symbolism, etc.</i>)</li> <li>• Is some helpful background information found in your "Study Bible" and/or our textbook?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genre                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Historical Narrative</li> <li>○ Vow (11:30-31)</li> <li>○ Etiology (11:39-40)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Bracketed by shorter judge stories (Jgs 10; 12)</li> </ul>
<p><b>RHETORICAL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was the original <b>message</b> or intended purpose of this text? (<i>God creates, forgives, saves, etc.</i>)</li> <li>• What lesson did the ancient writer want the original readers to know or learn? (<i>God's fidelity despite human sinfulness; God cannot be contained in a building; etc.</i>)</li> <li>• How did the biblical author expect the readers to react?</li> <li>• What did he want them to do in response?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorship                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Who?</li> <li>○ When?</li> <li>○ Where?</li> <li>○ Audience?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Covenant and a covenant relationship</li> <li>• Jephtah the Gileadite</li> </ul>
<p><b>PERSONAL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does this biblical text say to <b>me</b> personally?</li> <li>• How can I apply this message in my own faith life today? (<i>to trust God's faithfulness and love; to acknowledge my own failures; to love and care for others; etc.</i>)</li> </ul>	<p>Jephtah and His Daughter</p>
<p><b>COMMUNAL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does the biblical text mean for <b>us</b>, in our communal lives together, in the church, society or world? (<i>God loves us, so we must love and care for one another; We must be better stewards of creation; We must not waste our talents, but use our resources and gifts for the common good; etc. – be specific!</i>)</li> </ul>	<p>Dishonor and Restoration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Father</li> <li>• Mother</li> <li>• Half-Brothers</li> </ul>

# Judgment on the Kings of Israel and Judah

Compiled by Daniel Smith-Christopher

## BEFORE the MONARCHY

### WILDERNESS WANDERING

**Numbers 32:13** And the LORD's anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness for forty years, until all the generation that had done evil in the sight of the LORD had disappeared.

**Deuteronomy 4:25** When you have had children and children's children, and become complacent in the land, if you act corruptly by making an idol in the form of anything, thus doing what is evil in the sight of the LORD your God, and provoking him to anger,

**Deuteronomy 17:2** If there is found among you, in one of your towns that the LORD your God is giving you, a man or woman who does what is evil in the sight of the LORD your God, and transgresses his covenant

**Deuteronomy 31:29** For I know that after my death you will surely act corruptly, turning aside from the way that I have commanded you. In time to come trouble will befall you, because you will do what is evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking him to anger through the work of your hands."

### PERIOD OF THE JUDGES

**Judges 2:11** Then the Israelites did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and worshiped the Baals;

**Judges 3:7** The Israelites did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, forgetting the LORD their God, and worshiping the Baals and the Asherahs.

**Judges 3:12** The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD strengthened King Eglon of Moab against Israel, because they had done what was evil in the sight of the LORD.

**Judges 4:1** The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died.

**Judges 6:1** The Israelites did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD gave them into the hand of Midian seven years.

**Judges 10:6** The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, worshiping the Baals and the Astartes, the gods of Aram, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the Ammonites, and the gods of the Philistines. Thus they abandoned the LORD, and did not worship him.

**Judges 13:1** The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD gave them into the hand of the Philistines forty years.

# The MONARCHY

## SAUL

**1 Samuel 15:10-11** <sup>10</sup> The word of the LORD came to Samuel: <sup>11</sup> "I regret that I made Saul king, for he has turned back from following me, and has not carried out my commands."

**1 Samuel 16:1** The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."

## DAVID

**2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:14** <sup>26</sup> When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. <sup>27</sup> When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. <sup>NRS</sup> **2 Samuel 12:1** But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup> The rich man had very many flocks and herds; <sup>3</sup> but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup> Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." <sup>5</sup> Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; <sup>6</sup> he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." <sup>7</sup> Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; <sup>8</sup> I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. <sup>9</sup> **Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight?** You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup> Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. <sup>11</sup> Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. <sup>12</sup> For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." <sup>13</sup> David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan said to David, "Now the LORD has put away your sin; you shall not die. <sup>14</sup> **Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child that is born to you shall die.**"

## SOLOMON

**1 Kings 11:6** So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not completely follow the LORD, as his father David had done.

## KINGDOM OF JUDAH

REHOBAM 931/922 - 913

**1 Kings 14:22** Judah did what was evil in the sight of the LORD; they provoked him to jealousy with their sins that they committed, more than all that their ancestors had done.

