

Session 10 David and Goliath: Victory Over the Antichrist (1 Sam. 17)

I. INTRODUCTION

I will make an everlasting covenant with you-- The sure mercies of David. 4 Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people. (Isa. 55:3-4)

I will give you shepherds according to My heart...will feed you with...understanding (Jer. 3:15)

In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David (Zech. 12:8)

- A. David is a picture of what God wants to release by the Holy Spirit on the End-Time David-generation. David is the model for obedience and faith. We look for NT counterparts to these qualities in the grace of God. David is a picture of the Church that loves, worships and wars in the Spirit.
- B. David is a picture of what God will release by the Spirit on the End-Time David-generation. He is a picture of the anointed Church that operates in power through worship that comes from those who walk out lifestyles of radical love and obedience towards Jesus. The foundation of David's ministry was his revelation of the governmental impact of prophetic worship (Ps. 22:3). Prophetic worship is God's most powerful weapon in shifting government in the spirit and transforming the earth (Ps. 149:6-9; Rev. 4-5). This is called the beauty of holiness or the Tabernacle of David.
- C. This is an account of actual events that took place in Israel's history. It is the story of a giant named Goliath. In David's generation, the Philistines were one of the most advanced armies in the world because they were one of the first nations to develop iron. The Philistines discovered iron before the Israelites did, therefore, they had the ability to make iron weapons (which were very rare in Israel). This gave the Philistines a tremendous advantage in battle over Israel. Therefore, Goliath, the mighty champion of the Philistines was unstoppable by human means.
- D. A national crisis suddenly erupted against Israel which could not be answered by any of Israel's political or military means. The outcome of this battle would determine Israel's future. The issue at stake was the slavery and destruction of Israel through Goliath the giant, who speaks of the great enemy of God's people.
- E. This account of Goliath is often applied as a symbolic picture of any struggle in which human means cannot deliver the one under attack. However, this is dynamically, a prophetic picture of an End-Time eschatological giant, called the Antichrist that the saints can triumph over through intimacy with God and authority in intercession.

- F. God anointed David for this crisis and suddenly thrust him into national prominence. Only with God's supernatural power would the Israelites be able to triumph. Only warriors with a life and history in the power of God would be suited for this hour. Even now, God is raising up young Davids for the greatest showdown in history. The saints can only withstand and overcome the Antichrist with supernatural power.
- G. The applications of this conflict are seen in the struggle of the Church against the enemy through history and in the conflict and victory of the End-Time Church. This most significant national crisis for Israel is a clear prophetic foreshadowing of the Antichrist's coalition of nations that afflict the whole earth (Rev. 13).

They worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"...7 It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. Authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. 8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him...(Rev. 13:4-8)

Behold, the day of the LORD is coming...2 For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken...but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. (Zech. 14:1-2)

They overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. (Rev. 12:11)

I saw...those who have the victory over the beast (Antichrist), over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. (Rev. 15:2)

- H. The four categories of people in the conflict (taken from Reinhard Bonnke):
1. Ex-anointed professional – Saul (picture of leaders who lost the fire of the Spirit)
 2. Un-anointed professionals – Saul's army (picture of ministries without power)
 3. Anti-anointed – Goliath (as a picture of the Antichrist)
 4. Anointed non-professional – David (picture of those anointed in worship and prayer). The Holy Spirit came mightily upon David with an ongoing anointing (1 Sam. 16:13).

II. DAVID'S PROPHETIC INSIGHT INTO THE ARMAGEDDON CAMPAIGN (PS. 2)

- A. Ps. 2 was possibly written just before or after this epic event with Goliath. This prophetic picture will be walked out again in its fullness.

I saw the beast (Antichrist), the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. (Rev. 19:19)

For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem (Zech. 14:2)

I will also gather all nations, and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will enter into judgment with them there (Joel 3:2)

- B. The nations defy God through history culminating at Armageddon (Ps. 2:1-3).

Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, 3 "Let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us." (Ps. 2:1-3)

- C. God mocks the nations who dare to oppose Him and Jesus (Ps. 2:4-6).

He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the LORD shall hold them in derision. 5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure: 6 "Yet I have set My King (Jesus) on My holy hill of Zion (Jerusalem after the Second Coming)." (Ps. 2:4-6)

- D. David has a revelation of spiritual weapons when he saw the Messianic King taking possession of the earth by intercession. To take possession of nations was to take over each area of each nation including political, economic, spiritual, educational, military, agricultural, family, media, arts, technology, environment, social institutions, etc. (Ps. 2:7-9).

