

Between the Testaments

Angels and Demons; Giants and Jesus

What Scripture passages come to mind on the subject of angels and demons?

What Angels are mentioned in the Bible?

- Gabriel
- Michael

Demons?

- Satan
- Devil
- Belial
- Abbadon
- Legion
- Beelzebub

Why study angels and demons?

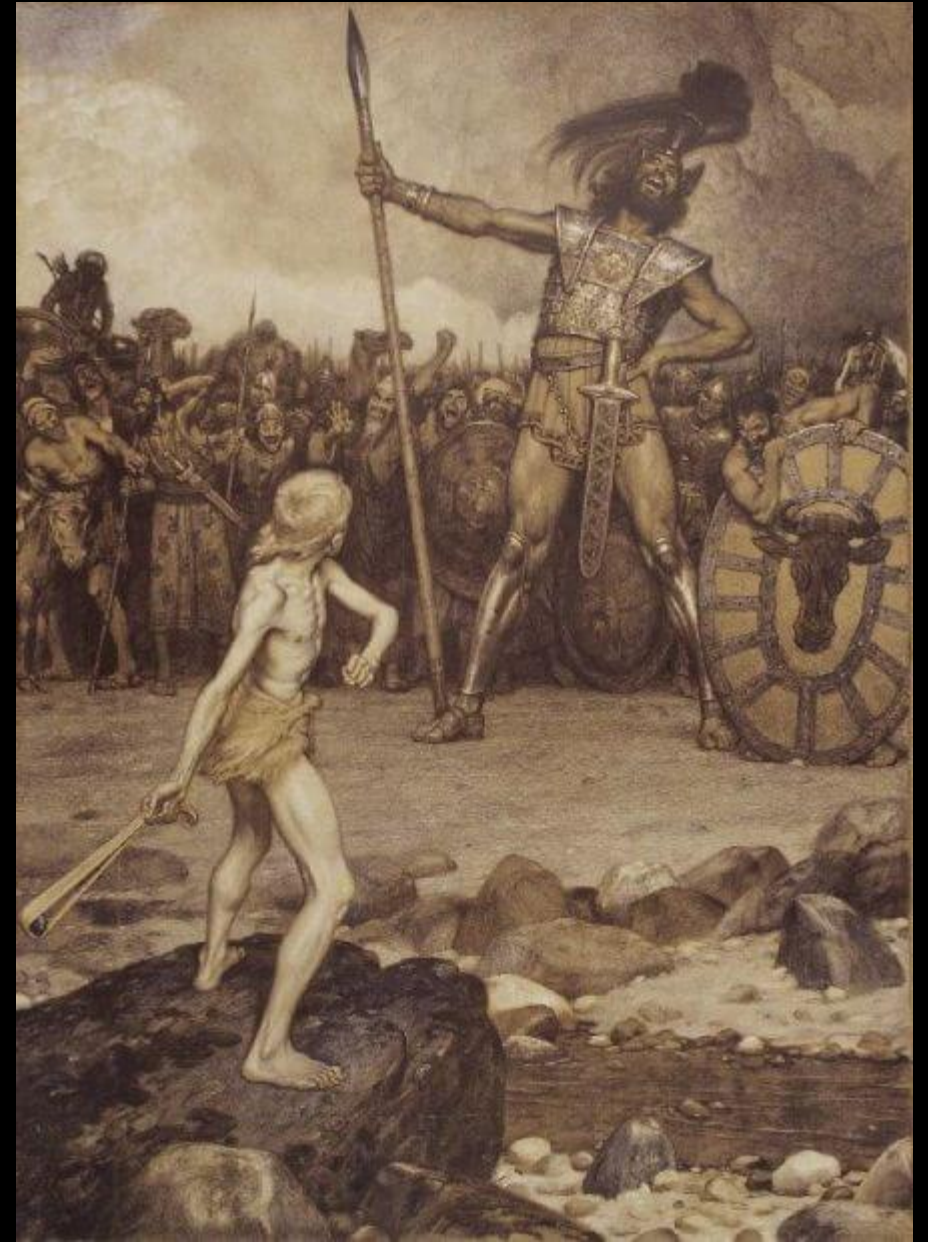
- Demons are real, powerful and out to get you. So be sure you know where to place your confidence. (being consumed by fear is not the answer)
- Angels are real, powerful and sent by God to help you. Take comfort.
- It's a central part of a biblical worldview.

What does the time between the testaments have to do with this?

- Lots about angels and demons in intertestamental literature.
- Broader insight into biblical worldview of Jewish people. (How did Jews view angels and demons in Old Testament times as well as New?)