ABIJAM

**1 Kings 15:3-4** <sup>3</sup> He committed all the sins that his father did before him; his heart was not true to the LORD his God, like the heart of his father David. <sup>4</sup> Nevertheless for David's sake the LORD his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, setting up his son after him, and establishing Jerusalem;

ASA

**1 Kings 15:14** <sup>14</sup> But the high places were not taken away. Nevertheless the heart of Asa was true to the LORD all his days.

JEHOSHAPHAT

**1 Kings 22:43-44** <sup>43</sup> He walked in all the way of his father Asa; he did not turn aside from it, doing what was right in the sight of the LORD; yet the high places were not taken away, and the people still sacrificed and offered incense on the high places. <sup>44</sup> Jehoshaphat also made peace with the king of Israel.

JEHORAM

**2 Kings 8:18** <sup>18</sup> He walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as the house of Ahab had done, for the daughter of Ahab was his wife. He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD.

AHAZIAH

**2 Kings 8:27** He also walked in the way of the house of Ahab, doing what was evil in the sight of the LORD, as the house of Ahab had done, for he was son-in-law to the house of Ahab.

ATHALIAH

**2 Kings 11:13-16** <sup>13</sup> When Athaliah heard the noise of the guard and of the people, she went into the house of the LORD to the people; <sup>14</sup> when she looked, there was the king standing by the pillar, according to custom, with the captains and the trumpeters beside the king, and all the people of the land rejoicing and blowing trumpets. Athaliah tore her clothes and cried, "Treason! Treason!" <sup>15</sup> Then the priest Jehoiada commanded the captains who were set over the army, "Bring her out between the ranks, and kill with the sword anyone who follows her." For the priest said, "Let her not be killed in the house of the LORD." <sup>16</sup> So they laid hands on her; she went through the horses' entrance to the king's house, and there she was put to death.

**2 Chronicles 23:21** <sup>21</sup> So all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet after Athaliah had been killed with the sword.

JOASH

**2 Kings 12:3-4** <sup>3</sup> Nevertheless the high places were not taken away; the people continued to sacrifice and make offerings on the high places.

AMAZIAH

**2 Kings 14:3-4** <sup>3</sup> He did what was right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like his ancestor David; in all things he did as his father Joash had done. <sup>4</sup> But the high places were not removed; the people still sacrificed and made offerings on the high places.

## UZZIAH (Azariah)

**2 Kings 15:3-5** <sup>3</sup> He did what was right in the sight of the LORD, just as his father Amaziah had done. <sup>4</sup> Nevertheless the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and made offerings on the high places. <sup>5</sup> The LORD struck the king, so that he was leprous to the day of his death, and lived in a separate house. Jotham the king's son was in charge of the palace, governing the people of the land.

## JOTHAM

**2 Kings 15:34-35** <sup>34</sup> He did what was right in the sight of the LORD, just as his father Uzziah had done. <sup>35</sup> Nevertheless the high places were not removed; the people still sacrificed and made offerings on the high places. He built the upper gate of the house of the LORD.

## AHAZ

**2 Kings 16:2-4** He did not do what was right in the sight of the LORD his God, as his ancestor David had done, <sup>3</sup> but he walked in the way of the kings of Israel. He even made his son pass through fire, according to the abominable practices of the nations whom the LORD drove out before the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup> He sacrificed and made offerings on the high places, on the hills, and under every green tree.

## HEZEKIAH

**2 Kings 20:16-19** <sup>16</sup> Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the LORD: <sup>17</sup> Days are coming when all that is in your house, and that which your ancestors have stored up until this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left, says the LORD. <sup>18</sup> Some of your own sons who are born to you shall be taken away; they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon." <sup>19</sup> Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word of the LORD that you have spoken is good." For he thought, "Why not, if there will be peace and security in my days?"

## MANASSEH

**2 Kings 21:2-3** <sup>2</sup> He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, following the abominable practices of the nations that the LORD drove out before the people of Israel. <sup>3</sup> For he rebuilt the high places that his father Hezekiah had destroyed; he erected altars for Baal, made a sacred pole, as King Ahab of Israel had done, worshiped all the host of heaven, and served them.

## AMON

**2 Kings 21:20-22** <sup>20</sup> He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, as his father Manasseh had done. <sup>21</sup> He walked in all the way in which his father walked, served the idols that his father served, and worshiped them; <sup>22</sup> he abandoned the LORD, the God of his ancestors, and did not walk in the way of the LORD.

## JOSIAH

**2 Kings 23:25-26** <sup>25</sup> Before him there was no king like him, who turned to the LORD with all his heart, with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; nor did any like him arise after him. <sup>26</sup> Still the LORD did not turn from the fierceness of his great wrath, by which his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations with which Manasseh had provoked him.

## JEHOAHAZ

**2 Kings 23:32** <sup>32</sup> He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, just as his ancestors had done.

## JEHOIAKIM

**2 Kings 23:37** <sup>37</sup> He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, just as all his ancestors had done.

JEHOIACHIN

**2 Kings 24:9**<sup>9</sup> He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, just as his father had done.

ZEDEKIAH

**2 Kings 24:19**<sup>19</sup> He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, just as Jehoiakim had done.

## KINGDOM OF ISRAEL

JEROBOAM

**1 Kings 14:7-10**<sup>7</sup> Go, tell Jeroboam, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Because I exalted you from among the people, made you leader over my people Israel,<sup>8</sup> and tore the kingdom away from the house of David to give it to you; yet you have not been like my servant David, who kept my commandments and followed me with all his heart, doing only that which was right in my sight,<sup>9</sup> but you have done evil above all those who were before you and have gone and made for yourself other gods, and cast images, provoking me to anger, and have thrust me behind your back;<sup>10</sup> therefore, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam. I will cut off from Jeroboam every male, both bond and free in Israel, and will consume the house of Jeroboam, just as one burns up dung until it is all gone.

NADAB

**1 Kings 15:26** He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, walking in the way of his ancestor and in the sin that he caused Israel to commit.

BAASHA

**1 Kings 15:34**<sup>34</sup> He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, walking in the way of Jeroboam and in the sin that he caused Israel to commit.

**1 Kings 16:7** Moreover the word of the LORD came by the prophet Jehu son of Hanani against Baasha and his house, both because of all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD, provoking him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam, and also because he destroyed it.

ELAH

**1 Kings 16:12-13**<sup>12</sup> Thus Zimri destroyed all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the LORD, which he spoke against Baasha by the prophet Jehu--<sup>13</sup> because of all the sins of Baasha and the sins of his son Elah that they committed, and that they caused Israel to commit, provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their idols.

ZIMRI

**1 Kings 16:18-19**<sup>18</sup> When Zimri saw that the city was taken, he went into the citadel of the king's house; he burned down the king's house over himself with fire, and died--<sup>19</sup> because of the sins that he committed, doing evil in the sight of the LORD, walking in the way of Jeroboam, and for the sin that he committed, causing Israel to sin.

OMRI

**1 Kings 16:25** Omri did what was evil in the sight of the LORD; he did more evil than all who were before him.

AHAB

**1 Kings 16:30** Ahab son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD more than all who were before him

**1 Kings 21:25** (Indeed, there was no one like Ahab, who sold himself to do what was evil in the sight of the LORD, urged on by his wife Jezebel.

AHAZIAH

**1 Kings 22:52** He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father and mother, and in the way of Jeroboam son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

JEHORAM

**2 Kings 3:2** He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, though not like his father and mother, for he removed the pillar of Baal that his father had made.

JEHU

**2 Kings 10:31-32**<sup>31</sup> But Jehu was not careful to follow the law of the LORD the God of Israel with all his heart; he did not turn from the sins of Jeroboam, which he caused Israel to commit.<sup>32</sup> In those days the LORD began to trim off parts of Israel. Hazael defeated them throughout the territory of Israel:

JEHOAHAZ

**2 Kings 13:2** He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and followed the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he caused Israel to sin; he did not depart from them.

JEHOASH

**2 Kings 13:11** He also did what was evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he caused Israel to sin, but he walked in them.

JEROBOAM II

**2 Kings 14:24**<sup>24</sup> He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he caused Israel to sin.

ZACHARIAH

**2 Kings 15:9** He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, as his ancestors had done. He did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he caused Israel to sin.

SHALLUM

*Ruled ONE MONTH*

MENAHEM

**2 Kings 15:18** He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart all his days from any of the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he caused Israel to sin.

PEKAHIAH

**2 Kings 15:24** He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he caused Israel to sin.

PEKAH

**2 Kings 15:28** He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he caused Israel to sin.

HOSHEA

**2 Kings 17:2** He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, yet not like the kings of Israel who were before him.



