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1ST & 2ND SAMUEL

THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

THE ENEMY IS ALWAYS TOO POWERFUL

1 SAMUEL 17:1-11

2 Cor. 10:4, “For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,”

Gal. 3:3, “Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?”

Gal. 5:16, “I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”

Eph. 6:10, “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

Eph. 6:11, “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”

Eph. 6:12, “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Eph. 6:13, “Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”

1 Sam. 16:21, “So David came to Saul and stood before him. And he loved him greatly, and he became his armorbearer.

1 Sam. 16:22, “Then Saul sent to Jesse, saying, ‘Please let David stand before me, for he has found favor in my sight.’ ”

1 Sam. 16:23, “And so it was, whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play it with his hand. Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him.”

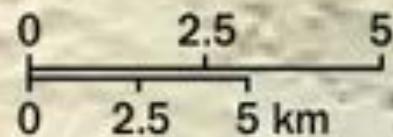
1 Sam. 17:15, “But David occasionally went and returned from Saul to feed his father’s sheep at Bethlehem.”

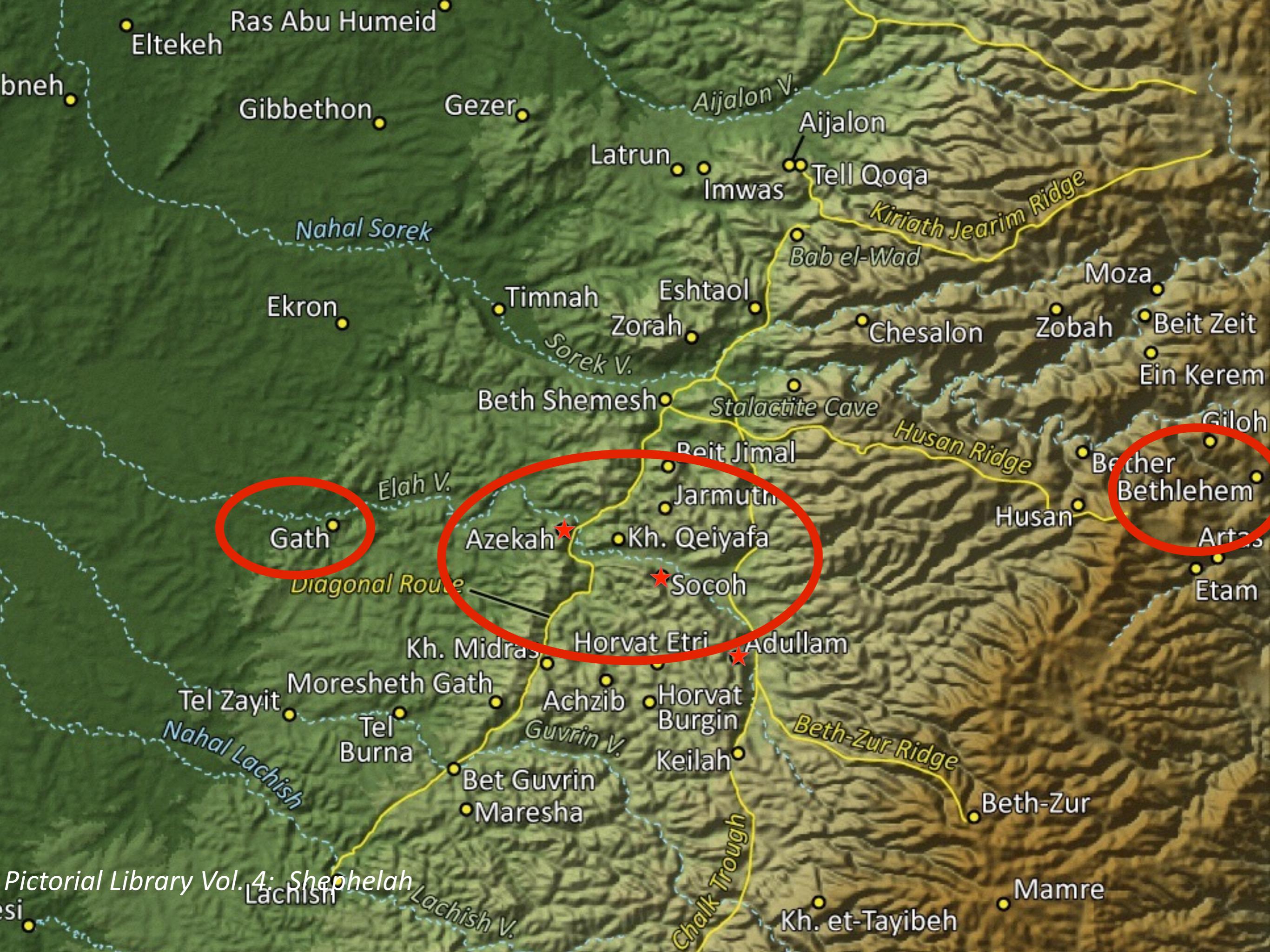
1 Sam. 17:50, “So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But there was no sword in the hand of David.”

