

David: Jehovah's Choice **1 Samuel 16-17**

I. Chosen by God - 16:1-13

1. God sends Samuel to Jesse - 1-11
Samuel is to stop mourning for Saul - 1
God sends him to anoint a son of Jesse
God directs Samuel's journey – 2-5
Go to offer a sacrifice with Jesse & his sons
Samuel is impressed by Jesse's eldest son – 6-7
But God is looking at a man's heart
God's choice is not with the first seven - 8-10
David, the youngest, is not even considered – 11
He is young & caring for his father's sheep
Samuel will not continue until David comes
2. David is anointed as God's choice - 12-13
A shepherd, caring for his father's sheep - 11
He was a good-looking young man - 12
Directed by God Samuel anoints David - 13
After anointed, God's Spirit was on him

II. Prepared by God - 16:14-23

God providently worked with David

1. Prepared in palace serving Saul - 16:14-17
With rejection God's Spirit is withdrawn – 14
Instead an evil spirit troubles Saul
Harpist is sought to soothe the King - 15-17
2. David is chosen to play for Saul - 18-20
God directed the selection of David
David goes from keeping sheep to serving Saul
3. David pleased Saul - 21-23
He loved him greatly
David was given other duties - 21
Saul made him his armor-bearer
Saul requested of Jesse to keep David – 22
David ministered to Saul as needed – 23
His music soothed Saul & the evil spirit departed

III. Proven in Conflict – 17:1-58

1. Israel is at war with Philistines - 1-3
Armies are gathered in the valley of Elah
2. Goliath challenges Israel – 4-10
Goliath is a giant – 6 cubits & a span tall – 4
About 9 foot, 8 inches
He is fully equipped for battle – 5-7
Helmet of brass for his head – 5
Coat of armor to protect his body – 5
Brass leggings to cover his legs – 6
Target of brass between his shoulders – 6
A huge spear with which to fight – 7
Armor-bearer with a shield in front of him - 7
He challenges Israel to fight – 8-10
Calls for a one on one battle – winner take all
He defies the armies of Israel to fight him
3. Saul and Israel are terrified – 11-16
Their king was unable to meet the challenge - 11

Three of David's brothers were with Saul – 12-14

David was at home with the sheep – 15

Goliath's taunts continue for 40 days – 16

Every morning and every evening

4. God brings David to the battlefield – 17-30
David is sent with food for his brothers – 17-18
Battle continues army against army – 19-21
David delivers food & talks with brothers – 22
David heard the challenge of the giant – 23
He also saw the fear of Israel – 24
He discusses the problem with them - 25-30
They are looking for a champion
They talk about the rewards
David sees the real issue – defying God – 26
David's brother rebukes him – 28-29

IV. David and Goliath – 17:31- 58

1. Saul hears there is a volunteer – 31
He sends for David
2. David volunteers to fight Goliath – 32-37
Saul doubts David is qualified – 33
David responds to the challenge – 34-37
David killed a lion & a bear that attacked his sheep
This giant is defying the living God – 36
God will give me victory over this giant
3. David refuses Saul's armor – 38-39
He had not proved them in battle
4. David goes as a simple shepherd – 40
His staff & shepherd's bag with 5 stones in it
And his sling in his hand
5. Goliath laughs at David's approach – 41-44
He disdains him & cursed him by his gods
6. David comes in name of the Lord – 45-47
Confident God will give victory
David is jealous for God's name – His glory
7. Goliath downed with a small stone – 48-51
Goliath's head removed with his own sword - 51
8. Israel has complete victory - 52-54
9. Saul seeks information on David – 55-58