

~**MICHAL (296)**

(Mi'chal) [probably, Who, Is Like God?]

.. **Punished For Disrespect To David**

.. **Rears Her Sister's Children**

- King Saul's younger daughter who became the wife of David. Saul had offered his older daughter Merab to David as a wife, but gave her to another man. **Michal**, however, was in love with David, and Saul offered her to David if he could produce the foreskins of a hundred Philistines, Saul thinking that David would meet death in attempting to kill that many enemy warriors.

- David accepted the challenge, presented Saul with 200 Philistine foreskins, and was given **Michal** as a wife. But, thereafter, Saul felt still more fear because of David and became his lasting foe.

- And the sons of Saul came to be Jonathan and Ishvi and Malchishua, and, as for the names of his two daughters, the name of the one born first was Merab and the name of the younger one **Michal**. (1 Samuel 14:49)

- Finally Saul said to David; Here is my oldest daughter Merab. She is the one that I shall give you as a wife. Only prove yourself a valiant person to me and fight the wars of Yehowah. But as for Saul, he said to himself; Do not let my hand come to be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines come to be upon him. (1 Samuel 18:17)

- At this David said to Saul; Who am I and who are my kinsfolk, my father's family, in Israel, so that I should become son-in-law to the king? (1 Samuel 18:18)

- However, it came about that at the time for giving Merab, Saul's daughter, to David, she herself had already been given to Adriel the Meholathite as a wife. (1 Samuel 18:19)

- Now **Michal**, Saul's daughter, was in love with David, and they went reporting it to Saul, and the matter was to his liking. (1 Samuel 18:20)

- So Saul said; I shall give her to him that she may serve as a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may come to be

- upon him. Accordingly Saul said to David; By one of the two women you will form a marriage alliance with me today. (**1 Samuel 18:21**)
- Further, Saul commanded his servants; Speak to David secretly, saying; Look! The king has found delight in you, and all his servants themselves have fallen in love with you. So now form a marriage alliance with the king. (**1 Samuel 18:22**)
 - And the servants of Saul began to speak these words in the ears of David, but David said; Is it an easy thing in your eyes to form a marriage alliance with the king, when I am a man of little means and lightly esteemed? (**1 Samuel 18:23**)
 - Then the servants of Saul reported to him, saying; It was with words like these that David spoke. (**1 Samuel 18:24**)
 - At that Saul said; This is what you men will say to David; The king has delight, not in marriage money, but in a hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to avenge himself on the enemies of the king. But as for Saul, he had schemed to have David fall by the hand of the Philistines. (**1 Samuel 18:25**)
 - So his servants reported these words to David, and the matter was to David's liking, to form a marriage alliance with the king, and the days had not yet expired. (**1 Samuel 18:26**)
 - So David rose and he and his men went and struck down among the Philistines two hundred men, and David came bringing their foreskins and giving them in full number to the king, to form a marriage alliance with the king. In turn Saul gave him **Michal** his daughter as a wife. (**1 Samuel 18:27**)
 - And Saul got to see and know that Yehowah was with David. As for **Michal**, Saul's daughter, she loved him. (**1 Samuel 18:28**)
 - And again Saul felt still more fear because of David, and Saul came to be an enemy of David always. (**1 Samuel 18:29**)
 - Later, when Saul's hatred for David reached a peak, **Michal** helped David escape the king's wrath. During David's long absence, Saul gave her in marriage to Palti the son of Laish from Gallim.
 - Later Saul sent messengers to David's house to watch it and to

have him put to death in the morning, but **Michal** his wife told David, saying; If you are not letting your soul escape tonight, tomorrow you will be a man put to death. (1 Samuel 19:11)

- Immediately **Michal** had David descend through the window, that he might go and run away and escape. (1 Samuel 19:12)
- Then **Michal** took the teraphim image and placed it on the couch, and a net of goats hair she put at the place of his head, after which she covered it with a garment. (1 Samuel 19:13)
- Saul now sent messengers to take David, but she said; He is sick. (1 Samuel 19:14)
- So Saul sent the messengers to see David, saying; Bring him on his couch up to me to have him put to death. (1 Samuel 19:15)
- When the messengers came in, why, there was the teraphim image on the couch and a net of goats hair at the place of his head. (1 Samuel 19:16)
- At this Saul said to **Michal**; Why did you trick me like this, so that you sent my enemy away that he might escape? In turn Michal said to Saul; He himself said to me; Send me away! Why should I put you to death? (1 Samuel 19:17)
- As for Saul, he had given **Michal** his daughter; David's wife, to Palti the son of Laish, who was from Gallim. (1 Samuel 25:44)
- When Abner later sought to conclude a covenant with David, David refused to see him unless he brought **Michal** with him. David, by messenger, presented his demand to Saul's son Ish-bosheth, and Michal was taken from her husband Paltiel, or Palti, and was returned to David.
- Accordingly Abner sent messengers to David on the spot, saying; To whom does the land belong? Adding; Do conclude your covenant with me, and, look! My hand will be with you to turn to your side the whole of Israel. (2 Samuel 3:12)
- To this he said; Good! I myself shall conclude a covenant with you. Only one thing there is that I am asking of you, saying; You may not see my face except first you bring **Michal**, Saul's daughter, when you come to see my face. (2 Samuel 3:13)

