

CHALLENGE, CHALLENGED, CHALLENGES, CHALLENGING

Gaal **challenged** Abimelech to battle. (It ended up going poorly for everyone involved.)

- **Judges 9:28-29:** "And Gaal the son of Ebed said, Who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that we should serve him? is not he the son of Jerubbaal? and Zebul his officer? serve the men of Hamor the father of Shechem: for why should we serve him? And would to God this people were under my hand! then would I remove Abimelech. And he said to Abimelech, Increase thine army, and come out."

Goliath **challenged** the Israelites to a fight. (That ended up going poorly for him.)

- **1 Samuel 17:4, 8:** "And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. ... And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me."

When Goliath **challenged** Israel, Jesse was too old to go out to battle.

- **1 Samuel 17:12:** "Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehemjudah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man went among men for an old man in the days of Saul."

Even though Goliath **challenged** Israel for 40, no one went out to fight him. Not Saul, not Jonathan, not any of the Israelites, and not the three oldest sons of Jesse. They all had a chance to fight him, but none of them did.

- **1 Samuel 17:4, 16:** "And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. ... And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days."

It seems the Philistines weren't in a hurry to fight the Israelites. They did nothing for 40 days while Goliath challenged Israel every morning and every evening.

- **1 Samuel 17:16:** "And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days."

The reason David went to the Israelite camp when Goliath was **challenging** the Israelites was because his father sent him to provide food for his brothers. (As it turns out, part of the reason David was dispatched to the battlefield was to deliver cheese to a captain.)

- **1 Samuel 17:17:** "And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched corn, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp of thy brethren; And carry these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge."

When Goliath **challenged** the Israelite army, he said the same

words each time.

- **1 Samuel 17:23:** "And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words: and David heard them."

David heard Goliath **challenge** the Israelites.

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When Goliath went out of the Philistine army to **challenge** the Israelites, the Israelites saw him and were terrified.

- **1 Samuel 17:24:** "And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid."

David asked who Goliath thought he was, to be **challenging** the armies of the living God.

- **1 Samuel 17:26:** "And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

When David lamented the death of Saul and Jonathan, he referred to Saul as mighty. (Yet in reality it seems that

Jonathan was the mighty one. Jonathan fought the Philistine garrison while Saul did nothing. On top of that, Saul didn't even try to **challenge** Goliath.)

- **2 Samuel 1:21:** "Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, neither let there be rain, upon you, nor fields of offerings: for there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away, the shield of Saul, as though he had not been anointed with oil."

When Amaziah **challenged** Jehoash to battle (out of pride and foolishness), Jehoash told him a parable to illustrate how foolish he was being.

- **2 Kings 14:9-10:** "And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle. Thou hast indeed smitten Edom, and thine heart hath lifted thee up: glory of this, and tarry at home: for why shouldest thou meddle to thy hurt, that thou shouldest fall, even thou, and Judah with thee?"

Psalms 78 contains dark sayings. (It seems this psalm contains **challenging** material.)

- **Psalm 78:2:** "I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:"

In the end times, God will **challenge** the Gentiles to send all their men of war into battle. (At that time God will gather all the nations together to battle so He can judge them for their

wickedness.)

- **Joel 3:9, 16:** "Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: ... The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel."