

Goliath- Golgotha.

Main passage: 1 Samuel 17.

Other passages: 1 Samuel 5, Matthew 27:33, Mark 15:22, Luke 23:33, John 19:17, Genesis 3: 15, Colossians 2:13-15

The philistines always were enemies of Israel. This is the only group of people that managed to take the ark of the covenant from Israel (1 Samuel 5). They stole the ark from Israel, they put it in the temple of their main god Dagon and at the end they had to give it back to the israelites because the village got sick.

The giant Goliath would put himself in the middle of the Valley of Elah, in Efes damin, which in hebrew means zero blood, they camped in a place where they did not want blood to be shed. During a month and a half he would defy the people of Israel. Nobody during all those days stood up and said " I am going to fight against this giant." Young David was too young to enroll in the army, he took care of the sheep of his father, he risked his life to protect the sheep. When he gets to the camp and hears Goliath defy the people of Israel he can not stand that .

- He does not allow himself to be influenced by the atmosphere of fear, terror and panic that existed among Israel's army.
- He did not need of the support of anyone or the help of anyone. The God of Israel is the almighty God, he shows his faith in God, a complete trust in Him and he is willing to risk his life for the reputation of God's people and for God's honor.

He utilized an instrument, the sling, the only stone he threw went to the frontal bone in the skull. Goliath fell to his face. The sling is a very powerful instrument to be used to attack the enemy from far away.

- If you want to defeat your enemy don't get close to him, the only way to defeat Satan is to keep him away, the closer he is to you, the easier it will be for him to defeat you but your victory and the defeat of the enemy is to be far from him. The further you get away from him, the easier you will be able to defeat him in the name of Jesus.

Goliath falls to the ground, but he is wounded, is not dead, David goes running and with the same sword the giant wanted to kill David, David cuts his head.

It is thought that David took the head to a place outside the city of Jerusalem, he raised the head up and the Jebusites knew their days were counted. That place is called Golgotha. Goliath was from Gad. There is a relationship between Goliath and Golgotha.

In Matthew 27:33 is mentioned the word Golgotha and Skull, also in Mark 15:22 , in Luke 23:33 the word Calvary (skull), and in John 19:17 both words, skull and Golgotha.

I called Golgotha, Calvary or skull because it was a place of public execution where people was crucified, killed, or stoned to death. All those who died there were not buried and their bones and skulls were laying there. Also looked very much like a skull, not so much today because of the erosion of the terrain but it still can be seen the figure of a skull.

Long time before the Lord Jesus Christ, David cut off the head of the enemy, of the giant, and defeated Israel's number one enemy.

In Revelations John writes that in heaven there was a search for someone to be worthy to unleash the scroll with the seals but there was none worthy. He writes that later on the Lion of the tribe of Judah appeared, the alpha and omega, the prince of peace, the verb made flesh who lives among us and we see his glory.

It was in Golgotha where Satan, the enemy of the entire human race called Satan, was defeated by the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ forever so that he never again bothers any person who places his faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

It was in Golgotha that a promise is fulfilled, a prophecy given in Genesis. It is the first time that God reveals that a Messiah will come. Genesis 3: 15 . And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, (God is speaking to Satan at that time) , and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel". It announces that through the offspring of women would come the ruin of Satan forever. Eve would one day be a mother and through a woman a child would be born who would be wounded in the heel by a satanic instrument throughout history but at the same time that child would hurt Satan in the head with a death wound forever. This perfectly describes what happened on the day that Christ died on the cross.

David was not going to allow under any circumstances that an uncircumcised philistine, as he called him, dared to challenge the squadrons of the living God. They were not at their best, they were all scared.

- It is in the worst moments when God makes an appearance in our lives, it is at the lowest hour when the Lord knocks again at the door of your heart and tells you: "Here I am, still here with you. You are tired, you are discouraged, you are ill, you are no longer the one you were but I do not change, I still have the power and the same authority. Do we keep fighting together? You dare?"

Goliath went with lots of protection because he was afraid of losing his life. David was not wearing anything because he had no fear of losing his life because he believed in the Almighty God, in the God of Israel's squads. David won a great victory.

Colossians 2:13-15 . 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

- Jesus Christ was a descendant of King David and it was a descendant of King David who defeated the worst enemy that you and I could have, his name was Satan and Jesus Christ exhibited him publicly and never again will Satan have the authority and influence he had over your life because now He who is in you is greater than he who comes against you.

Here there is an analogy, a similarity, a relationship between what happened with David and Goliath in the valley of Elah, and what happened later in the skull mount, Satan was defeated for all eternity.

Paul writes Colossians from prison, he uses a term that the prisoners knew perfectly, handwriting of ordinances. The romans used to put in the door of the cells a document with the names of the prisoners and the crimes they had committed. When a prisoner was released from prison he was given an official document stamped with the seal of the Roman Empire for the prisoner to prove that his debt had been canceled.

The Bible teaches us that when the Lord Jesus Christ was on the cross on the last moment He says "It is finished". This is what would be written in the document of the prisoners when they completed their sentence, "it is finished", you no longer owe anything to the Roman Empire. The bible says that there was a handwriting of ordinances that were against us where appeared all our sins. Jesus took the handwriting of ordinances that were against each one of us that would take us straight to hell for eternity and took them to the cross, nailed them to the cross. The wages of sin is death, the Lord freely and voluntarily took our place. He is our substitute and He tells the Father to kill Him instead of killing us, instead of condemning us, to condemn Him. The Father took His word because since eternity the Son had answered the Father's question "Who will I send, and who will go for us?". That was the question that the Israeli squads asked themselves in the valley of Elah: Who will go? Until David said: "I will go and defeat him". That was Jesus's answer to the Father: "Father send me, I will go for them". He came and died on a cross. The sins of the entire human race the Lord Jesus Christ carried on Him, freely and voluntarily He went to the cross and took them there. The Father, seeing that the Son fulfilled all until the last consequence, to die for the human race, He departs in that only moment from His son. This is the reason of the heartbreaking cry of The Son: "Father God, my God, you forsake me, you leave me". In this moment the Father has no other choice except to leave His Son at that moment because God is holy and cannot be together with sin, He cannot be where there is sin and at that moment Jesus was carrying the sin of all human race.

- Jesus died for your disobedience and mine, for the sins of all human race. He voluntarily carried them and when He died, He canceled the debt and wounded Satan in the head, as David killed Goliath.

The Lord Jesus Christ in Golgotha wounded and killed Satan forever. Satan, is still loose, the bible says that he is like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour, but for a lion to devour someone it has to be close to that person. We have to be and move far away from the enemy and closer to the Lord. The further we move away from the Lord, the closer we get to the enemy and we become more vulnerable.

In the camp they did not want to shed blood and blood was not shed, the death of one was enough for all. The Lord Jesus Christ did shed his blood voluntarily so that you and I may live the rest of our lives in victory.

- Goliath, Gol Gat, Golgotha. It was in that place where the head of Goliath was buried for centuries and it was in that place where our sins were buried because the Lord Jesus Christ defeated our enemy.

"You don't have to continue suffering anymore because the enemy has been defeated, and he who defeated the enemy will give you strength every day of your life so that you can live in victory every day".