- Further, David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, saying; Do give over my wife **Michal**, whom I engaged to myself for a hundred foreskins of the Philistines. (2 Samuel 3:14)
- So Ish-bosheth sent and took her from her husband, Paltiel the son of Laish. (2 Samuel 3:15)
- But her husband kept walking with her, weeping as he walked after her as far as Bahurim. Then Abner said to him; Go, return! At that he returned. (2 Samuel 3:16)

•• Punished For Disrespect To David

- When David as king had the ark of the covenant brought to Jerusalem and displayed his joy for Yehowah's worship by dancing exuberantly, being girded with an ephod of linen, **Michal** observed him from a window and began to despise him in her heart.
- Upon David's return to his household, **Michal** expressed her feelings sarcastically, revealing a lack of appreciation of the kind of zeal David had displayed for Yehowah's worship and indicating that she felt he had acted in an undignified manner. David then rebuked her and also evidently penalized her by having no further sexual relations with her, so that she died childless.
- And David was dancing around before Yehowah with all his power, all the while David being girded with an ephod of linen. (2 Samuel 6:14)
- And David and all the house of Israel were bringing up the ark of Yehowah with joyful shouting and sound of horn. (2 Samuel 6:15)
- And it occurred that when the ark of Yehowah came into the City of David, **Michal**, Saul's daughter, herself looked down through the window and got to see King David leaping and dancing around before Yehowah, and she began to despise him in her heart. (2 Samuel 6:16)
- So they brought the ark of Yehowah in and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, after which David offered up burnt sacrifices and communion sacrifices before Yehowah. (2 Samuel 6:17)

- When David was finished with offering up the burnt sacrifices and the communion sacrifices, he then blessed the people in the name of Yehowah of armies. (2 Samuel 6:18)
- Further, he apportioned to all the people, to the whole crowd of Israel, man as well as woman, to each one a ring-shaped cake of bread and a date cake and a raisin cake, after which all the people went each to his own house. (2 Samuel 6:19)
- David now returned to bless his own household, and **Michal**, Saul's daughter, came on out to meet David and then said; How glorious the king of Israel made himself today when he uncovered himself today to the eyes of the slave girls of his servants, just as one of the empty-headed men uncovers himself outright! (2 Samuel 6:20)
- At this David said to **Michal**; It was before Yehowah, who chose me rather than your father and all his household to put me in command as leader over Yehowah's people Israel, and I will celebrate before Yehowah. (2 Samuel 6:21)
- And I will make myself even more lightly esteemed than this, and I will become low in my eyes, and with the slave girls whom you mentioned, with them I am determined to glorify myself. (2 Samuel 6:22)
- So, as regards **Michal**, Saul's daughter, she came to have no child down to the day of her death. (2 Samuel 6:23)

•• Rears Her Sister's Children

- The account at;
- Consequently the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah whom she bore to Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth, and the five sons of **Michal** the daughter of Saul whom she bore to Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite. (2 Samuel 21:8)
- Speaks of the five sons of **Michal** the daughter of Saul whom she bore to Adriel, these being among the members of Saul's household whom David gave to the Gibeonites in atonement for Saul's attempt to annihilate them.

- **Now there came to be a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year, and David proceeded to consult the face of Yehowah. Then Yehowah said; Upon Saul and upon his house there is bloodguilt, because he put the Gibeonites to death. (2 Samuel 21:1)**
- **And David went on to say to the Gibeonites; What shall I do to you, and with what shall I make atonement, that you may certainly bless the inheritance of Yehowah? (2 Samuel 21:3)**
- **So the Gibeonites said to him; It is not a matter of silver or gold for us in connection with Saul and his household, neither is it ours to put a man to death in Israel. At that he said; Whatever you are saying I shall do for you. (2 Samuel 21:4)**
- **At this they said to the king; The man that exterminated us and that schemed to annihilate us from subsisting in any of the territory of Israel. (2 Samuel 21:5)**
- **Let there be given to us seven men of his sons, and we must expose them to Yehowah in Gibeah of Saul, the chosen one of Yehowah. Accordingly the king said; I myself shall give them. (2 Samuel 21:6)**
- **However, the king felt compassion upon Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan the son of Saul on account of the oath of Yehowah that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul. (2 Samuel 21:7)**
- **Consequently the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah whom she bore to Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth, and the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul whom she bore to Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholahite. (2 Samuel 21:8)**
- **Then he gave them into the hand of the Gibeonites and they proceeded to expose them on the mountain before Yehowah, so that the seven of them fell together, and they themselves were put to death in the first days of harvest, at the start of the barley harvest. (2 Samuel 21:9)**
- **However, Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it for herself upon the rock from the start of harvest until water poured down upon them from the heavens, and she did not allow the fowls of the heavens to rest upon them by day nor the wild**

beasts of the field by night. (**2 Samuel 21:10**)

- At length it was reported to David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, Saul's concubine, had done. (**2 Samuel 21:11**)
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- So, as regards **Michal**, Saul's daughter, she came to have no child down to the day of her death. (**2 Samuel 6:23**)
- Which shows that **Michal** died childless, may be resolved by the view taken by some commentators, namely, that these children were the five sons of **Michal's** sister Merab and that **Michal** raised them following the early death of their mother.

See Also MERAB