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Overcoming A Giant
In Your Life

Genesis 6:4

- “There were giants in the earth in those days....”

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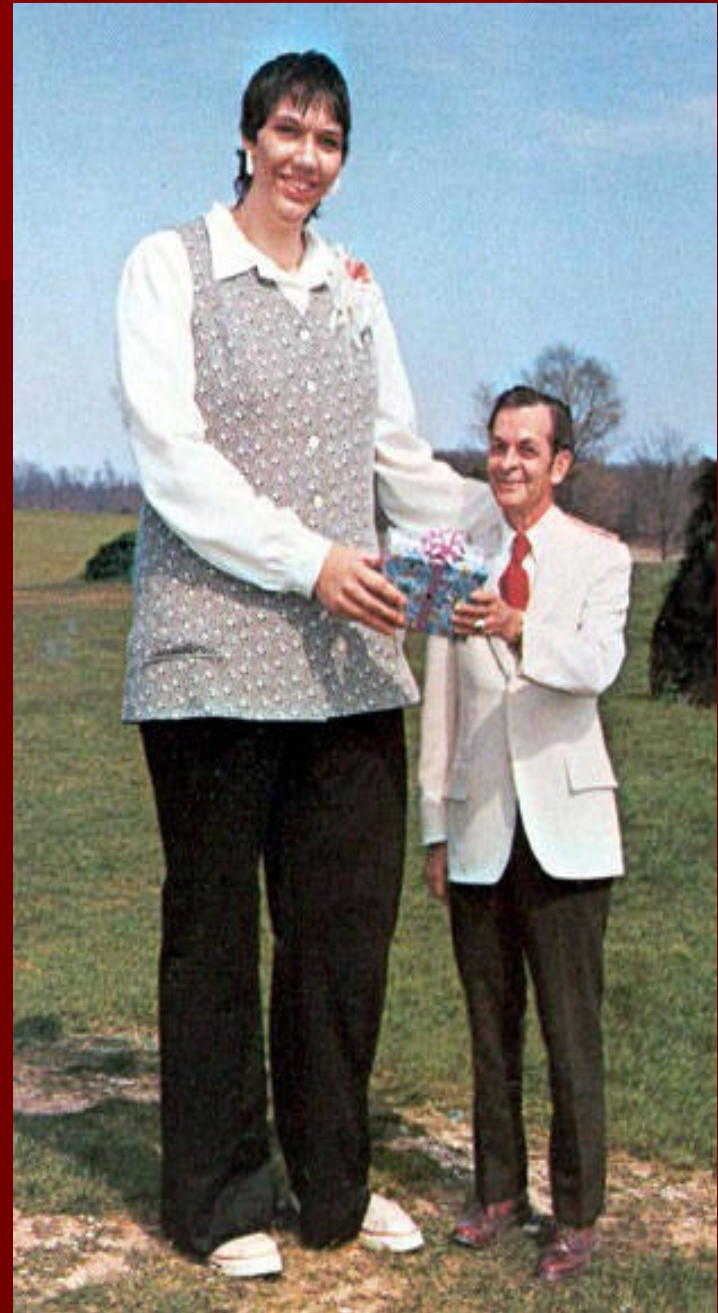


American

Tallest woman
during her life
(1955-2008)