"I will declare the decree: The LORD (Father) has said to Me (Jesus), 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.'" (Ps. 2:7-9)

- E. David warns the leaders of the nations to respond to God with all their heart (Ps. 2:10-12).

Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth. 11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him. (Ps. 2:10-12)

III. TWO MESSAGES IN 1 SAM. 17.

In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of the LORD before them. 9 It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. (Zech. 12:8-9)

- A. First, what God will do through His people in times of the most intense conflicts with the kingdom of darkness that have ever occurred in history. David is a picture of the victory and power that God will release by the Holy Spirit on the End-Time Church.

- B. Second, what lifestyle is necessary if we are to develop spiritually in the way David did, long before the battle becomes fierce? David is a picture of the Church that loves, worships and wars in the Spirit.
1. Thus, he is a model of the anointed Church that operates in power through worship that comes from those who walk out lifestyles of radical love and obedience towards Jesus. The foundation of David's ministry was his revelation of the governmental impact of prophetic worship (Ps. 22:3). Prophetic worship is God's most powerful weapon in shifting government in the spirit and transforming the earth (Ps. 149:6-9; Rev. 4-5).
 2. The message is that we must go deep in God in intimacy and intercession. We like David, must cultivate a history in God before the international crisis comes.
- C. **Principle:** we will face the international corporate battle with darkness in much the same way that we face our private battles with compromise, passivity, etc. In other words, whatever we do now, good or bad, we will do it with greater intensity in the future crisis.
- D. Today, the Church is not entrenched in fear because these are still the days of ease. The Church is in the comfort zone with little to fear at this point. ***The main battle front today is spiritual passivity and seeking comfort***, yet it will change drastically as the confrontation with Antichrist government emerges.
- E. The greatest crises have their roots in spiritual (demonic) powers, thus only spiritual weapons will prevail against them. However, the dilemma is that it takes spiritual people to operate in spiritual weapons. David's revelation is that the Lord does not save with a sword or a spear for the battle is the Lord's. David has a revelation of spiritual weapons in Ps. 2:9.

David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a 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. 46 This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you... 47 then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's..." (1 Sam. 17:45-47)

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds...(2 Cor. 10:3-4)

"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," Says the LORD of hosts. (Zech. 4:6)

IV. THE CONFLICT WITH GOLIATH INTRODUCED (1 SAM. 17:1-11)

- A. The Philistines invade Judah at Sochoh (1 Sam. 17:1-3).

The Philistines gathered their armies together to battle, and were gathered together at Sochoh...2 Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together...in the Valley of Elah (14 miles southwest of Jerusalem), and drew up in battle array against the Philistines. 3 The Philistines

stood on a mountain on one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side, with a valley between them. (1 Sam. 17:1-3)

Proclaim this among the nations: "Prepare for war!...let all the men of war draw near...11 Assemble and come, all you nations, and gather together all around...12 Let the nations...come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat...14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. (Joel 3:9-14)

- B. Goliath, the Philistine champion is described (1 Sam. 17:4-7). Goliath's great size points to the great power of the Antichrist.

A champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span (nearly 10 feet). 5 He had a bronze helmet...a coat of mail and the weight...was 5,000 shekels of bronze (120 pounds). 6 He had bronze greaves on his legs and a bronze javelin 7...his iron spearhead weighed 600 shekels (15 pounds)...(1 Sam. 17:4-7)

1. Goliath has the most advanced weapons of his day (a helmet, coat of mail, vast shield, sword, a spear, and javelin, a wooden shaft as thick as a weaver's beam. A beam from a large weaver's loom was a long pole.
2. The point emphasized here is that this enemy is too powerful to win with natural means.
3. The giants were the sons of Anak from Numbers 13:32-33. Joshua killed them all, except for the giants who lived in the cities around Gath. Thus, Israel did not fully destroy the giants as God commanded them to, so, now 500 years later, David is still dealing with them.

Joshua came and cut off the Anakim...from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel; Joshua utterly destroyed them with their cities. 22 None of the Anakim were left in the land of the children of Israel; they remained only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod. (Joshua 11:21-22)

4. The power of the Antichrist is related to a strong man with armor (Lk. 11:22!)

- C. Goliath defies Israel (1 Sam. 17:8-11) – creating fear, despair and hopelessness in Israel.

