

ARMED WITH THE NAME OF THE LORD!

VALOR AND ARMOR

DAVID USED THE WEAPONS HE WAS CONFIDENT IN, AND KNEW WOULD WORK FOR HIM.

THE BATTLE BELONGS TO THE LORD OF HOSTS

AS YOUNG DAVID WAS TAKING ON THE PHILISTINE GIANT, GOLIATH, ON THE BATTLE FIELD IN THE VALLEY OF ELATH, IN ISRAEL. KING SAUL WANTED TO PROTECT DAVID FROM THIS WICKED GIANT, LET'S PICK UP ON THIS IN THE BOOK OF 1 SAMUEL 17:38-50

"AND SAUL ARMED DAVID WITH HIS ARMOR, AND PUT ON A HELMET OF BRASS UPON HIS HEAD; ALSO HE ARMED DAVID WITH A COAT OF MAIL. —READ THE BIBLE.

DID YOU NOTICE THE TYPES OF ARMOR, AND THE COVERAGE OF THE BODY?

- 1. A HELMET OF BRASS TO PROTECT THE HEAD. 2. A COAT OF MAIL, OR BREAST-PLATE TO PROTECT THE HEART.

SAUL WAS THE 'ASKED FOR' KING, THAT ISRAEL WANTED, BUT HE WOULD NOT ARMOR UP AND GO TO BATTLE AGAINST THIS GOLIATH.

YOUNG DAVID WAS ANOINTED TO REPLACE SAUL, WHEN HE WAS STILL A YOUNG SHEPHERD BOY. WHEN HE ARRIVED UPON THE BATTLE FIELD, HE WAS ARMED ONLY WITH HIS SHEPHERDS STAFF AND A SLING.

BUT WITH SLING AND STAFF HE HAD ALREADY FOUGHT AGAINST BEARS AND LIONS, WHO ATTACKED HIS SHEEP, AND HE PREVAILED, KILLING THEM BOTH.

AND DAVID SAID THAT GOD WOULD ALSO DELIVER UP GOLIATH, TO HIM IN THE SAME WAY.

KING SAUL WANTED DAVID TO TRUST IN SAUL'S OWN ARMOR. BUT DAVID HAD NOT USED THIS ARMOR WHEN HE FOUGHT AND SLAYED THE LION AND THE BEAR, NEITHER WOULD HE TRUST IN IT AS HE WENT AGAINST THIS GIANT GOLIATH.

"AND DAVID GIRDED SAUL'S SWORD

UPON HIS ARMOR, AND HE BEGAN TO WALK, FOR HE HAD NOT TESTED THESE. AND DAVID SAID UNTO SAUL, I CANNOT GO WITH THESE, FOR I HAVE NOT PROVED THEM. AND DAVID TOOK THEM OFF.

CAN YOU IMAGINE YOUNG DAVID BEING EXPECTED TO WEAR, THE TALL AND STURDY KING SAUL'S ARMOR? HE COULD BARLEY WALK, NOT TO MENTION TRYING TO FIGHT WITH ALL THIS WEIGHT UPON HIM.

BUT HERE WE DO SEE ANOTHER WEAPON 3. THE SWORD TO FIGHT OFF AN ENEMY.

NOW DAVID WOULD TAKE BACK HIS OWN WEAPONS. HE KNEW HOW TO USE THESE, AND WIN.

"AND DAVID TOOK HIS STAFF IN HIS HAND, AND CHOSE FIVE SMOOTH STONES OUT OF THE BROOK, AND PUT THEM IN HIS SHEPHERD'S BAG WHICH HE HAD, AND HIS SLING WAS IN HIS HAND AS HE DREW NEAR TO THE PHILISTINE GIANT.

NOW LET'S LOOK AT GOLIATH AND HIS INCREDIBLE ARMOR:

GOLIATH WAS BETWEEN 9 AND 10 FEET IN HEIGHT. HE WORE A HELMET OF BRASS. HE WAS COVERED WITH A COAT OF MAIL, WHOSE WEIGHT WAS 5,000 SHECKLES OF BRASS. HE HAD BRASS GREAVES TO COVER HIS LEGS, SHINS, AND FEET. AND WORE A LANCE BETWEEN HIS SHOULDERS. AND THE STAFF OF HIS SPEAR WAS LIKE A WEAVER'S BEAM; AND HIS SPEAR'S HEAD WEIGHED 600 SHEKELS OF CUTTING IRON. AND A MAN

WITH A GREAT SHIELD, RAN BEFORE HIM AS WELL.

AND FOR 40 DAYS GOLIATH TAUNTED ISRAEL, SAYING, SEND ME A MAN TO CHALLENGE ME IN BATTLE.

AND DAVID SAID TO THE PHILISTINE, YOU COME TO ME WITH SWORD AND SPEAR AND SHIELD: BUT I COME TO YOU IN THE NAME OF THE LORD OF HOSTS, THE GOD OF THE ARMIES OF ISRAEL, WHOM YOU HAVE DEFAMED.

THIS DAY THE LORD WILL DELIVER YOU INTO MY HANDS, AND I WILL STRIKE YOU AND REMOVE YOUR HEAD. AND I WILL GIVE THE CARCASS OF THE HOST OF THE PHILISTINES TO THE BIRDS OF THE AIR AND THE WILD BEASTS OF THE FIELDS.

THAT ALL THE EARTH MAY KNOW THAT THERE IS A GOD IN ISRAEL. AND ALL WHO ASSEMBLE HERE WILL KNOW THAT THE LORD SAVES NOT WITH SWORD AND SPEAR,

FOR THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S, AND HE WILL GIVE YOU INTO OUR HANDS.

AND DAVID PUT HIS HAND IN HIS BAG AND TOOK OUT A STONE AND SLUNG IT AND HIT THE PHILISTINE IN THE FOREHEAD, THAT THE STONE SUNK INTO HIS FOREHEAD: AND HE FELL UPON HIS FACE TO THE EARTH.

AND SO DAVID PREVAILED OVER THE WELL ARMORED GIANT, GOLIATH, WITH SLING AND STONE, AND THE MIGHTY NAME OF THE LORD.

\* NEXT MONTH WE WILL LOOK AT THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD. WE WILL FOLLOW UP ON 1. HELMET. 2. BREASTPLATE. 3 SWORD. AND SO ON.