

2 Samuel 21:15-22 **Four Philistine Giants killed by David's Mighty Men**

Philistine Giants Destroyed
(1 Chron 20:4-8)

15 When the Philistines were at war again with Israel, David and his servants with him went down and fought against the Philistines; and David grew faint. 16 Then Ishbi-Benob, who was one of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose bronze spear was three hundred shekels, who was bearing a new sword, thought he could kill David. 17 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah came to his aid, and struck the Philistine and killed him. Then the men of David swore to him, saying, "You shall go out no more with us to battle, lest you quench the lamp of Israel."

18 Now it happened afterward that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob. Then Sibbechai the Hushathite killed Saph, who was one of the sons of the giant.

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.

20 Yet again there was war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature, who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number; and he also was born to the giant. 21 So when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea, David's brother, killed him.

22 These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ The giants of Philistia were descendants of the Nephilim (the offspring of fallen angels and mortal women) who were on the earth before the flood and afterward producing a race of giants of extraordinary size and ability, mighty men of old, men of renown. [[Genesis 6:4](#), [Jude v.6](#)]
- ✧ The nature and ability of the original Nephilim is illustrated by Babylonian and Greek "mythology." However their abilities were greatly diminished through generations as mortals by the time they were faced by Israel about 1000 years after the flood since their generational life span was limited to 120 years. [[Genesis 6:3](#)]
- ✧ The race of Giants inhabited the Promised Land on both sides of the Jordan river of whom Og of Bashan was a descendant as well as the ones killed by Edom, Moab and Israel both before and after the Exodus from Egypt. [[Numbers 13:33](#), [Deuteronomy 2:10-12](#), [20-23](#), [3:11](#), [13](#), [Joshua 12:4](#), [17:15](#)]
- ✧ These giants are the reason the Lord took Israel through the Red Sea into the land of Midian to avoid, for fear they would return to Egypt when they saw them. [[Exodus 13:17-18](#)]
- ✧ These are the ones the children of Israel feared for which they were sent 40 years into the wilderness. [[Numbers 13:26-28](#)]
- ✧ David and his men faced the giants about 500 years after Israel took possession of the Promised Land.
- ✧ Wars with the Philistines continued through the reign of David with specific outstanding engagements:

- ✧ When the Philistines were at war again with Israel, David and his servants with him went down and fought against the Philistines; and David grew faint. Then **Ishbi-Benob**, who was one of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose bronze spear was three hundred shekels, who was bearing a new sword, thought he could kill David. But Abishai the son of David's sister Zeruah came to his aid, and struck the Philistine and killed him. Then the men of David swore to him, saying, "You shall go out no more with us to battle, lest you quench the lamp of Israel." [2 Samuel 21:15-17]
- ✧ Now it happened afterward that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob. Then Sibbechai the Hushathite killed **Saph**, who was one of the sons of the giant. [2 Samuel 21:18]
- ✧ 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. [2 Samuel 21:19]
- ✧ Yet again there was war at Gath, where there was **a man of great stature**, who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number; and he also was born to the giant. ²¹ So when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea, David's brother, killed him. [2 Samuel 21:20-21]

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