Giants and Jesus

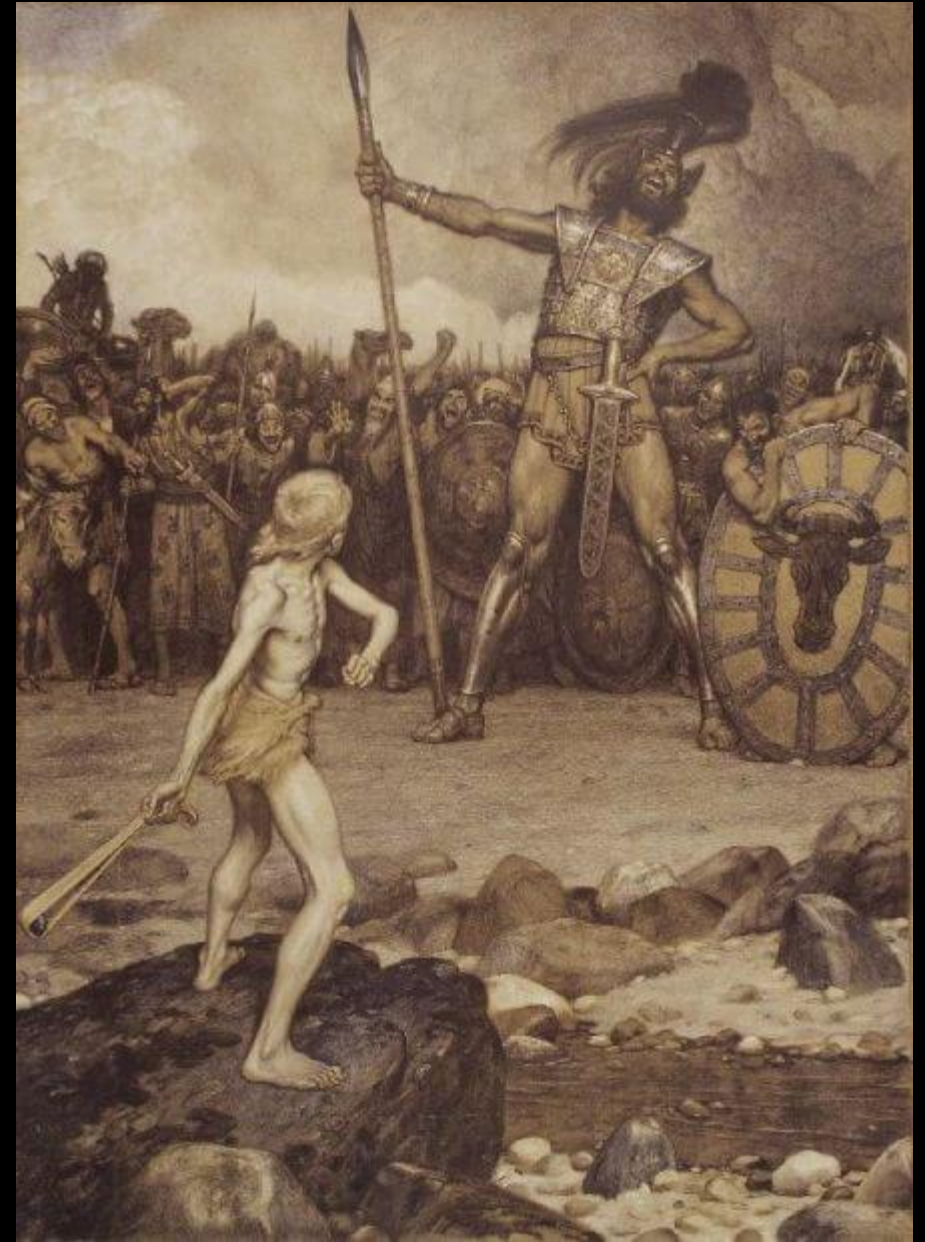
- Genesis 6:1-8
 - “Sons of God” and “Daughters of man”
 - “Sons of God” = descendants of Seth?
 - “Sons of God” = angels?
 - “Sons of God” = rulers?



