



The Power of Steam

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I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

Revelation 3:15

The Philistines assembled to fight Israel, with three thousand chariots, six thousand charioteers, and soldiers *as numerous as the sand on the seashore*.

1 Samuel 13:5

Saul remained at Gilgal, and all the troops with him *were quaking with fear*.

1 Samuel 13:6

Saul counted the men who were with him. They numbered about *six hundred*.

1 Samuel 13:15

Saul and his son Jonathan and the men with them were staying in Gibeah in Benjamin, while the Philistines camped at Micmash. Raiding parties went out from the Philistine camp in three detachments. Not a blacksmith could be found in the whole land of Israel, because the Philistines had said, “Otherwise the Hebrews will make swords or spears!” *So all Israel went down to the Philistines to have their plowshares, mattocks, axes and sickles sharpened. So on the day of the battle not a soldier with Saul and Jonathan had a sword or spear in his hand; only Saul and his son Jonathan had them.*

1 Samuel 13:16-17,19-20,22

One day Jonathan son of Saul said to the young man bearing his armor, “Come, let’s go over to the Philistine outpost *on the other side*.” But he did not tell his father. *Saul was staying on the outskirts of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree in Migron. With him were about six hundred men ...*

1 Samuel 14:1-2

Jonathan said to his young armor-bearer, “*Come, let’s go over to the outpost of those uncircumcised fellows. Perhaps the Lord will act in our behalf. Nothing can hinder the Lord from saving, whether by many or by few.*” “Do all that you have in mind,” his armor-bearer said. “Go ahead; *I am with you heart and soul.*”

1 Samuel 14:6-7

When all the Israelites who had hidden in the hill country of Ephraim heard that the Philistines were on the run, *they joined the battle in hot pursuit*. So the Lord rescued Israel that day, and *the battle moved on beyond Beth Aven*.

1 Samuel 14:22-23

The Philistines assembled to fight Israel, with three thousand chariots, six thousand charioteers, and soldiers as numerous as the sand on the seashore. They went up and camped at Micmash, east of Beth Aven. When the men of Israel saw that their situation was critical and that their army was hard pressed, they hid in caves and thickets, among the rocks, and in pits and cisterns. Some Hebrews even crossed the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. Saul remained at Gilgal, and all the troops with him were quaking with fear.

1 Samuel 13:5-7

So Jonathan said to his armor-bearer, "*Climb up after me*; the Lord has given them into the hand of Israel." Jonathan climbed up, using his hands and feet, with his armor-bearer right behind him. The Philistines fell before Jonathan, and his armor-bearer followed and killed behind him. In that first attack Jonathan and his armor-bearer killed some twenty men in an area of about half an acre.

1 Samuel 14:12-14

Then Saul and all his men assembled and went to the battle. They found the Philistines in total confusion, striking each other with their swords. Those Hebrews who had previously been with the Philistines and had gone up with them to their camp went over to the Israelites who were with Saul and Jonathan. When all the Israelites who had hidden in the hill country of Ephraim heard that the Philistines were on the run, they joined the battle in hot pursuit. So the Lord rescued Israel that day, and the battle moved on beyond Beth Aven.

1 Samuel 20-23