

Shmuel, is told to anoint the future successor to king Shaul, David son of **_Yishai_** from the tribe of **_Yehudah_**, who is the youngest of **_8_** sons. At this time the current king, Shaul, goes into a state of depression, and David is taken to the king's palace to **_play the harp_** for the king. The **_Philistines_**, once again mobilize their armed forces to war with Israel. Their most fearsome soldier, a giant named **_Goliath_**, calls on Israel to send their best warrior to duel with him, but there is no one to match his strength. At this time David arrives at the battle field and hears the giant's call as well as the **_reward_** offered by the king. David asks the king to go and fight **_Goliath_**. His brothers accuse him of **_playing the hero_**, but David is motivated by 2 thoughts: **_1. Goliath is disgracing G-d and his nation. 2. G-d can achieve victory for the weaker one._** David goes to battle the giant with any **_armor_** and defeats him with a **_slingshot_**. After this great victory, David becomes more popular than the king and Shaul is **_jealous_**. Shaul attempts numerous discrete stratagems to kill David, but they all fail. Shaul's son **_Jonathan_**, becomes **_friends_** with David and helps him. Now Shaul openly pursues David, but David is always a step ahead. David tries to show Shaul that he **_means no harm to him_**. Twice David is able to **_kill_** Shaul, but only takes something of his to show his good intentions. At Shaul's final battle with the Philistines, his **_3_** sons are killed, and when he finds himself ambushed, he **_commits suicide by falling on his sword_**. The Philistines make a mockery of his body. A group of Jews take the great risk, and **_retrieve his body_** from the Philistines. Afterwards, Shaul's generals appoint **_Ish Boshet_**, Shaul's only remaining son as his successor.