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- 1 Enoch 6

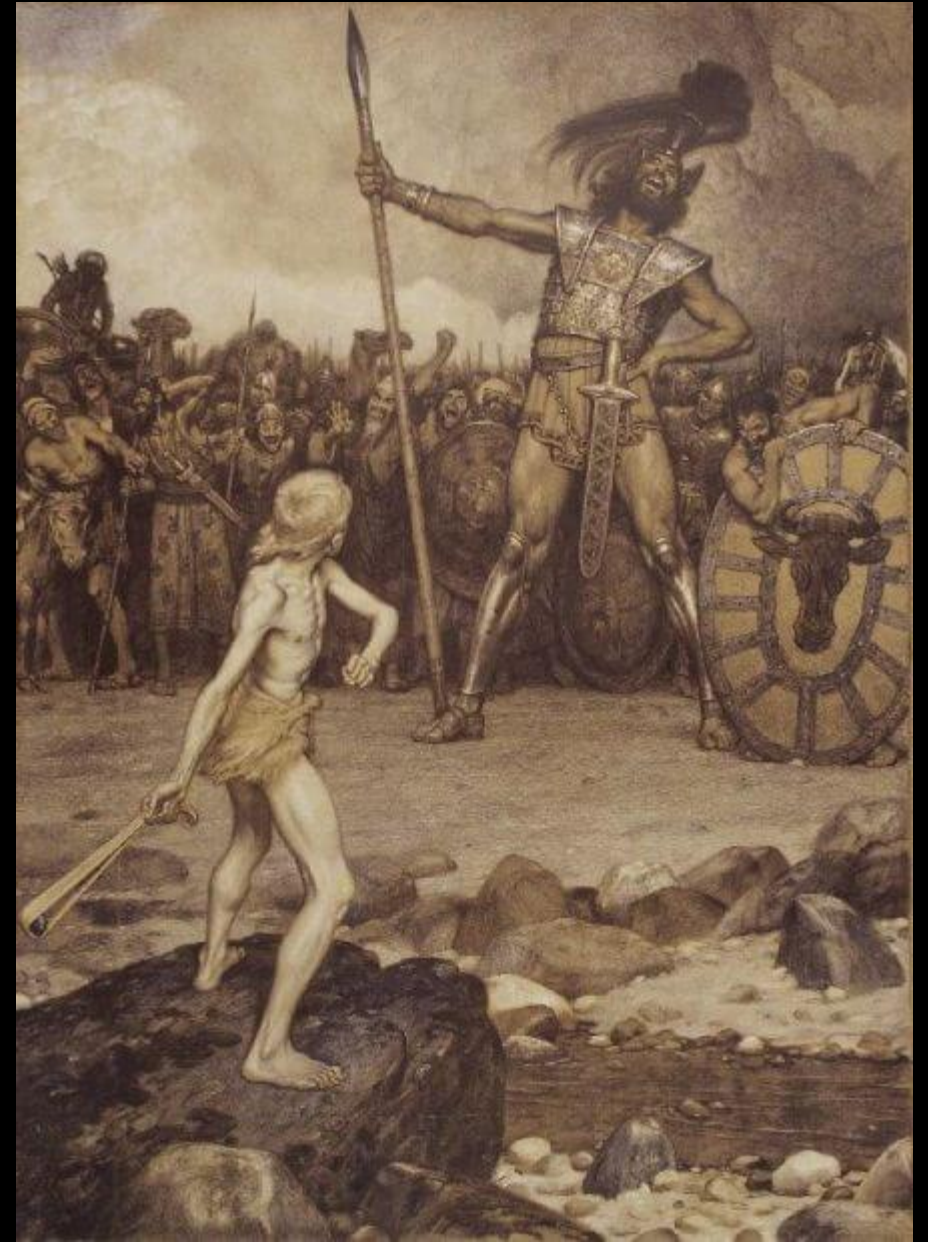
And it happened that when the sons of humans multiplied in those days, they fathered good and beautiful daughters. And the angels, the sons of heaven, saw them and desired them and said to one another, “Come let us choose for ourselves women from among the humans and bring forth children for ourselves.”... And they all made a vow together and put each other under a curse in regard to this.



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- 1 Enoch 7

Then they took for themselves women, each of them choosing a woman for themselves. They began to go to them and defile them. And they taught them sorcery and enchantments and cutting of roots and explained herbs to them.



