

How Did Goliath's Sword Get to Nob?

After David killed Goliath, David used Goliath's sword to cut off his head (1 Samuel 17:51). Then David took Goliath's weapons back to his tent (7:53). The Bible doesn't mention it again until later, when David is fleeing from King Saul who is trying to kill him.

David goes to the town of Nob where he visits with a priest named Ahimelech. David told him that he was on an urgent mission from the king and needed bread and a weapon. The priest told him, "The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the valley of Elah, is here, wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod. If you want to take it for yourself, then take it" (1 Samuel 21:9). This sword wasn't like the long heavy swords that medieval knights used but was **similar to a long dagger that could be handled easily in battle.**



How did Goliath's sword get into the sanctuary at Nob? The last we heard of it was when David put it in his tent. Although the Scripture doesn't tell us exactly how it got there, David probably dedicated the sword to God as a symbol of his gratefulness for his conquest of Goliath. Since there was no temple in Israel at this time, the large sanctuary at Nob, which was staffed with 85 priests, was the most likely place to do this.

When David was fleeing from Saul he was in need of a sword. He knew that priests didn't have swords, but he also knew that Goliath's sword was in the sanctuary at Nob. He had dedicated it to God and now in his time of need, the priest gave it back to him. No doubt that every time that David looked at that sword, he was reminded of God's faithfulness in defeating Goliath and would continue to be with him in all future battles.

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