7 ft. 7¼ tall

*Ref: Guinness Book of World
Records*



Robert Wadlow

1918-1940

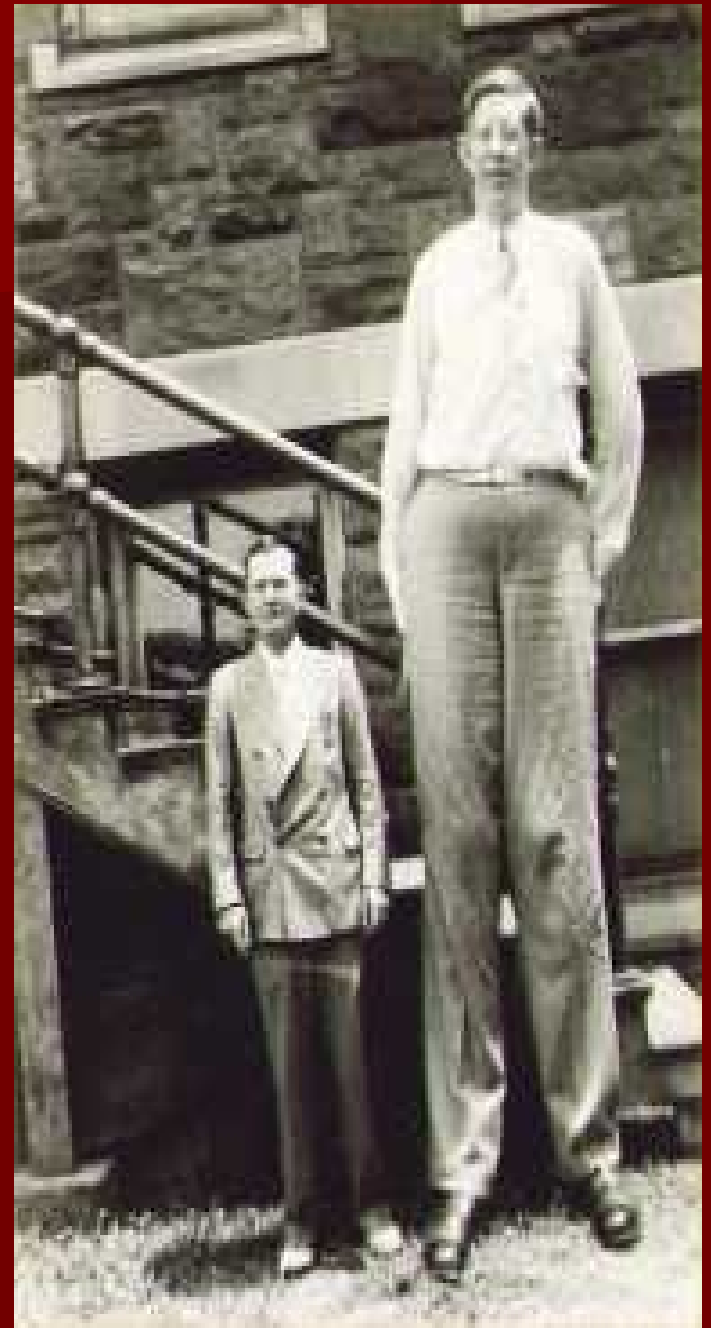
Alton, Illinois

Tallest American.

8 ft 11 in tall

weighed 485 lbs

Source: Wikipedia



Philistines

- The names Palestine and Philistine both are derived from a root word meaning migratory.
- The name Philistine was given to the people who migrated by sea from Greek territories in Asia
- The land settled by the migrating people was given the name "Palestine".

The Philistines

- The Philistines had 5 city-state fortresses
 - Ekron
 - Ashdod
 - Ashkelon
 - Gaza- (today home of Hamas)
 - Gath – Home of a giant named Goliath



MEDITERRANEAN SEA

DEAD SEA

Jordan River

PHILISTINES

ISRAEL

JUDAH

- Tel Qasila
- Joppa
- Azor
- Gibbethon
- Jabneel
- Gezer
- Aijalon
- Eshtaol
- Zorah
- Beth-Shemesh
- Beth-zur
- Tekoa
- En-gedi
- Masada
- Beer-Sheba
- Sharuhen
- Gerar
- Yurza
- Ziklag ?
- Gaza
- Ashkelon
- Ashdod
- Ekron
- Timnah
- Azekah
- Gath
- Libnah
- Eglon
- Debir
- Keilah
- Adullum
- Sochoh
- Hebron
- Ziph
- Carmel
- Bethlehem
- Beth-horon
- Mizpah
- Gibeon
- Gibeah
- Nob
- Jebus
- Kiriath-Jearim
- Bethel
- Ophrah
- Michmash
- Ramah
- Geba
- Baal-hazor
- Shiloh
- Aphek

A People Great and Tall

- Deuteronomy 9:1-2 ... “ a people great and tall, the children of the Anakims”...
- Joshua 11:22 There was none of the Anakims left in the land of the children of Israel; only in Gaza, in **Gath**, and in Ashdod, there remained.
- Gath is where the giant Goliath lived.

Goliath of Gath

- In 2005, archeologists found an inscription on a sherd - the name Goliath, גלית the Philistine champion in the Bible, a native of Gath.
- The finding is from the time of King David.

Ref. Hebrew University Report

Dealing With The Philistine World

- The Philistines represent the world.
- Samson treated the Philistines as friends, and married one of them.
- David treated the worldly Philistines as enemies of God.

I Samuel 8

- In the 8th chapter of the Book of Samuel, Israel had forced Samuel to anoint a king "like all the other nations" around them so the king could go out and do battle.
- By doing so, they rejected God as their savior and protector. We see here, the results of that decision.

I Samuel 17:3

- Israelites on one mountain; Philistines on the other mountain.
- The valley of Elah between the two armies.

I Samuel 17:5

- Coat of brass shingles weighed 5,000 shekels
- Equal to roughly 125 pounds
- Goliath's armor nearly weighed as much as David
- Goliath was not only very tall, but with all the armor on, he was also very wide.

I Samuel 17:6

- Goliath wore brass sheaves
- At over 9 feet tall, he was “the top brass”

I Samuel 17:7

- Goliath's spear head weighed 600 shekels (roughly 15 lbs)
- With a spear like that, you would want to make sure he was always at the front of the march.

Archeology and The Bible

- Reliefs and inscriptions found in the temple of Ramses III in Egypt depict Philistine soldiers as quite tall. They wore breastplates and short kilts, and their superior weapons included chariots drawn by two horses. They carried shields and fought with straight swords and spears. These details match the Bible in Judges and 1 Samuel.

I Samuel 17:8-10

- ...“Chose you a man”...

I Samuel 17:11

- “When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistines , they were dismayed and greatly afraid.”
- God’s people were dismayed (or discouraged) and greatly afraid.

God Is The Giant-Slayer

- God promised that if they walked with Him, just one of them would be enough to chase a thousand.
- Here is just the opposite: one Philistine put over one thousand Israelis to flight!
- Just as the modern giants of Charles Darwin and Madalyn Murray O'hair have put thousands of Christians to flight.

Bible Believers Believe

- While the people were looking at the problem and evaluating it according to what they saw and heard, David was looking at the Word of God and evaluating the problem according to God's Word. Hence, while the people wondered "who are we in comparison to Goliath?", David's wonder was "who is Goliath in comparison to God?".

Daniel 17:12

- Ephratah was another name for Bethlehem
- David of Bethlehem
- A small town that produced David and Jesus

I Samuel 17:16

- “And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.
- The number 40 is symbolic in the Bible

Bible Numerology

- In the Bible, forty is the number of:
 - waiting
 - preparation
 - being tested
 - punishment
- or the time before God brings salvation.

Bible Numerology

- Forty days after the birth, Jesus was presented to the Temple of Jerusalem for his legal purification, according to the established law.
- The 40 days of fast of Jesus in the desert. Matthew 4:2
- Forty days separate the Ascension of Jesus of his Resurrection. Acts 1:3

Bible Numerology

- The Flood of Noah lasted **40 days**.

Gen. 7: 4

- Elijah walked **40 days** to reach the Horeb mount. He fasted during **40 days** before to begin his public ministry and he remained **40 days** on the Carmel mount. 1 Kings 19:8

I Samuel 17:22-25

- The King must have had confidence in offering his daughter to anyone who could defeat the giant.
- No one expected the teenager David to defeat Goliath.
- No one that is except God and David, a man after God's own heart.

I Samuel 17:26

- One of the most profound questions in the Bible.
- “Who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God.
- Today, we, the soldiers of the cross, represent the armies of the living God.

Who Are These Losers

- Today Christian Soldiers ask:
- Who is this Charles Darwin to defy the Creator of heaven and earth with his unfounded theory of evolution?
- Who is this loser Madelyn Murray O'Hair who denied the King of Kings and Lord of Lords: who she who will one day stand before the Great Judge?

I Samuel 17:27-28

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- When you're trying to live right, you'll be persecuted.
- There is always someone to question your motives.

I Samuel 17:29

- What have I done now?
- Don't we have a job to do?
- Why are you on my back?
- "Is There Not A Cause"

I Samuel 17:32

- “And David said to Saul, Let no man’s heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.”

I Samuel 17:33

- “And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.”
- Humanists reject the supernatural, so they bet on the world’s giants.
- In the Bible, the world’s giants ultimately lose to God’s meek and humble servants.

I Samuel 17:34-36

- This 9 footer is just another beast to be killed.
- I have protected the flock against lions and bears, bigger and stronger than I, but the Lord gives the victory.
- Goliath doesn't have a chance against the armies of the Living God.

I Samuel 17:37

- “David said moreover, The Lord hath delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of the Philistine.”
- “**He** will deliver me.”
- Why is David so confident?

Leviticus 26:3, 7-8

"If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments, and do them, then.....you shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword . And five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight" and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword."

I Samuel 17:38-39

- Saul offered to let David use his armor.
- He tried on Saul's armor but said that he could not use it, as it had not been proven.
- God had proven himself to David.
- David did not need man's armor; By faith, he was armored with the proven power of God.

I Thessalonians 5:21

- “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.”
- As Christians we see lots of programs and movements come and go; supposed fossils showing evolution come and go, many ape-man fossils come and go.
- Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.”

I Samuel 17:40

- And he took his staff in his hand and chose him **five** smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand; and he drew near to the Philistine.
- Why five stones? Was he planning on 4 missed shots?

II Samuel 21:22

- “These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.
- 1 Goliath + 4 sons = 5
- David didn't take 5 stones in case he missed Goliath with the first one. He took 5 stones, because he planned on 5 hits.

I Samuel 17:40-44

- Goliath said: "Am I a dog that you can drive away by a stick.?"
- Hey kid, you're dead.
- The ironic statement by Goliath, being a dog.
- Wild dogs were enemies of the sheep.
- David protected his flock from wild dogs.

I Samuel 17:45

- Hey Goliath, you're coming with the world's best weapons.
- You're coming with your own name.
- I'm coming in the Name of the Lord.
- I John 5:4 says: "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

I Samuel 17:46-47

- David ran toward the giant.
- Let me at this monster.
- The battle is the Lord's.
- "Whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God."

I Samuel 17:48

- David runs out to meet Goliath.
- It is like “charging hell with a squirt gun.”



I Samuel 17:49-51

- God's man defeated the worst man the world could put forth.

Sling Shot As A Weapon

- There were 700 Benjamites who were so skilled in its use that with the left hand they "could sling stones at a hair breadth, and not miss" Judges 20:16
- I Chronicles 12:2
- It was used by the Israelites in war.
- II Kings 3:25

Sling Shots

- Experiments demonstrate that missiles leave a sling in excess of 60 miles per hour. One Roman writer noted that opponents in leather armor were in danger from sling missiles. Even if the stone did not penetrate the armor, it was capable of inflicting a fatal internal injury.

Jeremiah 9:23-24

"Thus says the Lord: Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty *man* glory in his might, let not the rich *man* glory in his riches; But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord, which exercise loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," saith the Lord".

Lessons From David and Goliath

- God uses those who may not be impressive, but they are available (God did not use Saul, or David's older brothers)
- "The Lord will deliver you" from the giants in your life."
- We all have some form of Giant enemy in life – age, health, wayward relative, finance, depression, sin, etc.

David

- Born in Bethlehem
- A Shepherd
- Began rule age 30
- Became a King
- 40 day rest before battle
- 5 stones to victory
- Killed a lion
- Smote Goliath with a stone

Jesus

- Born in Bethlehem
- The Shepherd
- Began ministry at 30
- King of Kings
- 40 day rest in wilderness
- 5 Pierces to victory
- Defeats the Lion
- Christ is called The Smiting Stone

David Saved His Sheep From The Lion



Jesus Saves His Sheep From The Lion

- The Bible calls Jesus the good shepherd
- Who knows his sheep
- And protects them from the roaring lion who walks about seeking whom he may devour.



New Testament Starts With

- “The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David....”
- David was to the Israelites, what Christ is to us.
- Through faith, we can conquer the giants in our life that threaten us.

How Do You Think He Feels?

- In I Samuel, chapter 19, the Israelites longed for the return of the Shepherd King, David.
- David was moved when his people wanted him back.
- Those that love and appreciate him, are looking for the return of the Shepherd King.
- Can you imagine how that makes our Lord feel, knowing there are those who want him back.

Conclusion

- Daniel 9:34
- With a stone, the world's greatest giant, Goliath, was overcome
- With The Stone, this world and all of its giants will be one day soon overcome by the "Rock of Ages", The Stone