

THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands." (1 Sam 17:45-47)

Obviously God does not think like men think, or do things like man would do them. Please consider these other famous battles mentioned in the Bible:

- God destroyed the Egyptians by commanding Moses to stretch out his hand over the Red Sea (Ex. 14:26 - 28).
- God destroyed the Amalekites by having Moses go to the top of a hill and lift up his hands. When his hands grew tired Aaron and Hur held his hands up (Ex. 17:8 - 13).
- God destroyed Jericho by having Joshua and his men march around the city for seven days (Josh. 6:2 - 5).
- God destroyed the kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish and Eglon by causing great hailstone to fall on them and having the sun stand still (Josh. 10:5 - 13).
- God destroyed the Midianites by commanding Gideon to reduce the size of his army from over 32,000 to 300 (Judges 7:1 - 6).
- God destroyed the Philistines by having only two men, Jonathan and his armor bearer, climb up a cliff and begin the attack (1 Sam. 14:1 - 23).
- David struck down the Philistines when God caused a sound of marching to be heard in the tops of the balsam trees (2 Sam. 5:23 - 25).
- God destroyed the Moabites by commanding His people to dig a valley full of ditches (2 Kings 3:14 - 27).
- God saved Israel by having the Arameans hear the sound of chariots and horses when they were not there (2 Kings 7: 6 - 7).
- God saved Hezekiah and Jerusalem by having an angel kill 185,000 Assyrians in a single night (2 Kings 19:35 - 36).
- God enabled Cyrus to defeat Babylon in a single day by having the city gates foolishly left open (Is. 45:1).

CHRISTIANS ALSO NEED TO REMEMBER THAT THE BATTLE IS THE LORDS

- Our struggle, however, is not against flesh and blood, but spiritual wickedness (Eph. 6:12)
- This war is "spiritual" not "physical". Anybody that bleeds is not the enemy.
- The weapons we fight with are therefore not carnal, but are designed to demolish arguments (2 Cor. 10:4 - 5).
- In this struggle too, however, the battle is still the Lords.
- Timothy was told to endure hardness like a good soldier (2 Tim. 2:3).
- We are to put aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light (Rom. 13:12).
- We are to put on the armor of righteousness (2 Cor. 6:7).
- We are to put on the whole armor of God (Eph. 6:11 - 18).
- As we follow the guidance of God in our lives, do not be surprised if He leads us to do something "unconventional".
- We must be careful not to be critical of others who do things that are not "conventional".
- Remember! THE BATTLE IS THE LORDS!