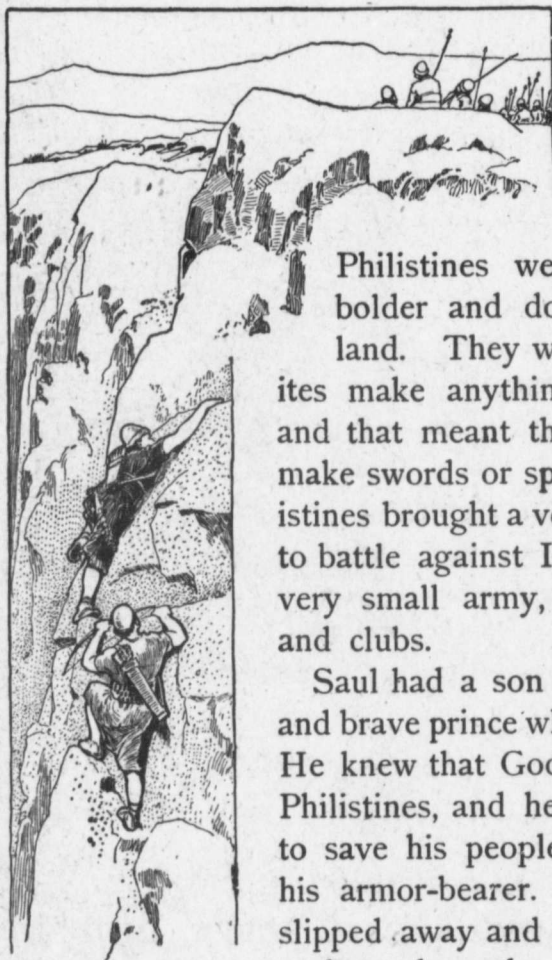


JONATHAN AND HIS ARMOR-BEARER

I Samuel 14: 1-46



King Saul did some fine, brave things and led his people in winning some victories, but little by little the

Philistines were getting bolder and bolder and doing more harm in the land. They would not let the Israelites make anything of iron or of brass, and that meant that the people could not make swords or spears. At last the Philistines brought a very great army and came to battle against Israel. Saul had only a very small army, armed with slingshots and clubs.

Saul had a son named Jonathan, a wise and brave prince whom all the people loved. He knew that God was stronger than the Philistines, and he asked God to help him to save his people. He told his plan to his armor-bearer. Together they quietly slipped away and marched boldly over to a place where the first company of Philistines was camped at the top of a great rock.

The Philistine soldiers laughed at the two Israelites, and said that they were coming out of the holes, where they had hidden, and they called to them, "Come on." "God will