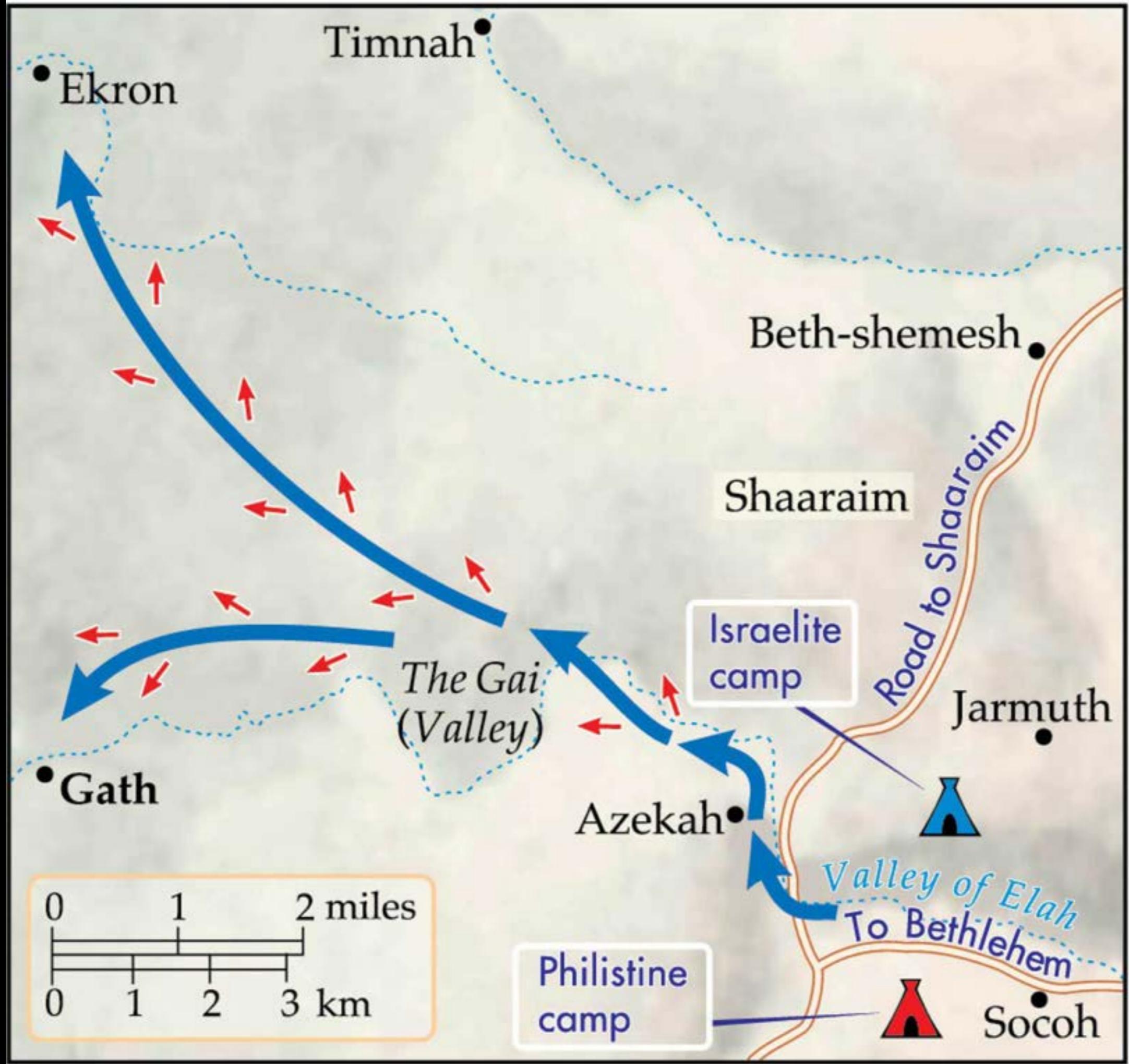
2 Sam. 21:19, “Again there was war at Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaare-Oregim the Bethlehemite killed the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver’s beam.”

