1 Samuel 17

- David returns to Gath after stealing Saul’s spear in the Wilderness of Maon
- Slaying of Goliath
- David rescues Keilah from attack
- David marries Abigail
- David provides temporary shelter
- Ahimelech provides David with food and arms
- David spares Saul’s life
- After second incident at Keilah, Saul pursues David through wilderness, to En-gedi
- Achish, king of Gath, gives city of Ziklag to David
A Man of Vast Bulk: Goliath's Height

- David's estimated height as a "young man": 5'2".
- Goliath's height according to the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Septuagint: 6'6".
- NBA All-Star Shaquille O'Neil: 7'1".
- World's Tallest Man in Medical History: 8'11".
- Goliath's height according to the Masoretic Text: 9'6".

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A Man of Large Strides
Goliath's Foot Size

Goliath acc’d to MT
About 19 3/8” long

World’s Tallest Man
18 1/2” long

Shaquille O’Neill
14 5/16” long

Goliath acc’d to DSS & LXX
About 12” long

David
About 9 3/10”
1 Samuel 17 says that the Philistines were encamped between Socoh and Azekah, at Ephes-Dammim. The location of Ephes-Dammim has not been identified with certainty, but it is an interesting name, literally meaning “zero blood” in Hebrew.
Elah Valley east end from Socoh

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Elah Valley from Azekah
Picking up smooth stones in the Elah brook
Brook of Elah
Elah Valley and Azekah from southeast

Date of photograph: approx. 1900-1926
Elah Valley and Azekah from southeast

Date of photograph: approx. 1898-1946
Elah Valley, general view  
(Date of photograph: 1910-1926)