HOPE FOR HARD TIMES PART 5 Rom 15:4-6 NIV84 For EVERYTHING that was written in the past was written to TEACH US, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we MIGHT HAVE HOPE. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of UNITY among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may GLORIFY THE GOD and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

HOPE FOR HARD TIMES PART 3 Theme Verse: Rom 15:13 NIV84 "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Jesus' Prayer:

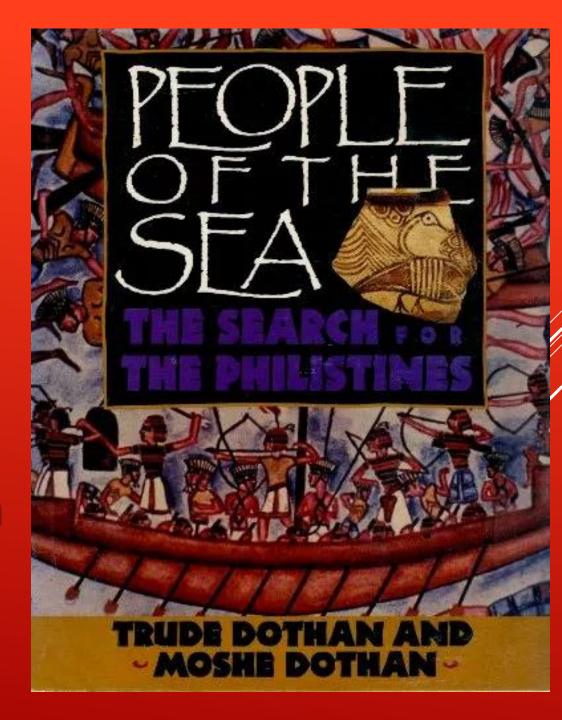
John 17:14-17 : "I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth, Your Word is Truth."

SETTING THE STAGE:

▶ 1 Sam. 16:12-13 So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with beautiful eyes and a handsome appearance. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon <u>David from that day forward.</u>

1 Sam 17:1-3

Philistines: Coastal People likely from Greece and the Aegean Sea Region = "The Sea People" who invaded the Coastal cities of Canaan



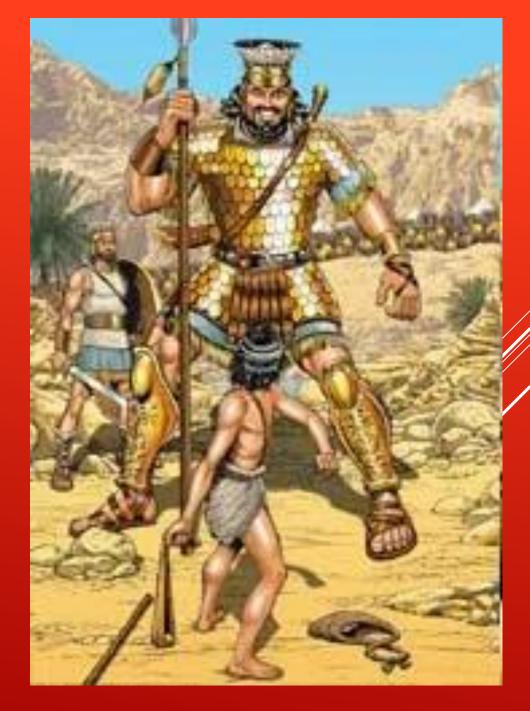
READ 17:4-7 **Goliath** 6 Cubits & a Span = 9' 6"? - Cubit – elbow to finger tip = 18 +/- inches

- Span – spread out hand – thumb to little finger: 7-9"?



READ 17:4-7 **Goliath** Massive armor – reflective of the Aegean People/Greece







▶ <u>1Sam. 17:10-11</u> NASB **Again the** Philistine said, "I defy the ranks of Israel this day; give me a man that we may fight together." When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, the were dismayed and greatly afraid.

David Cannot Believe His Eyes & Ears

v. 26 "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should taunt the armies of the living God?"

David Cannot Be Silent or Inactive "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine..."

Psalm 42:10-11 NIV84 My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me, saying to me all day long, "Where is your God?" (11) Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Saviør and my God.

Psalm 42:10-11 NASB As a shattering of my bones, my adversaries revile me, While they say to me all day long, "Where is your God?" (11) Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him, The help of my/ countenance and my God.

<u>Acts 1:8 NASB</u> but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." Luke 17:6 NASB And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and be planted in the sea'; and it would obey you, Mark 10:26-27 NASB They were even more astonished and said to Him, "Then who can be saved?" Looking at them, Jesus *said, "With people it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God."