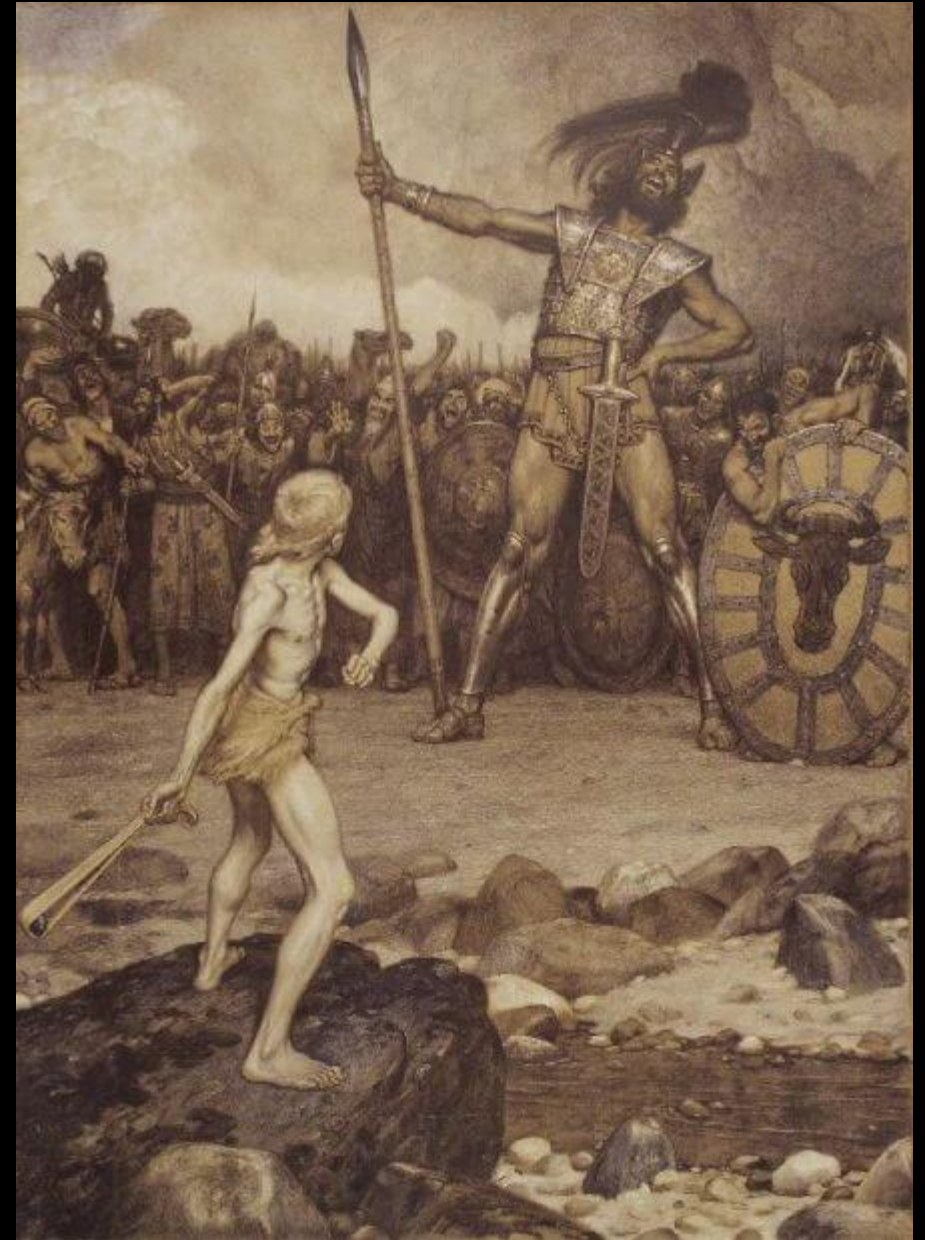
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But those who became pregnant brought forth great giants. ...

