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## How tall were biblical giants

The Book of the Watchers describes the fallen angels (1 Enoch 6-8). In the biblical story of the Nephilim, the sons of God saw the daughters of men were beautiful so they married them and had children (Gen 6:1-4). These children were called the Nephilim, the "mighty men who were of old, the men of renown." In Genesis, the story shows how far the wickedness of humans had become: humans interacted sexually with spiritual beings. No details are given on how this might be possible, but the next verse in Genesis says "the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." This brief story is tantalizing; who are these "sons of God" and what were the Nephilim? 1 Enoch offers an expansion of this biblical story in chapters 6-11. Are the Nephilim fallen angels?In 1 Enoch, the sons of God are the "sons of heaven," angelic beings led by Shemihazah. The name Shemihazah (שמיהזח, šemihāzāh) means "My name has seen" and is sometimes vocalized as Semyaz of Semyaza (Nickelsburg, 179). "Name" refers to God, so the name refers to constantly watching God. This is ironic since God will see this rebellion and render judgment on the Shemihazah. Some readers want to find some reference to Satan as the leader of fallen angels in the Book of Enoch. As the story progresses, however, Azazel emerges as the ringleader (but later Enoch will intercede on behalf of Azazel). This is an example of how foolish (and impossible) it is to project modern Christian angelology on 1 Enoch. Azazel is not the modern version of Satan at all!The two hundred angels take an oath to descend to Mt Hermon, find women to marry and have children with them. 1 Enoch 6:7-8 lists the names of the leaders of these angels. Most have names with some reference to God (Remasheh, "evening of God" or Kokabel, "star of God" ). The most interesting of these names is Dan'e'l, a name associated with the Ugaritic literature and often offered as an explanation of the legendary character of Daniel.This is Fake.In chapters 7 and 8 the angels make good on their oath and take women as wives. They teach humans "magical medicines, incantations, the cutting of roots and about plants." The origin of folk-medicine is therefore ascribed to these angelic beings. The children of the angels are giants standing three hundred cubits (an improbable 450 feet tall!) These giants eat so much food the humans cannot feed them anymore. The giants proceed to eat humans as well as all other kinds of animals.The text notes especially that they drank the blood of animals, "sinning against them." In the biblical flood story, the Nothic covenant includes a command about consuming blood. 1 Enoch 7-8 is a reflection upon this command which was probably given because the antediluvian world did in fact consume blood.In addition to teaching humans in interpret a wide range of signs, they teach humans medicinal magic. The angel Azazel teaches humans metal-working, including making of ornaments and weapon making. Azazel also teaches them to make eye-shadow and other physical ornamentation. This may be a polemic against pagan practice of using make up in their religious ceremonies. Other angels teach the humans how to track the stars (astrology and divination) and the signs of the moon. These angels are responsible for teaching humans all sorts of sinful practices. Humanity cries out as a result of this oppression, a cry which "goes up to heaven."This detailed expansion of the biblical stories blames wicked angelic beings for revealing mysteries to humans which will result in sin. It is not Adam's rebellion in the garden that is responsible for human evil, but wicked angelic beings who do not remain in their appointed place. What is more, the great Flood is not the result of human sin, but the rebellion of these angelic beings.This is a significant re-writing of Genesis 6. What is the author's motivation for this shift of blame? There are two different biblical traditions on Goliath's height. Exactly how tall was he? Did you know that there are two different biblical traditions for Goliath's height? The Hebrew text (MT) of 1 Samuel 17:4 lists Goliath's height at "six cubits and a span," while a copy of the book of Samuel from the Dead Sea Scrolls (4QSam[a]) along with copies of the Septuagint (LXX), list Goliath's height at "4 cubits and a span." For all you mathematicians that may be reading this, that is a two cubit difference. "Great," you might say, "what exactly is a cubit?" A cubit is the distance between the elbow and the tip of the middle finger, or roughly, 18 inches. We have to add the word "roughly" because, quite obviously, the length from one person's elbow to the tip of their middle finger may be shorter or longer than that of someone else. To add to the confusion, in the ancient Near East, some countries had what was known as the "royal cubit," as well as the "common cubit," which would be a bit shorter. Royal cubits varied from country to country. For example, the royal cubit in Egypt was 20.65 inches, while in Babylonia it was 19.8 inches (Clyde E. Billington, "GOLIATH AND THE EXODUS GIANTS: HOW TALL WERE