



Deut. 20:1-4 "When you go out to battle against your enemies and see horses and chariots and people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt, is with you. 2 "Now it shall come about that when you are approaching the battle, the priest shall come near and speak to the people. 3 "And he shall say to them, 'Hear, O Israel, you are approaching the battle against your enemies today. Do not be fainthearted. Do not be afraid, or panic, or tremble before them,

4 for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you."

This section, as with ALL Biblical narratives, really reveals the purpose behind the actions. The details move the story along. But you do not discover the INTENT of the characters from details like maps and places. It is only by examining the stated purposes of the characters do you understand motives and desires, and what they do. And in them you can come to see yourself—unless you have no capacity to be honest with yourself. And there are people like that. Saul was one.

