

Event 18: David Prevails

The Philistines chose Elah Valley for their campaign against Saul. The Elah Valley provided access both to Bethlehem to Hebron. Thus, anyone commanding the Elah Valley was in the best possible position to attack the Judean hill country. Saul came down from Gibeah, his capital and camped at on the edge of the Hill Country. Here, for well over a month, the Philistines challenged Saul and his forces.

Meanwhile young David had returned to Bethlehem from the Wilderness. Jesse sent David to the battlefield to check up on David's brothers. And here we find the battle of David and Goliath. At the end, the Philistine retreated down the open Elah Valley and back to Gath and Ekron.