He...cried out to the armies of Israel..., "Why have you come out to line up for battle?...Choose a man...and let him come down to me. 9 If he is able to...kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I...kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." (1 Sam. 17:8-9)

1. Goliath accused Israel, 'Why have you even come to battle? You have no hope. Why even go through the motions? You know you are going to lose. In other words, the spirit of despair or a hopeless spirit settled on Israel.

2. Today, some say, “Is it worth the hassle? We will probably never break through anyway.” Why not just accept the fact that our hearts are dull and cold and our lives are powerless. Why bother to line up in battle array to contend for things to drastically change?

D. The spirit of the fear falls on the entire nation of Israel. (1 Sam. 17:24-25). In 1 Sam. 11:7, we see that in the early days, the fear of God was on Israel. Now, the fear of the enemy dominates them. Saul is afraid and he operates in ministry without the power of the Spirit (1 Sam. 16:14).

The Philistine said, "I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together." 11 When Saul and all Israel heard these words...they were dismayed and greatly afraid. (1 Sam. 17:10-11)

All the men of Israel...fled from him and were dreadfully afraid. 25 The men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel; (1 Sam. 17:24-25)

1. The scoffer’s voice, is heard through Goliath. Rev. 12:10 says Satan accuses us night and day. This is a primary strategy of Satan against the Church.

2. All Israel fled in fear before this great crisis. Saul was a head and shoulders higher than others (9:2). Abner was captain of the army (14:50) and a "valiant soldier" (26:15), but much more was needed in this extreme crisis. They knew this and thus both drew back from Goliath’s challenge.

3. The picture here is of religious leaders, who are accustomed to operating in the arm of the flesh, and thus terrified in the day of battle because they have no experience with spiritual weapons of warfare. Saul had courage in his earlier days (1 Sam. 11:5-11; 14:47), when he was operating in the Spirit.

4. Fear will be the main issue that dominates the human race in the End-Times (Lk. 21:26).
Men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth (Lk. 21:26)

V. DAVID ACCEPTS GOLIATH'S CHALLENGE (1 SAM. 17:12-39)

A. Jesse sends David to the Valley of Elah (1 Sam. 17:12-23).

David was the son of...Jesse, and who had eight sons...13 The three oldest sons of Jesse had gone to follow Saul to the battle...Eliab the firstborn, next to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. 14 David was the youngest...16 The Philistine...presented himself forty days, morning and evening...19 Saul and they and all the men of Israel were in the Valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. 20 David...came to the camp as the army was going out to the fight and shouting for the battle. 21 For Israel and the Philistines had drawn up in battle

array, army against army....23 Then as he talked with them, there was the champion...Goliath by name, coming up from the armies of the Philistines...(1 Sam. 17:12-23)

1. God sends David in the perfect timing to be at the right place at the right time. David is being faithful to bring the supplies from his father to his brothers exactly when Goliath is making his challenge on the 40th day. The orchestration of God is a significant part to God raising up the young David's in this hour.
2. Jesse had eight sons (16:10, 11), three joined Saul's army (17:13), five were at home and David was the youngest of the eight sons of Jesse (1 Sam. 16:10-11, 17:12).

B. David was faithful in little things.

David was the youngest...15 David occasionally went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem....17 Jesse said to...David, "Take now for your brothers an ephah (half a bushel) of this dried grain and these ten loaves, and run to your brothers at the camp (approximately 7 miles from Bethlehem)...19 Saul and they and all the men of Israel were in the Valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. 20 David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, and took the things and went as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the camp as the army was going out to the fight and shouting for the battle....22 David left his supplies in the hand of the supply keeper, ran to the army, and came and greeted his brothers. (1 Sam. 17:14-23)

1. David has just been anointed by Samuel, the prophet of the nation, he works with the king of Israel and now he's running back and forth tending sheep. David returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep. David was able to serve the king one day then "mow lawns" (tend sheep or run errands for his father) the next day. To be in the high and low places without losing his servant heart is the true test of David's intimacy with God. When the Lord promotes some, they get so focused on the promotion that they lose their servant heart.
2. David was faithful with responsibilities (v. 20), as he left the sheep with a keeper. He doesn't forget his mundane responsibilities. Then in verse 22, he does it again. He turns the supplies over to the supply keeper instead of dropping them on the ground and later complaining that somebody stole them.
3. Notice that the Holy Spirit sets David's integrity and faithfulness with a menial task in context to David's national victory. The palace possessed no attractions.
4. In the midst of the mundane serving, the "suddenly of God" occurs. God sends David in the perfect timing to be at the right place as David is faithful to serve. God will set up the perfect divine timing ensuring that His Davids show up at the exact time. Jesse, David, Saul, Israel nor Goliath were aware there was a Divine appointment to change history just hours away after David began his 7 mile walk from Bethlehem to the valley of Elah.