1 Chron. 20:5, “Again there was war with the Philistines, and Elhanan the son of Jair killed Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver’s beam.”

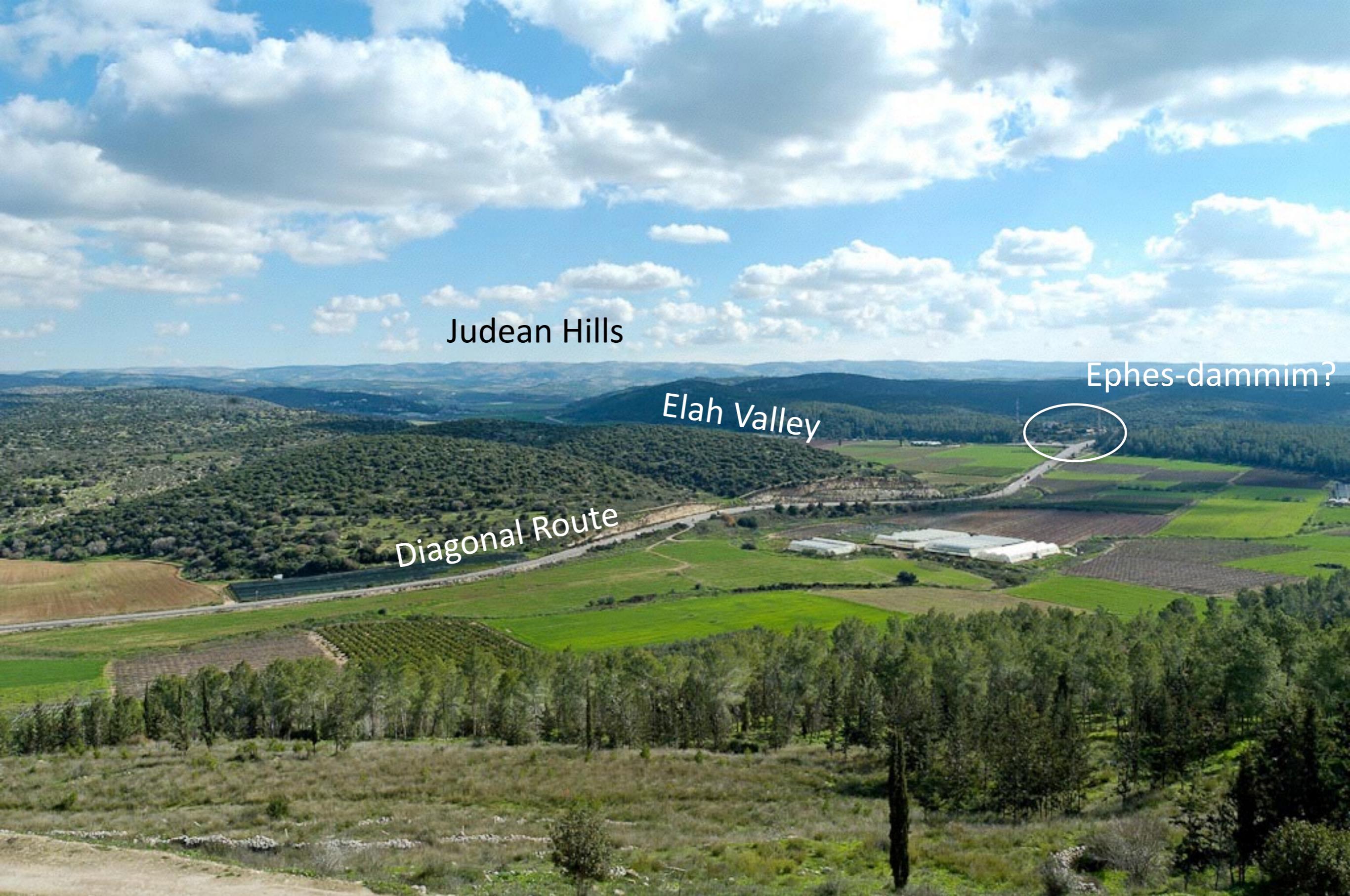
1 Sam. 17:1, “Now the Philistines gathered their armies together to battle, and were gathered at Sochoh, which belongs to Judah; they encamped between Sochoh and Azekah, in Ephes Dammim.”



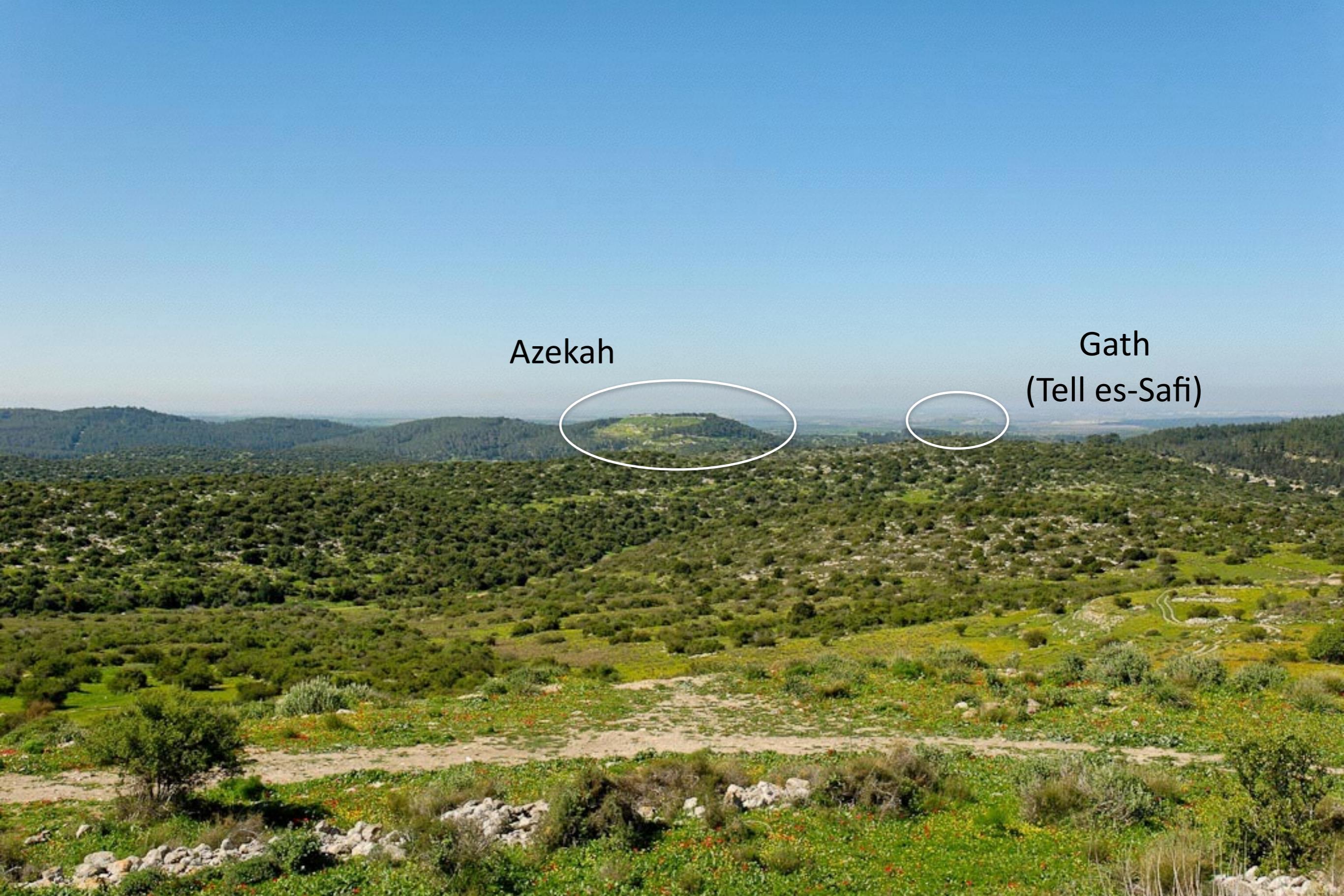








Elah Valley from Azekah



Azekah and Gath from Jarmuth



Elah Valley aerial from west



Elah Valley aerial from west

Looking South of Elah Valley
Socoh Ridge



Looking east toward Bethlehem
Valley of Elah

Socoh
Ridge



North Side of Elah
Israelite Encampment area



North West Side of Elah
Azekah







Socoh from northwest



Socoh from west



Socoh walls with wildflowers

1 Sam. 17:2, “And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and they encamped in the Valley of Elah, and drew up in battle array against the Philistines.

1 Sam. 17:3, “The Philistines stood on a mountain on one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side, with a valley between them.”

1 Sam. 17:4, “And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

1 Sam. 17:5, “He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze.

1 Sam. 17:6, “And he had bronze armor on his legs and a bronze javelin between his shoulders.

1 Sam. 17:7, “Now the staff of his spear was like a weaver’s beam, and his iron spearhead weighed six hundred shekels; and a shield-bearer went before him.”

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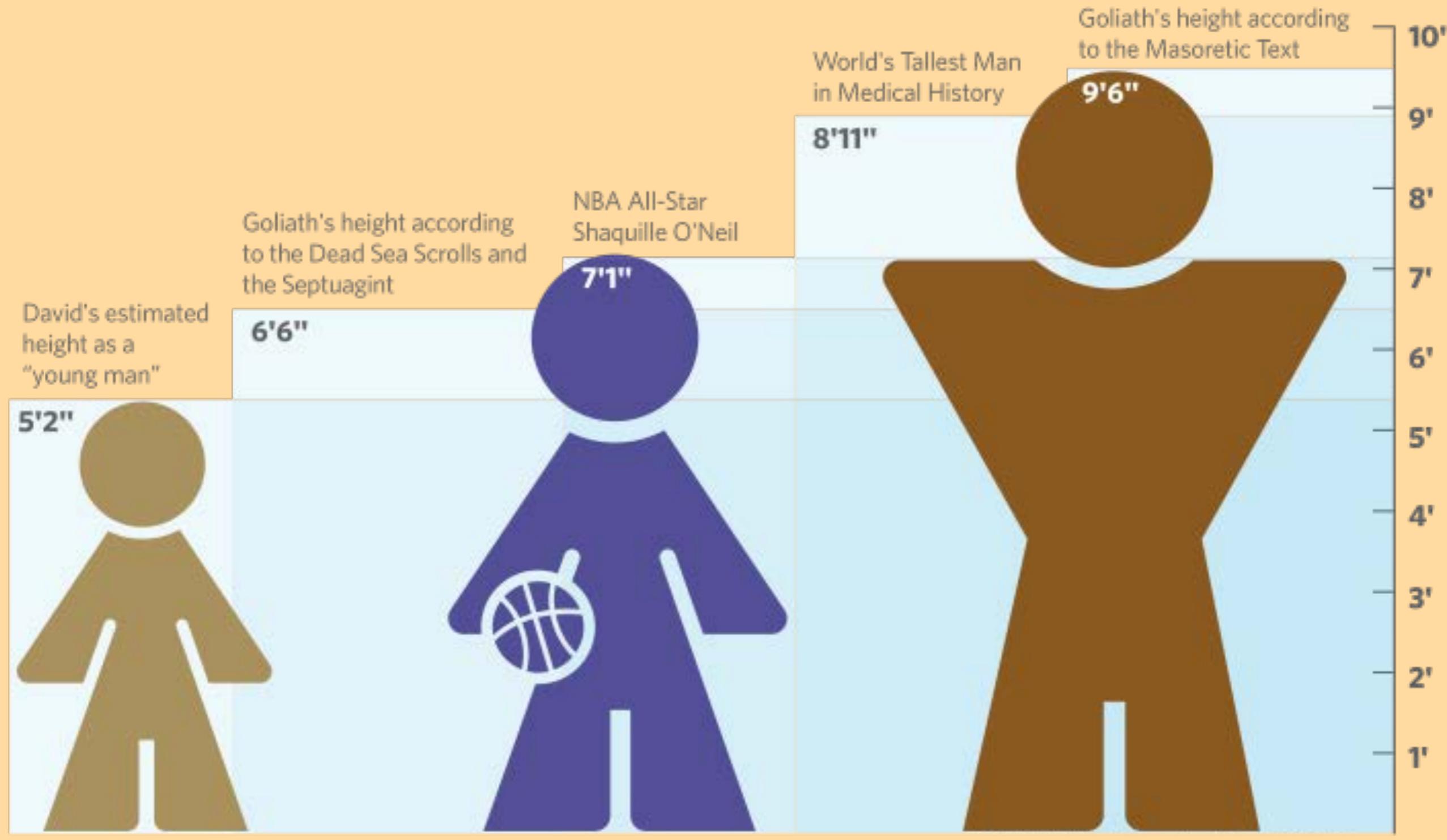
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Approximately 9 feet 6 inches.

