

# Battling Giants but Looking to our King!

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2 Samuel 21:15-22; 1 Chronicles 20:4-8

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## Introduction

- Still looking at Epilogue of Samuel
- David was raised to defeat the enemies of God's people, the Philistines<sup>253:18</sup>
- David was not alone, but he led the kingdom for God's glory
- *There was again war* is a defining phrase for this passage

## Four Giants

Isbi-benob killed by Abishai

- Ishbi-benob killed by Abishai when David grew weary
- Abishai was an intense guy<sup>253:34</sup> but zealous for the kingdom
- This incident led to a 'restriction' for the king who grew weary...
- David was God's anointed and they didn't want him snuffed out<sup>153:2</sup>

Saph killed by Sibbecai the Hushathite

- Servant of David simply commended for his work

Lahmi, brother of Goliath killed by Elhanan son of Jaare-oregim

- big guy, weapons weren't as heavy as Goliath's
- Differs from 1 Chr 20:5 where Lahmi, brother of Goliath is mentioned
- Most likely text copy error
- Scripture is absolutely infallible as originally given.

Polydactyl giant killed by Jonathan son of Shimei

- He was killed for his taunts of Israel like Goliath<sup>1517:45-46,54</sup>

## So What?

- How does this military list help us? Paul wrote to Timothy 2 Tim 3:14-15
- We see how God's kingdom works - David gets credit for others' work<sup>22</sup>
- Everything we do as believers is credited to King Jesus
- Jesus' words Lk 22:25-30. Have you stayed beside Jesus in trials<sup>Lk22:28?</sup>
- Soldiers worried David getting snuffed out would be a big problem<sup>17</sup>
- Jesus laid down his life for us - He couldn't be snuffed out Peter<sup>Act2:22-39</sup>
- David points us to need for God's provision for perfect prophet, priest & king which God has provided in David's greater Son, Jesus Christ!
- He, unlike David was completely obedient<sup>John4:34;6:38</sup>
- Jesus laid down His life to redeem sinners like us<sup>John10:17-18</sup>
- The Lord's table reminds of Christ's work<sup>1Cor11:24-26</sup>