C. David is rebuked by his jealous older brother Eliab (1 Sam. 17:26-30).

David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, "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?"...28 Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke...and Eliab's anger was aroused against David, and he said, "Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle." 29 David said, "What have I done now? Is there not a cause?" (1 Sam. 17:26-30)

1. There will always be jealous people and leaders, some within the family, who will resist and insult God's anointed. In 1 Sam. 16:6, Samuel was ready to anoint Eliab, Jesse's firstborn, yet the Lord said "No!" This is when the problem started of Eliab concluding that David had a proud heart.
2. David like all of us must face and endure false accusation from family members and even the experienced soldiers of the day (v. 28).
3. **Is there not a cause** to get up out of our beds and give ourselves to God in an extraordinary way?
4. Is there not a cause that is worthy of extraordinary lifestyles before God? I challenge you, is there not a cause? Is there not something worth paying a price to live differently in this generation?

D. The two different responses in Israel are a picture of the two responses in our day. One group is overwhelmed with fear, yet David was alive with courage.

E. David asks Saul for permission to fight Goliath (1 Sam. 17:31-37).

When the words which David spoke were heard, they reported them to Saul; and he sent for him. 32 David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." 33 Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine...for you are a youth..." 34 David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, 35 I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard, and struck and killed it. 36 Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God." 37 David said, "The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!" (1 Sam. 17:31-37)

1. Saul told David that he was not able to fight Goliath. David was mocked by Eliab, Saul and later Goliath. However, he lived by God's opinion of him. King Saul initially scoffed at the thought of a young person standing against the mightiest warrior that Israel ever faced. In Saul's professional opinion, David was unqualified. He did not qualify by Saul's standard.
 2. However, David speaks to Saul, out of his secret life in God, that he had experienced God's presence in his private life in a way that had not been made known to others. David experienced the presence of God's power in his mundane job among the sheep. David trusted in the operation of the Holy Spirit in his life (1 Sam. 16:13-14). This is how David killed the lion and then the bear and flowed in the prophetic song that refreshed Saul. All of this was in private.
 3. David's heart was alive with confidence that was the fruit of his relationship with the Holy Spirit. David could not see why the people should be afraid because of Goliath. He said, "let no one's heart fail because of him."
 4. David offered to fight the giant. He was willing to do what no one else would do. We must not wait for others to rise up and be radical to show us the way. It is time to live differently with God.
 5. God gives His people private personal victories with the "lion and the bear" before He releases national victories.
 6. David proclaimed that God would in fact deliver him from the Philistine (v. 37). David saw Goliath through God's eyes as an uncircumcised Philistine who defied God. David did not esteem Goliath the champion as a threat to God. David was focused on the most important question in the crisis, "What does God say about the giant?"
 7. Saul said, "Go, and the LORD be with you!" (v. 37) Saul knew David since he had been singing for him and was his armor bearer. Saul's was now looking at his young guitar player in a different light, as one on whom the Spirit rested. Saul could remember feeling the anointing of God when David sang. When David told him that he knew the Lord would help him, then, Saul decided to give David the opportunity. Saul had to believe in David, because if David failed the whole nation would greatly suffer.
 8. Today's history and cultivating of God's presence is essential for our conflict with the Antichrist's dark empire. God is raising up young David's who are getting a history in God in supernatural warfare now.
- F. David refused Saul's armor-he refused to walk in another man's calling (1 Sam. 17:38-39).
Saul clothed David with his armor, and he put a bronze helmet on his head; he clothed him with a coat of mail. 39 David fastened his sword to his armor, and he tried to walk, for he had

not tested them. David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these, for I have not tested them." So David took them off. (1 Sam. 17:38-39)