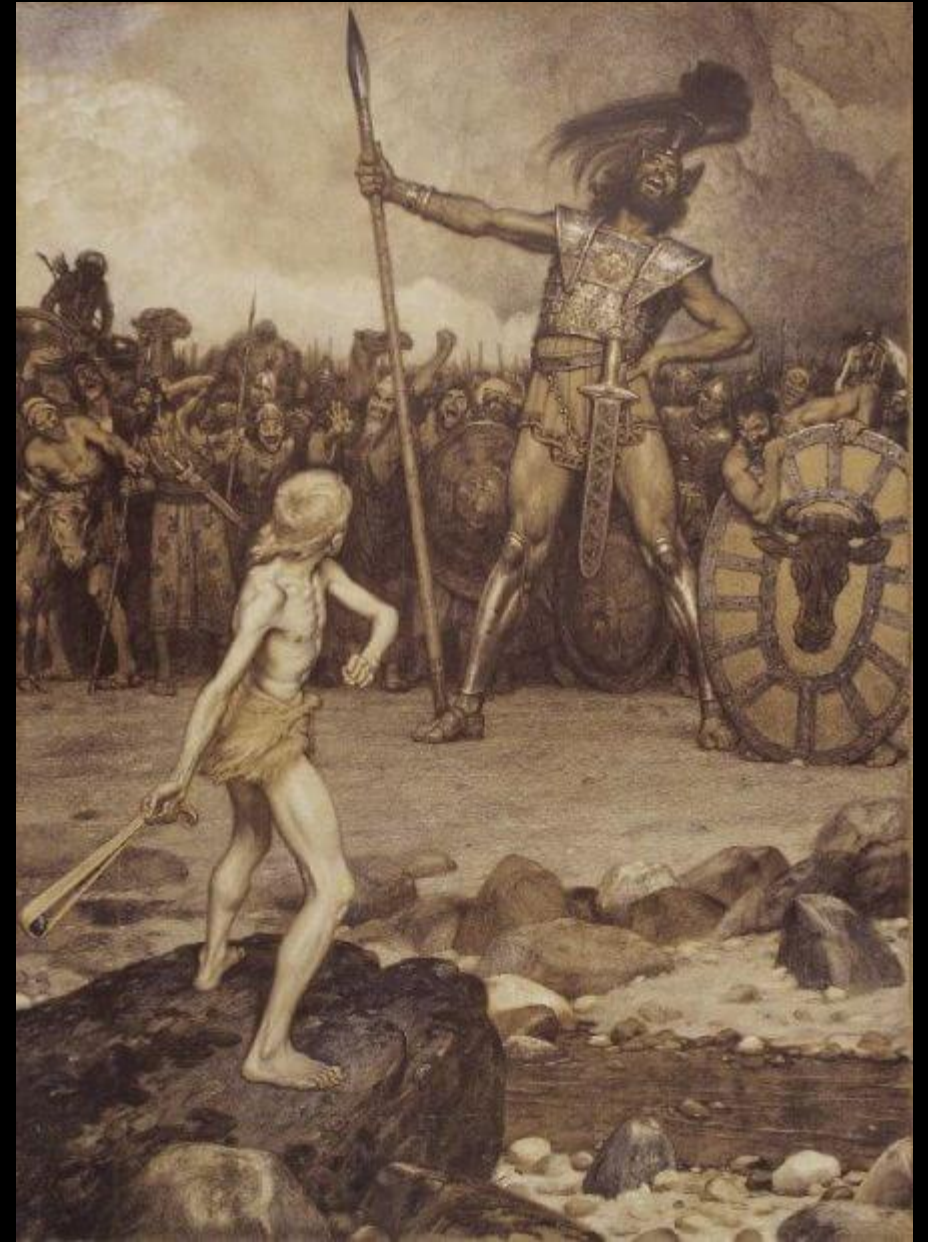
- 1 Enoch 8

Azael taught the humans to make swords, weapons, shields, and breastplates---the lessons of the angels; and they showed them their mining and craftsmanship, anklets and adornment, powders and painted eyes, and all kinds of choice stones and dying. Much ungodliness and prostitution happened, and they were led astray and ruined in all their ways. ...



Giants and Jesus

- Genesis 6:1-8
 - “Sons of God” and “Daughters of man”
 - Enoch: “Sons of God,” fallen angels, mated with human beings and the result was humans with greater power
 - Could this actually have happened?
 - Are there other instances where union with demons gives human beings extraordinary power?

