

Episode 7: David and Goliath – Part 1

At this point in the show, everyone is starting to prepare for battle. We see Jesse send his sons to war, except for David.

- 1 Samuel 17:13-15 (ESV) ¹³ The three oldest sons of Jesse had followed Saul to the battle. And the names of his three sons who went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. ¹⁴ David was the youngest. The three eldest followed Saul, ¹⁵ but David went back and forth from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

David wants to go to war too!

Samuel meets with David and Jesse to make a sacrifice. Note, this is not in scripture. He does however talk about his mother and how she gave him to the priests at 2 years old.

The picture of the battle zone is created in this episode when we see the armies on two sides and the valley between them. This is noted in scripture; 1 Samuel 17:3 (ESV) And the Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with a valley between them.

The Philistine army has over 200,000 men and giants. Goliath challenges Israel and asks for the king/ champion to come battle him. Read 1 Samuel 17:4-7 and describe below the appearance and armor that Goliath is wearing.

After Goliath speaks to the armies, Saul feels unwell and goes crazy again. This is not explicitly stated in scripture, but it does get you thinking why didn't Saul or Jonathan go out and challenge the giant? Something had to have been going on.

HANNAH

Hannah is Samuel's mother. After not being able to have children, Hannah promised her son to the Lord and she bore Samuel. She dedicated him to the Lord. Read 1 Samuel 1:1-28

1 Samuel 1:11 (ESV) And she vowed a vow and said, "O Lord of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head.

*This might be why Samuel has such long hair/beard in the show!

Hannah's Prayer is also beautiful, see 1 Samuel 2:1-11

Hannah eventually had 3 more sons and 2 daughters, see 1 Samuel 2:21

DID YOU NOTICE THE BIBLICAL INACCURACY THAT THE SHOW SLIPPED IN THERE? SAMUEL SAYS TO DAVID – "TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON, AND TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN." THIS VERSE IS FROM ECCLESIASTES 3:1. DO YOU KNOW WHO WROTE ECCLESIASTES? WHY WOULD THIS NOT HAVE HAPPENED FOR SAMUEL TO QUOTE HIM?

David starts to see a warrior in his dreams and tells Samuel. This is not in scripture. Samuel tells him about Joshua and what happened before the battle of Jericho. This is found in Joshua 5:13-15

- Joshua 5:13-15 (ESV) ¹³ When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, “Are you for us, or our adversaries?” ¹⁴ And he said, “No, but I am the commander of the army of the Lord. Now I have come.” And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshipped and said to him, “What does my lord say to his servant?” ¹⁵ And the commander of the Lord’s army said to Joshua, “Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.
- Then David sees a bloody stone in his hand and the warrior in his dream.

We keep seeing days pass and no one will challenge Goliath. The Israel people are getting worried and their spirits are broken as no one will challenge Goliath. Jonathan starts to contemplate battling Goliath himself.

- 1 Samuel 17:16 (ESV) For forty days the Philistine came forward and took his stand, morning and evening.
- Can you imagine being mocked by this giant twice a day, every day for 40 days?

Jesse finally sends David to the battlefield to bring food and supplies to his brothers. 1 Samuel 17:17 (ESV) And Jesse said to David, his son, “Take for your brother and ephah of this parched grain, and these ten loaves, and carry them quickly to the camp to your brothers.”

- Here is David doing again another task that doesn’t seem important. His brothers are out fighting for Israel and he is delivering food. But then when he gets there something happens which we will see in the next episode. Have you ever started out doing something and then pivot completely based on what God had in store for you?

Ruth & Obed

Samuel talks to Jesse about David’s mother. The show alludes to David’s mother being a non-Jew, but this is not stated in scripture.

The story of Ruth and Obed can be found in the book of **Ruth 1-4**.

Ruth finds herself to be a widow as her husband, Naomi’s son, died. Ruth follows Naomi to her homeland, even though she is not Jewish. She decides to believe in Naomi’s God. Ruth gleanes in Obed’s fields. He eventually falls in love with Ruth and takes her as his wife. They get married and have Jesse as a son.

There are other non-Jewish women in David’s family line.

- Tamar
- Rahab (Jesse’s grandma)
- Ruth (Jesse’s mother)

The show may have decided that David’s mother was not Jewish because Jesse’s mother and grandmother were not Jewish. They also allude to David being out in the fields because they are ashamed of him/ his mother. Maybe he was just a young boy who was a shepherd. The show also makes it seem like David’s mother is not the mother of his brothers, there is nothing in scripture to point to this either.

It seems as if the bible discloses when someone is a non-Jew like Tamar and Ruth so that leads me to believe David’s mother was Jewish.