## 1 Samuel 17 (DIVIDED INTO THE TWO PROPOSED STORIES)

### VERSION ONE: 1-11; 32-40; 42-48a; 49; 51-54

Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle; they were gathered at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim. <sup>2</sup> Saul and the Israelites gathered and encamped in the valley of Elah, and formed ranks against the Philistines. <sup>3</sup> The Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with a valley between them. <sup>4</sup> And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. <sup>5</sup> He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. <sup>6</sup> He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. <sup>7</sup> The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him. <sup>8</sup> He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. <sup>9</sup> If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." <sup>10</sup> And the Philistine said, "Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together." <sup>11</sup> When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

<sup>32</sup> David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." <sup>33</sup> Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." <sup>34</sup> But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, <sup>35</sup> I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. <sup>36</sup> Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." <sup>37</sup> David said, "The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the LORD be with you!" <sup>38</sup> Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. <sup>39</sup> David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. <sup>40</sup> Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

<sup>42</sup> When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. <sup>43</sup> The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup> The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." <sup>45</sup> But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup> This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, <sup>47</sup> and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's and he will give you into our hand." <sup>48</sup> When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David

<sup>49</sup> David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

<sup>51</sup> Then David ran and stood over the Philistine; he grasped his sword, drew it out of its sheath, and killed him; then he cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. <sup>52</sup> The troops of Israel and Judah rose up with a shout and pursued the Philistines as far as Gath and the gates of Ekron, so that the wounded Philistines fell on the way from Shaaraim as far as Gath and Ekron. <sup>53</sup> The Israelites came back from chasing the Philistines, and they plundered their camp. <sup>54</sup> David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armor in his tent.

## VERSION TWO

<sup>12</sup> Now David was the son of an Ephrathite of Bethlehem in Judah, named Jesse, who had eight sons. In the days of Saul the man was already old and advanced in years. <sup>13</sup> The three eldest sons of Jesse had followed Saul to the battle; the names of his three sons who went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. <sup>14</sup> David was the youngest; the three eldest followed Saul, <sup>15</sup> but David went back and forth from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem. <sup>16</sup> For forty days the Philistine came forward and took his stand, morning and evening. <sup>17</sup> Jesse said to his son David, "Take for your brothers an ephah of this parched grain and these ten loaves, and carry them quickly to the camp to your brothers; <sup>18</sup> also take these ten cheeses to the commander of their thousand. See how your brothers fare, and bring some token from them." <sup>19</sup> Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. <sup>20</sup> David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, took the provisions, and went as Jesse had commanded him. He came to the encampment as the army was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry. <sup>21</sup> Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. <sup>22</sup> David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers. <sup>23</sup> As he talked with them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him. <sup>24</sup> All the Israelites, when they saw the man, fled from him and were very much afraid. <sup>25</sup> The Israelites said, "Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel. The king will greatly enrich the man who kills him, and will give him his daughter and make his family free in Israel." <sup>26</sup> David said to the men who stood by him, "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?" <sup>27</sup> The people answered him in the same way, "So shall it be done for the man who kills him." <sup>28</sup> His eldest brother Eliab heard him talking to the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David. He said, "Why have you come down? With whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your presumption and the evil of your heart; for you have come down just to see the battle." <sup>29</sup> David said, "What have I done now? It was only a question." <sup>30</sup> He turned away from him toward another and spoke in the same way; and the people answered him again as before. <sup>31</sup> When the words that David spoke were heard, they repeated them before Saul; and he sent for him <sup>41</sup> The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. , David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine.

<sup>50</sup> So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, striking down the Philistine and killing him; there was no sword in David's hand.

<sup>55</sup> When Saul saw David go out against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is this young man?" Abner said, "As your soul lives, O king, I do not know." <sup>56</sup> The king said, "Inquire whose son the stripling is." <sup>57</sup> On David's return from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philistine in his hand. <sup>58</sup> Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" And David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

ALSO NOTE:

**1 Samuel 17:7** <sup>7</sup> **The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam**, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him.

**2 Samuel 21:19** <sup>19</sup> Then there was another battle with the Philistines at Gob; and Elhanan son of Jaare-oregim, the Bethlehemite, killed Goliath the Gittite, **the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.**

**1 Chronicles 20:5** <sup>5</sup> Again there was war with the Philistines; and Elhanan son of Jair killed Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, **the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.**