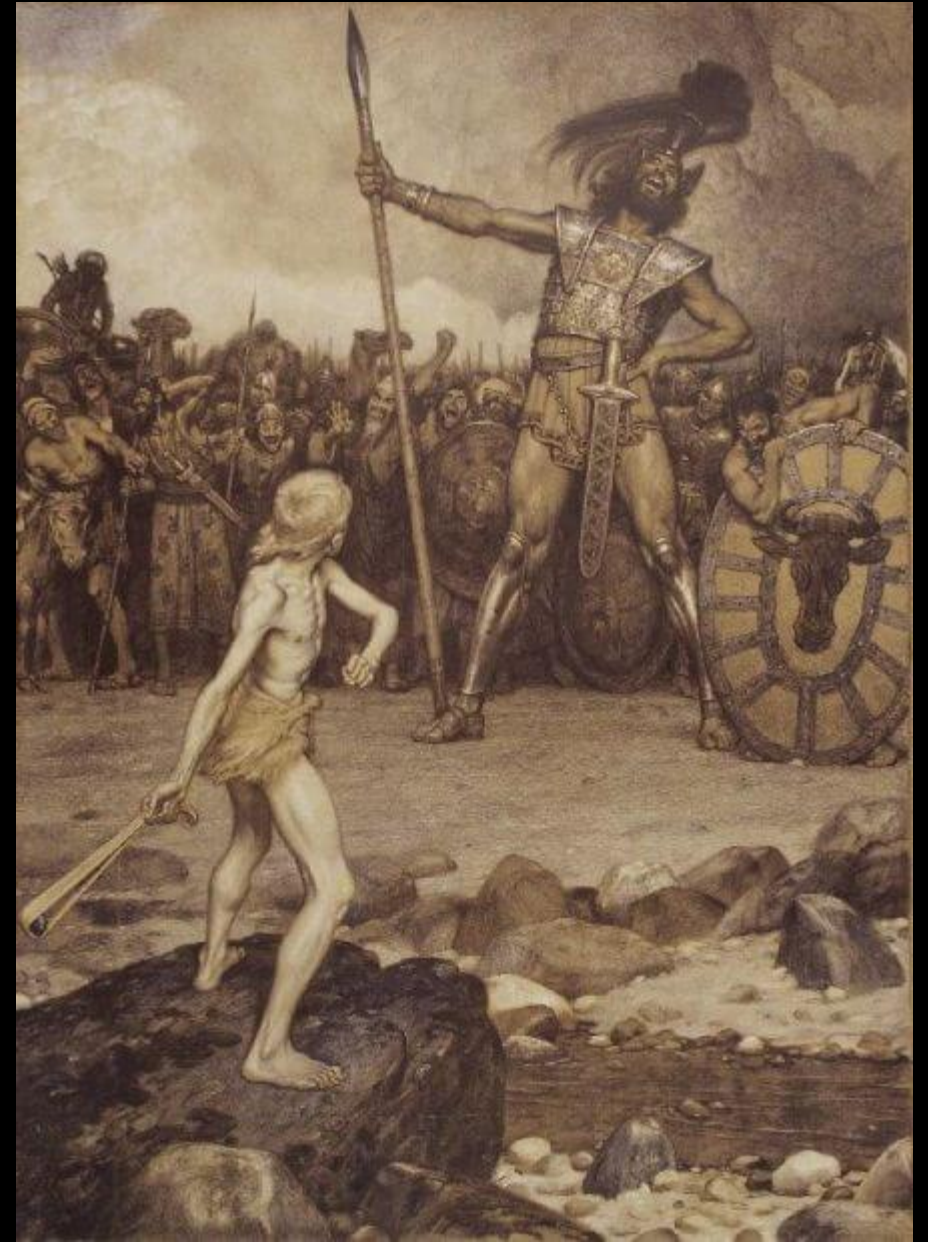


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- God created human beings to be united to Himself.
- Human beings united themselves to fallen angels instead, seeking power, satisfaction of desire, etc.

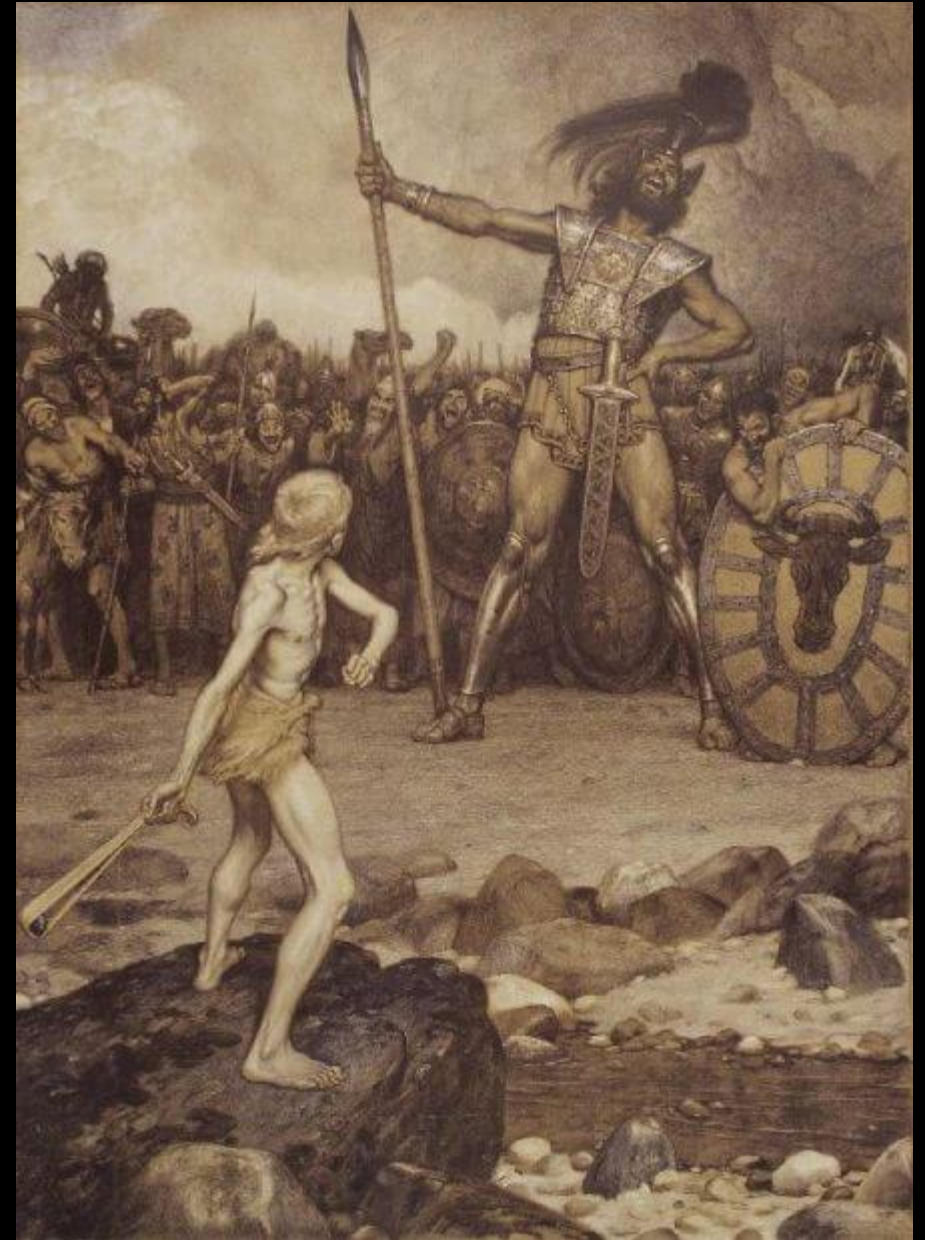
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- Perverse unions are recognized as the height of depravity and connected with utter idolatry.
 - Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen 19)
 - Gibeah (Judges 19)
 - “Sons of Belial” or “worthless men”
 - Eli’s wicked sons (1 Samuel 2-4)
 - “Sons of Belial”



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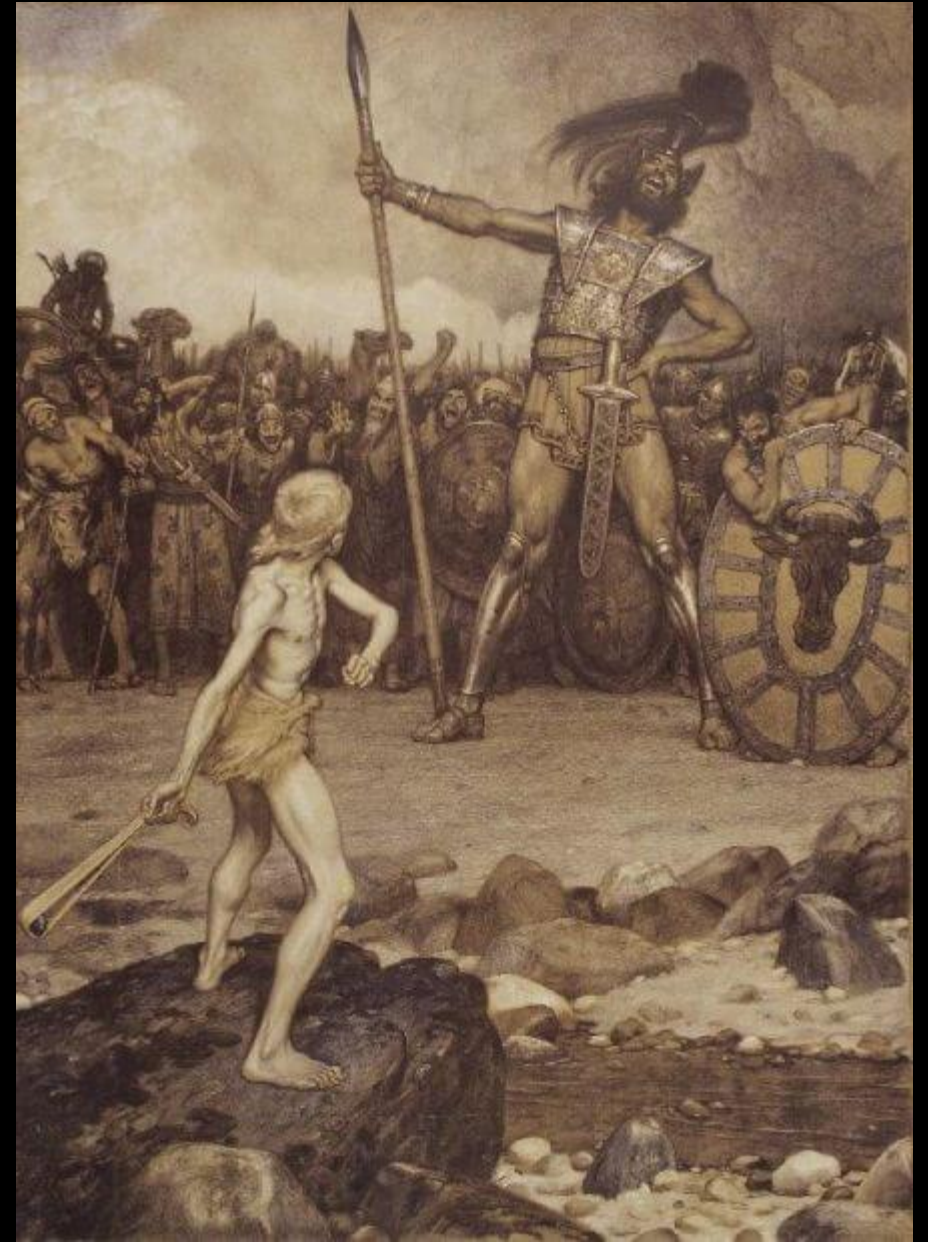
- God constantly rebukes Israel throughout Scripture for “whoring” after other gods. (both figurative and literal)
 - Judges 2:16-17
 - Exodus 34:14-16
 - Jeremiah 3:6-10
 - Hosea
 - Ezekiel 23:37
 - Leviticus 17:7
- 1 Corinthians 10:20 – idols, “false gods” are actually demons.