A Man of Vast Bulk: Goliath's Height



A Man of Large Strides: Goliath's Foot Size

				
Goliath Version 1	Goliath Version 2	Robert Wadlow	David	NBA All Star Shaq
About 19 3/8" long	About 12" long	18 1/2" long	About 9 3/10"	14 5/16" long
An estimate based on the Masoretic Text's record of his height.	An estimate based on the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Septuagint's record of his height.	Wadlow's shoe size—the closest comparison to the Masoretic Text's Goliath	An estimate based on the Masoretic Text's record of his height.	According to his NBA Profile

Deut. 3:11, “For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the giants [Rephaim]. Indeed his bedstead was an iron bedstead. (Is it not in Rabbah of the people of Ammon?) Nine cubits is its length and four cubits its width, according to the standard cubit.”

13 feet long by 6 feet wide

Num. 13:22, “And they went up through the South and came to Hebron; Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the descendants of Anak, were there. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)”

Num. 13:28, “Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there.”

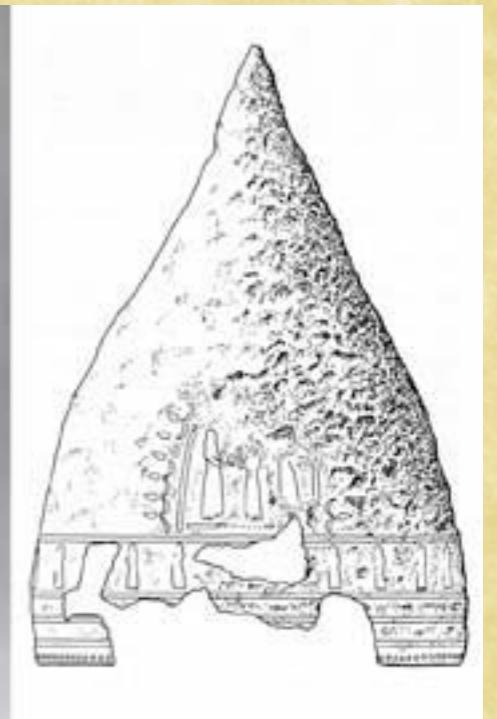
Num. 13:33, “There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.”

Josh. 11:21, “And at that time Joshua came and cut off the Anakim from the mountains: from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel; Joshua utterly destroyed them with their cities.

Josh. 11:22, “None of the Anakim were left in the land of the children of Israel; they remained only in Gaza, in **Gath**, and in Ashdod.”

1 Sam. 17:5, “He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze.”

- A bronze helmet (approx. 30 pounds);
- A bronze coat of mail weighing 5,000 shekels (150 pounds).



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**1 Sam. 17:7, “Now the staff of his spear
was like a weaver’s beam, and his iron
spearhead weighed six hundred shekels;
and a shield-bearer went before him.**

- A spear shaft resembling a weaver’s beam (approx. 15 pounds);
- A spear point weighing 600 shekels of iron (approx. 15 pounds).

1 Sam. 17:8, “Then he stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, and said to them, ‘Why have you come out to line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and you the servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me.

1 Sam. 17:9, “ ‘If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us.’ ”

1 Sam. 17:10, “And the Philistine said, ‘I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.’ ”

1 Sam. 17:11, “When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.”

Psa. 3:6, “I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.”

Psa. 56:3, “Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.

**Psa. 56:4, “In God (I will praise His word),
in God I have put my trust; I will not fear.
What can flesh do to me?”**

**Psa. 56:11, “In God I have put my trust; I
will not be afraid. What can man do to
me?”**

Psa. 27:3, “Though an army may encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; Though war may rise against me, in this I will be confident.”