

~LUTE (38)

[Hebrew, *sha-lish'*]

- The Hebrew word *sha-lish'* seems to be related to a root signifying three.
- And he proceeded to take six hundred chosen chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt and warriors upon every one of them. (Exodus 14:7) Footnote
- Hence, the plural form *sha-li-shim'* at;
- And it came about that at their coming in, when David returned from striking the Philistines down, the women began coming out from all the cities of Israel with song and dances to meet Saul the king, with tambourines, with rejoicing and with lutes. (1 Samuel 18:6)
- Has been variously translated as, *instruments of three strings*, *Ro*, *three-stringed instruments*, *Yg*, and as favored by some modern lexicons, *lutes*, *NW*.
- The context of this verse suggests a comparatively light musical instrument, for it was played by Israelite women as they sang and danced in celebration of the victories of King Saul and of David.
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- And the women that were celebrating kept responding and saying; Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his tens of thousands. (1 Samuel 18:7)