

BRAHMS: Academic Overture
“One Good Rock” KJV
The Budapest Festival Orchestra: Iván Fischer, Conducting
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(I Samuel 16:14, 17, 19, 21, 23; 17: 1a, 3-5, 7-10, 16;
 17:8-10, 16; 17:24-25, 32-35, 37-40, 41-47, 49-50)

[21] Saul said to his servants, “Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me. “

[32] Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, “Send me David, your son, who is with the sheep.” And David came to Saul and stood before him, and he loved him greatly, and he became his armor bearer.

[58] When the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, David took a harp and played, so Saul was refreshed and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

[1:22] Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle. The Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side, and there was a valley between them. There went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines named Goliath of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. He had a helmet of brass upon his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, the weight of it was five thousand shekels of brass. The staff of his spear was like a weaver’s beam, and one bearing a shield went before him.

[2:58] He stood and cried to the armies of Israel and said, “Choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me. If he be able to fight with me and to kill me, then will we be your servants, but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall you be our servants and serve us. I defy the armies of Israel this day. Give me a man that we may fight together.”

[3:52] The Philistine drew near morning and evening and presented himself forty days. And David rose up early in the morning and left the sheep with a keeper and went as Jesse had commanded him, and he came to the trench as the host was going forth to the fight and shouted for the battle. All the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were sore afraid.

They said, “Surely, to defy Israel he has come, and it shall be that the man who kills him the king will enrich him with great riches and will give him his daughter and make his father’s house free in Israel.”

David said to Saul, “Let no man’s heart fail because of him. Thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.” Saul said, “You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight, for you are but a youth, and he is a man of war from his youth.”

[4:53] David said, “Your servant kept his father’s sheep, and there came a lion and a bear and took a lamb out of the flock; and I went out after him and smote him and delivered it out of his mouth, and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and smote him, and slew him.”

“The Lord that delivered me from the lion and from the bear; he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine.” Saul said, “Go, and the Lord be with you.” Saul armed David with a coat of mail and a sword.

[6:16] David girded his sword upon his armor, and he prepared to go, for he had not proven it. David said to Saul, “I cannot go with these,” and David put them off. David took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones out of the brook and put them in a shepherd’s bag which he had, even in a scrip,

[7:49] With his sling in his hand, he drew near to the Philistine. The Philistine came on and drew near to David, and the man that bore the shield went before him. When the Philistine looked about and saw David, he distained him, for he was but a youth and ruddy and of a fair countenance.

[8:09] The Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog that you come to me with staves?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. He said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.”

David said, “You come to me with a sword and spear and shield, but I come to you in the Name of the Lord of Hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day will the Lord deliver you into my hand, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and all this assembly shall know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear, for the battle is the Lord’s and He will give you into our hands.”

David took a stone and slung it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead that the stone sunk into his forehead, and he fell upon his face to the earth. So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and he smote the Philistine; but there was no sword in the hand of David.

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