THEY?," JETS, 50/3, 2007, pp. 489-508). Depending on the size of an individual, the common cubit would be even less than the royal cubit. Given that the common height of an ancient Israelite was somewhere between 5 feet and 5 feet 3 inches, this could make the common cubit somewhere between 16-17 inches. Billington notes that an 18 inch cubit would mean the person was about 5 feet 8 inches (taller than most Israelites of this period). Goliath's height was either 4 or 6 cubits and a span. A span is the length between the thumb and the little finger with the hand spread as far apart as possible. These various measurements of the cubit are only the beginning of the uncertainty regarding Goliath's height, because we also must consider how long a "span" is. In the ancient world, a span was the distance between the tip of the thumb and the little finger when the hand was spread apart. Billington estimates that a person who is 5 feet tall would have a span of about 7 1/2 inches. At 6 feet tall, my own span measures 8 3/10 inches. Like a cubit, the length of a span depends on the size of the person. Two spans are usually considered to make a cubit, although they are in fact a little short of a cubit. By using the conventional 18 inch cubit and 9 inch span (both of which seem too large for an ancient Israelite), Goliath's height either comes to 9 feet 9 inches (MT), or 6 feet 9 inches (4QSam[a] and LXX). These are the heights we frequently hear referenced by pastors and teachers when commenting on 1 Samuel 17:4. However, if we adjust the size of the cubit and span to what would be more likely for an ancient Israelite, then, according to Billing, 16.5 inches would be a reasonable cubit and 7.5 inches would equal a span. Some quick calculations make Goliath's height, according to the MT, to be about 8 feet 9 inches (8.875), and according to 4QSam(a) and the LXX to be about 6 feet 1 inch (6.125). This second figure seems impossibly low for a "giant" like Goliath and we might be tempted to automatically throw it out as a possibility. However, two considerations should be borne in mind. First, we should not judge Goliath's height based on modern standards, but rather on ancient Near Eastern standards. Today someone who is 6 feet or taller is a common occurrence, but remember, most people in the ancient world were nearly 9 inches to 1 foot smaller. Second, it is important to examine the textual evidence for each reading. In other words, which reading, "4 cubits and a span," or "6 cubits and a span," seems to have the most solid evidence for being the original reading? Illustration of David Killing Goliath by Anton Robert Leinweber — Image by © Lebrecht Authors/Lebrecht Music & Arts/Corbis To summarize, we have seen that Goliath's height depends on the size of both the cubit and the span, and which reading of the text is the most reliable. This means that Goliath's actual height could have been anywhere between 6 feet 1 inch and 9 feet 9 inches. Before continuing, when seeking the truth about Goliath's height, we should caution ourselves concerning our own prejudices. For some, a person 9'9" is out of the realm of reality, and they would therefore be inclined to the "more reasonable" reading of 6' 9" - 6'1". Others, however, raised on the traditional story of David defeating the giant Goliath, would almost consider it a sacrilege to suggest that Goliath might be in the 6 foot range, as opposed to the 9 foot range. Whichever way our prejudices run, they do not help us get at the truth of Goliath's height. Only by examining the evidence, which includes the height of people in the ancient world, the relative lengths of a cubit and span, and the textual evidence for the most reliable reading, will we be able to come to a conclusion that seems plausible. Which Reading of 1 Samuel 17:4 is the Most Reliable? The Masoretic text is the traditional Hebrew text copied by scribes known as the Masoretes. Our English Bibles traditionally follow the reading of the Hebrew manuscripts known as the Masoretic text (MT). As a result, I find myself partial to the MT. Anytime there is a suggested reading that is different, I want to hang on to the reading of the MT. Why? It is no doubt a very reliable tradition of the text so that's one reason. But I must admit that the other is, because I'm used to the readings found in the MT (which admittedly is not a good reason). On this particular passage, however, bible scholar, J. Daniel Hays argues in a very convincing way for the reading found in one of the Dead Sea Scrolls (4QSam[a]) and the Septuagint (LXX). In other words, he argues that the text should read "4 cubits and a span" (you can find one of his articles, a response to Billington, here). His reasons are summarized below. The earliest Hebrew manuscript, 4QSam(a), which dates to the middle of the first century BC, reads "4 cubits and a span." Hays points out that this particular manuscript is 1,000 years older than our earliest copy of the MT (935 AD), although he admits that the reading "6 cubits and a span" found in the MT goes back to at least 200 AD. "The major early Septuagint texts all have this reading." Hays also notes that Josephus refers to