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- David and Goliath: Where does true power come from?

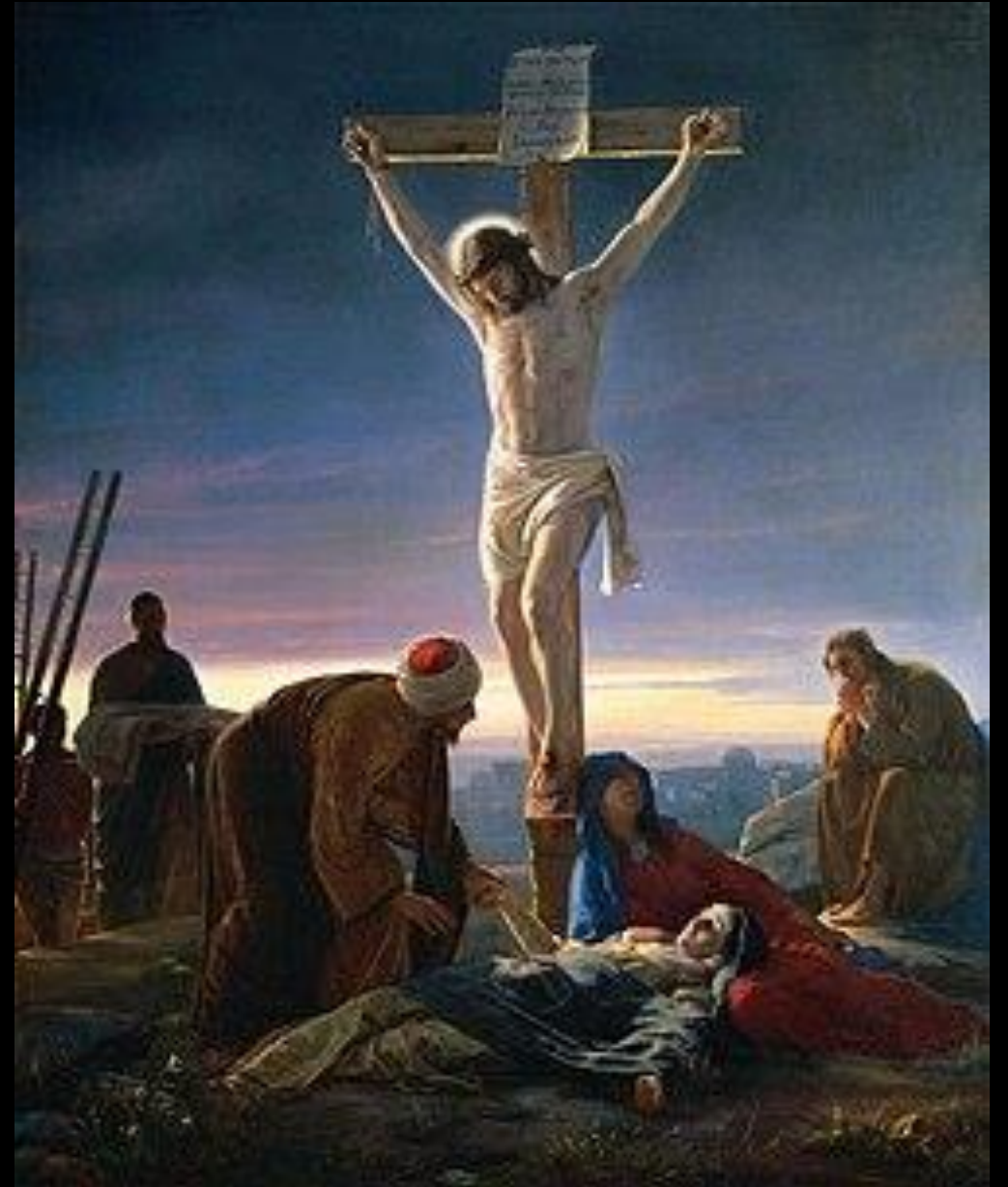
“You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.” 1 Samuel 17:45



Giants and Jesus

Union with Christ

- God Incarnate, not man mutated
- Humiliation, not power grab
- Children for God: first among many brothers



Concluding Thoughts