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1. Introduction

- a. What is bacca laureate
Religious service farwell sermon
- b. Title: "Trouble Written All Over It"
- c. Young man - Jonathon son of King Saul
- d. King Saul taller than other Israelites
 - King Saul had already forsaken God's command - 1 Sam 13:13-14
 - But Jonathon King's son had passion to fight nation's enemy
 - No one knew where Jonathon went

2. Jonathon's Heart

- a. Perhaps God will work for them
- b. No Jonathon was young man of action
- c. Easy to see how Jonathon wanted friendship with young David
- d. Jonathon's resolve
 - he crawled up on his hands & knees (verse 13) to reach garrison
 - 2 sharp rocks named Bozes guarded by 2 Philistine garrison (verse 4)
 - his thought: "Nothing stops God from saving - whether by few or many" (verse 6)

3. Jonathon's Action

- a. He ask armor bearer to come with him



- 3b. Armor bearer all in with him
- armor bearer willing to follow
- c. The two killed 20 Philistines
4. Natural disaster concurrent
 - a. Earthquake after first slaughter (verse 15)
 - b. King Saul's guards saw Philistines going all over the place (verse 16)
 - c. Philistines fighting each other with their iron swords (verse 20)
5. Israel finally acts
 - a. King Saul & his men assemble into battle formation
 - b. Subject Israelites switched from Philistine army to King Saul (verse 21)
 - c. Israelites in hiding in mountains came out followed closely behind fleeing Philistines (verse 22)
6. Battle spoils
 - a. Cultural conditions
 - Philistine had iron age culture
 - Israel still used bronze age tools
 - b. Philistines provided iron tools to Israel for farming
 - Israelite farmers went to Philistia to sharpen farm tools (verse 20) - chap 13
 - Blacksmith shops all in Philistia (verse 19)
 - Result: No swords or spears of iron in Israel - (verses 19 & 22) chap 13
 - c. After battle, Israel had opportunity to take iron battle tools off dead men
 - spoils of war
 - d. Lord saved Israel - I sam 14:23