



## Introduction

*An incident during the reign of Saul showing David's great faith in the God of Israel.*



## Questions

1. A cubit is from the finger tip to the elbow (18 inches or 46 cm) and a span is from little fingertip to thumb tip (9 inches or 23 cm). How tall was Goliath?
2. What does David have to go home for?
3. Which comments from David show his trust in the LORD?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 to 11** The armies of the Philistines and Israel are facing each other. Goliath, a Philistine giant, challenges the Israelites to find a soldier to fight with him
- **v 12 to 30** David is sent by his father to take food supplies for the army. He is surprised that no one has offered to fight Goliath who repeatedly defies the God of Israel
- **v 31 to 37** David volunteers to fight Goliath. He tells Saul that the LORD who helped him against a lion and a bear will help him against this Philistine
- **v 38 to 49** David shows his trust in God (see theme). He tells Goliath that he fights him in the name of the God of Israel. David kills Goliath hitting him on the forehead with a stone from a sling
- **v 50 to 58** The Philistines flee pursued and defeated by Israel. Saul enquires about David's father and David tells him that he is the son of Jesse the Bethlehemite

**Timeline** 1050 BC (see below)



## Theme

### Trusting in God

*A selection of verses telling us God wants us to trust in him, believing he will do what he says.*

The apostle Paul has total confidence in God's plan of salvation:

*Romans 8 verses 38 and 39*

Abraham is a good example of trusting in God. He believed God's promise that he would have a son despite the fact he and his wife were past the age of having children:

*Romans 4 verses 19 to 21*

The psalmist reminds us that we shouldn't put trust in human help because we all die eventually:

*Psalms 146 verses 3 and 4*



Only by trusting in God can we have any long-term hope:

*Psalm 68 verse 20*

*Proverbs 14 verse 27*

The Bible warns that trusting in riches rather than in God can be a problem:

*Psalm 49 verses 6 and 7*

*Mark 10 verse 24*

## **Answers to questions**

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 4 - Goliath was 9ft. 9 ins. or 3 mtrs. tall, Q 2: v 15, Q 3: v 26, 37, 45 and 46



# Bible timeline

