

THE RISE AND FALL OF
DAVID

His Defining Moment: Battling Giants



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**HOW TO
APPLY THE OLD
TESTAMENT**
- BILL ARNOLD

- 1.** What did this mean for Ancient Israel?
- 2.** Where does this fit in God's larger story?
- 3.** What does this mean for my faith today?



SAUL
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THE KING

v.2 “Saul and the Israelites assembled...”

v.8 “...are you not the servants of Saul?”

v.13 “Jesse’s three oldest sons had followed Saul to the war....”

v.19 “They are with Saul and all the men of Israel...”



SAUL
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1 SAMUEL 17:11 NIV

On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.



SAUL
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1 SAMUEL 17:32 NIV

David said to Saul, “Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.”



1 SAMUEL 17:45-47 NIV

David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

⁴⁶ This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷ All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.”



David's victory proved that he was
THE TRUE KING OF ISRAEL.



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1 SAMUEL 16:12b-13a NIV

Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.” ¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David.

MARK 1:9-11 NIV

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”



1 SAMUEL 17:40 NIV

Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

MARK 1:12-13 NIV

At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, **13** and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.



COLOSSIANS 2:13-15 NIV

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.



HEBREWS 2:14-15 NIV

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— **15** and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.



1 CORINTHIANS 15:54-56 NIV

When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

55 “Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.



Jesus's victory proves that he is
OUR TRUE KING.



If Jesus has won every battle that matters,
we can have **FAITH** and **COURAGE** to face anything.