Goliath's height as "4 cubits and a span." Hays points out the well-known fact that the MT of 1&2 Samuel has a number of scribal errors. Furthermore, although 1 Chronicles does not include the story of David and Goliath, he notes that where 1 Chronicles is parallel with 1&2 Samuel, Chronicles always agrees with the reading of 4QSam(a) and the LXX when it differs from the MT. Hays also argues that it is much easier to explain how "4 cubits" was changed to "6 cubits" rather than the other way around. The word for "cubit" in verse 4 and "hundred" in verse 7 look very similar in Hebrew. Hays says that a scribe copying the manuscript accidentally looked down at verse 7 and saw the number "6" (as in six hundred) and copied it into verse 4. This is a well-known copying mistake called "parablepsis" ("a looking by the side"). The story never refers to Goliath as a giant. This is an interesting observation frequently overlooked. Although the story clearly does reference Goliath's size, which would be intimidating whether 4 or 6 cubits is the correct reading, it does not focus on it. I will have more to say about this below. Some argue that the weight of Goliath's weaponry and armor better fits someone who is 6 cubits rather than 4. However, Hays goes to great lengths to demonstrate that regular-sized people (e.g., in the military) often carry this kind of weight. Saul's answer to David as to why he cannot fight him references Goliath's skill as a warrior, not his height. Some argue against the "4 cubits and a span" reading by saying if Saul was "head and shoulders" taller than anyone else in Israel, and the average Israelite was 5 feet to 5'3", then Saul would be nearly as tall as Goliath. Hays says that this is precisely the point! Tall Saul should have been the one to face tall Goliath. The interest of the story is to demonstrate Saul's fear and lack of faith, as he was the most likely candidate to confront Goliath. Conclusion: Goliath's Height Photos such as these found on the internet are bogus. No archaeologists in the Middle East have ever uncovered a human of this size. Goliath may have been a descendant of the Nephilim (he is called a "rapha" in 2 Sam. 21), but his height did not consist of the exaggerated height shown here. Although I have always been inclined toward the reading of the MT, as noted above, I must admit that Hays presents some strong arguments. The most convincing to me include what he calls "the external evidence." This concerns the textual evidence. The fact that 4QSam(a) is earlier than the MT and that it, and Chronicles, and the LXX, always agree with each other whenever there is a variant is compelling. The well-known problems of scribal errors in the MT of Samuel also contributes to this, as does the fact that parablepsis is a plausible argument for how the reading got changed. Furthermore, Josephus, living in the first century AD is also a witness to the reading "4 cubits and a span." Hay's "internal evidence" includes examining the text which involves a discussion of Goliath's armor and the fact that he is never mentioned as a giant. This was interesting and I agree with Hays to a point on this. However, while 1 Samuel 17 does not call Goliath a giant, there are two other passages that infer he was a descendant of the Nephilim. Joshua 11:22 speaks about the conquest of the land, especially focusing on the Anakim (descendants of the Nephilim, see my other related posts here and here). This passage states that the Anakim only remained in Gaza, Gath, and Ashdod (all Philistine cities). It should be recalled that Goliath is from Gath. The description of his tall stature certainly suggests a connection with the descendants of the Nephilim. Furthermore, 2 Samuel 21:15-22 relates four stories of Philistines who are killed by David's men. Each one is said to be related to the "giant" (the word is "rapha" which is the singular of Rephaim). This reference is to Goliath and here he is associated with the Rephaim, who were also considered to be descendants of the Nephilim. Therefore, although the story in 1 Samuel 17 may not refer to Goliath as a "giant," it seems certain that other passages indicate he was a descendant of the Nephilim. However, I still believe the "external evidence" that Hays produces argues for the "4 cubits and a span" reading. Goliath could be a descendant of the Nephilim without being over 9 feet tall. Considering the average height of an Israelite at this time, someone who is roughly 6 1/2 feet would certainly be an intimidating presence. Finally, in spite of all of the fantastic (trick) photography on the internet, no remains of people who were 9-10 feet tall have ever been found in the Middle East. These pictures of so-called Nephilim are dubious (see photo above on left). Since the average height in the ancient Near East was between 5 feet and 5'3", and since archaeology seems to confirm this (at least to this point), and since the textual evidence leans toward the reading of "4 cubits and a span," I conclude that Goliath was most probably on the taller side of the 6-foot range, as opposed to the 9-foot range of the MT.







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