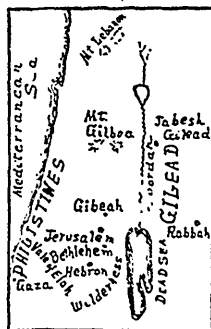


East. Cursed David by his gods; Dagon, the fish god, and Baal and Ashtoreth. In v. 44 we see a coarse, blustering bully, boasting in his own strength. David, in v. 45, sets over against the Philistine's strength and weapons the might of Jehovah in whom he trusted, and vs. 46, 47 declare his confidence that God will give him the victory.

III. DAVID'S VICTORY.—48, 49. Philistine arose . . . came and drew nigh; moving slowly and ponderously with his heavy armor. David hastened, and ran (Rev. Ver.); showing his courage by not waiting for Goliath to approach. Took . . . a stone, and slang (hurled) it; and the slinger's trust in God, making his eye sure and his hand steady, sent the stone with the straighter aim and the swifter flight to its mark. Smote . . . forehead; the only unprotected part of the giant.

Vs. 50-58 tell of David's cutting off Goliath's head with the giant's own sword, of the flight of the Philistines which followed, and of David's being brought before Saul with Goliath's head in his hand. In ch. 18: 1-5, we read of the friendship which sprang up between David and Jonathan and of David's appointment to a high command in Saul's army.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



The VALLEY OF ELAH runs up from the maritime plain inhabited by the Philistines right into the heart of Judea. It was in this valley, a dozen miles west of Bethlehem, that David fought Goliath. The valley itself is a natural thoroughfare between the two regions. A stream runs through it which is quite full at some seasons of the year, but half dry at others. The bed of this stream was precisely the place to find such

smooth, that is, water-worn, stones as David needed for his sling. The walk from Bethlehem to the camp of Israel would be a trifling matter for a vigorous lad like David.

LESSON QUESTIONS

38, 39 What was the apparel with which Saul clad David? Describe the various pieces of armor which David received from Saul. What was the sword like? Why did David reject the armor? What qualities did he manifest in doing so?

40 With what weapons did David go to meet Goliath? Why did he choose smooth stones and why five? What was the scrip?

41-47 Describe the appearance of Goliath. How did he regard David? Who were the Philistine's gods? How was Goliath armed? Find a verse in the Psalms declaring the uselessness of human weapons against God. (Ps. 44: 6, 7.) In whose name did David fight? Where is it said that "the battle is the Lord's?" (1 Sam. 17: 47.)

48, 49 Describe the approach of Goliath. How did David show his courage? What was the outcome of the battle? Where does Paul say that God uses the weak to overcome the mighty? (1 Cor. 1: 27.)

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Is it necessary for civilized nations to maintain large armies and navies?

2. Does the cause which is right, always triumph?

A PRAYER

Teach us to look to Thee, Our Father, in the midst of trial and persecution, as well as in time of gladness. Be Thou our help every morning and our guide every evening. Keep us safe in Thy heart, that we may live for Thee and may receive from Thee the crown of life. Be with those who are dear to us, and bless all those whom we meet to-day. For Thy name's sake. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—That the Christian's foes are powerful.

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 12-14.

The Question on Missions—4. What are some of the results of this work? Idol worship is fast waning. New groups of believers are continually being formed. A growing number of leaders are being equipped. Sunday Schools are organized at all Christian centres, and numerous primary and high schools have been opened.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise: 254 (Supplemental Lesson), 195, 246, 69 (Ps. Sel.), 533 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 250.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What equipment for battle did David refuse?

2. What was his choice of weapons and why was it wise?

3. In whom did he trust for victory and what was the result?

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