1. Saul is a picture of a leader who is mighty in the flesh and impressive in man's court. Saul was a head and shoulders higher than others (9:2). Saul's amour was the best in all Israel, but the battle was spiritual in nature not natural (economic, military, political). Saul armed David with his own armor thinking that David needed more of what Saul relied on (natural strength). Saul is sincere and well meaning as he gives David his amour. However, Saul's amour could not get the job done, so why would it be adequate for David?
2. Too many of God's people are warring with Saul's amour that is made of the same substance as the giant. The chosen method of spiritual weapons are to natural wisdom both weak and foolish Why? That "no flesh should glory in His presence" (1 Cor. 1:29). The prayer closet is the Holy Spirit seminary and battlefield of choice. The prayer room is away from the crowds, like David in the fields of Bethlehem, where David killed the lion and the bear (v. 34, 35).

3. The professional titles, achievements and degrees and ceremonies do not move angels and demons. The lifestyle of intercession with fasting is the ultimate in relying on divine strength and thus leaning into intimacy.

The evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?" (Acts 19:15)

4. Saul clothed David with his helmet and coat of mail. David fastened Saul's sword and armor on then tried to walk and could not. David had not tested these. He had no experience with Saul's equipment. We must not seek to go to war in crisis in another experience and calling.
5. David takes Saul's armor off and proceeds in the confidence that he had in God's grace on his life. He wanted to go to war with what was proven in his history in God.

VI. DAVID FIGHTS GOLIATH (I SAM. 17:40-58)

- A. David defies Goliath armed with a revelation of spiritual warfare (1 Sam. 17:40-47). This drama will be walked out again in the end-of-the-age. We will encounter great giants.

Then he (David) took his staff in his hand; and he chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook...and he drew near to the Philistine. 41 The Philistine...began drawing near to David...42 When the Philistine...saw David, he disdained him; for he was only a youth...43 The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" The Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44 The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!" 45 David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a 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. 46 This day the

LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. This day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. 47 Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's, and He will give you into our hands." (1 Sam. 17:40-47)

1. The crisis had its roots in spiritual powers, thus only with spiritual weapons will David prevail. David's revelation was that the Lord does not save with a sword or a spear for the battle is the Lord's. David has a revelation of spiritual weapons when he saw the Messianic King taking possession of the earth by intercession (Ps. 2:9). Goliath came to David with a sword (human power: military, financial, political, academic titles). David came to Goliath in God's name or in the power of his relationship in God.

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds...(2 Cor. 10:3-4)

"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," Says the LORD of hosts. (Zech. 4:6)

2. Goliath trusted in his military and political might as his primary weapons against David (v.43). He said to David, "Am I a dog that you come against me with a stick"? A kid with a sling shot? This insulted Goliath as he cursed David, "You have no resources, no money; no titles, no position and just a history in God.
3. David did not come to Goliath with a sword but in the name of the Lord or by invoking the power of God through intercession. The stone he slung at Goliath was guided by God's invisible hands. David spoke a prophetic decree to the enemy based on God's covenant with Abraham to give Israel the land and on His promises to Moses to help when God's people looked to God (Deut. 28:1-14). David called on God or host or the captain of the armies of heaven (v. 45).
4. A primary lesson in this passage is his confidence in God based on his prior experiences in God. At first, Saul sought to talk David out of this battle (v. 33). Saul agreed with Goliath seeing David as unable to prevail. David, you will not make a difference, you will fail because you are an unqualified youth. David had victories that he had never told Saul before. Saul says "this is the anointing of God. You have the real thing. Private victory precedes public victory. We must slay the lion and the bear before we seek public victories. We experience some victory in our private life and then in our public life. We want the spirit of prayer. Many have this backwards. We need to be desperate to know spirit of power in prayer in our life even now, long before we encounter the spirit of the Antichrist.
5. God will crush the head of Satan through Jesus' victory at the cross.

God said...,"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed (Jesus); He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel (at the cross)." (Gen. 3:15)

6. Goliath said he would feed David to the birds (v. 44) and David said the same back to him (v. 46). God will feed the Antichrist's armies to the birds of the air at the Armageddon campaign.

I saw an angel...saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, 18 that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains...and the flesh of all people...small and great." (Rev. 19:17-18)

7. David spoke of the final implication of this battle as it will occur again in the end-of-the-age, so all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.
8. David's revelation was that the Lord does not save with a sword or a spear for the battle is the Lord's. David has a revelation of spiritual weapons in Ps. 2:9.

B. David had an End-Time vision; he knew this battle would eventually affect the whole earth with knowing the God of Israel is the only God.

C. David kills Goliath who fell on his face to the earth (1 Sam. 17:48-54).

Philistine. 49 David...took out a stone; and he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead...and he fell on his face to the earth. 50 David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But there was no sword in the hand of David. 51 David...stood over the Philistine, took his sword...cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. 52 Now the men of Israel and Judah arose and shouted, and pursued the Philistines... 54 David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his armor in his tent. (1 Sam. 17:48-54)

1. Notice that this battle and victory is very close to Jerusalem as a prophetic picture of the End-Time Battle of Jerusalem (Zech. 12-14).

2. The End-Time Goliath will be defeated, captured and cast into the Lake of Fire.

Then the beast was captured and with him the false prophet...these two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. (Rev. 19:20)

3. God will make Israel even as David in the End-Time battle against Jerusalem.

In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of the LORD before them. 9 It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. (Zech. 12:8-9)

4. There was no sword in the hand of David – our intercession is as “slinging stones” in the Spirit to hit the head of the enemy.

The LORD of hosts will defend them; they shall devour and subdue with slingstones. (Zech. 9:15)

Jesus said to him, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. 53 Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? (Mt. 26:52-53)

5. We can be bold that we have the weapons that strike the giant with force.

- D. Saul now inquires about David’s family lineage and history (1 Sam. 17:55-58).

When Saul saw David going out against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is this youth?" Abner said, "...O king, I do not know." 57 Then, as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. 58 Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite." (1 Sam. 17:55-58)

1. Saul Inquires of David’s Lineage: Saul did not know who David’s parents were. Saul in his selfishness never even asked David about his testimony or family life. Saul was self absorbed with a distressed spirit (1 Sam. 16:15-23).
2. David had been called into royal service as Saul’s weapons bearer and court musician (1 Sam. 16:18), but David now seems as if he was nearly a stranger to Saul. "Whose son is this lad?" asks Saul seeing David on the battlefield. Abner does not know (1 Sam. 17:55). Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house." (1 Sam. 18:2). The tormented Saul has a bad memory and lack of focus on David.

VII. THE NEW SEASON IN GOD FOR DAVID

Saul took him that day, and would not let him go home to his father's house anymore. 3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. (1 Sam. 18:2)

- A. David was to become the central personality in the entire nation at age 17-18. This suddenly of God in David’s life was to begin a new season in God of national prominence. This season, would provide many opportunities to test and train David to be a king after God’s own heart.

- B. **Gibeah** (1 Sam. 17-20; age: approximately 18-23 years old) – David’s identity is tested and strengthened by early praise and success (promotion before men) before a soon coming season of testing that would last about seven years. In this season, David killed Goliath, which resulted in him being promoted to national prominence. The young women throughout the nation sang songs of his triumph. David was honored in marrying the King's daughter. David was invited to move to Gibeah, which was King Saul's royal court or governmental headquarters (Washington, D.C.). Early promotion is often unrelated to where our full destiny is manifest. This season is given by God to train our heart, not to establish our ministry. Many stumble in this season by totally misinterpreting it in pride. This results in them being distracted from walking in their true identity and lifestyle as a devout lover of God and being people with a servant spirit. **Leadership Lesson:** early successes are deceptive thus easily misinterpreted. Some sell out so quickly even at the first sight of opportunity. They use much biblical language to support it.

The crucible for silver....but man is tested by the praise he receives. (Proverbs 27:21, NIV)

VIII. THE PROPHETIC CALL FOR TODAY TO PREPARE GOD’S DAVIDS

- A. When all is desperate, God has His Davids ready for war in the Spirit. David refused to settle down and accept things as they were. The Lord is now calling the young Davids, “to get prepared, take a stand, live different, believe for things different. The Lord is looking for a few good men and women that will take a stand. David offered to do what no other soldier in Israel was willing or able to do. We are doing this now in the spirit realm in intercession.
- B. The "David and Goliath" drama will be fully acted out worldwide in the Body of Christ and Israel that will use seemingly inferior weapons against the “strongest powers” on earth. A poor shepherd youth in God’s power will defeat the most powerful opposition on earth. Moses operated with God’s word and a wooden staff against the greatest armies on earth.
- C. *The years before the battle is what I draw attention to.*