

# 1 Samuel 25:44

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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The chapter concludes with troubling news about David's first wife. Saul's giving Michal to another man violated both marriage covenant and his own earlier agreement. The Hebrew 'natan' (gave) treats Michal as property transferred without consent. Phalti (or Phaltiel, 2 Samuel 3:15) of Gallim received her apparently as reward for loyalty to Saul. This action severed David's connection to the royal house and declared him no longer son-in-law. The political significance was clear: Saul formally repudiated any relationship with David. Yet later, David would demand Michal's return (2 Samuel 3:13-16), creating its own complications. This verse introduces suffering that would shadow David's personal life.

## Historical Context

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Marriage to the king's daughter created political bonds Saul here severed. Gallim was in Benjamin, Saul's tribal territory. Phalti's later grief at losing Michal (2 Samuel 3:16) suggests genuine attachment developed during her years in his household.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

### Study Questions

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1. What does Saul's treatment of Michal reveal about his view of people as political tools?
2. How do the consequences of this action extend into David's later reign?

### Interlinear Text

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But Saul	had given	H853	Michal	his daughter	wife	David's	to Phalti
H7586	H5414		H4324	H1323	H802	H1732	H6406
בֶּן	לְיִשׁ	אֲשֶׁר	מִגִּלִּים:				
the son	of Laish	H834	which was of Gallim				
H1121	H3919		H1554				

### Additional Cross-References

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**1 Samuel 18:27** (References David): Wherefore David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son in law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife.

**2 Samuel 3:14** (References David): And David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth Saul's son, saying, Deliver me my wife Michal, which I espoused to me for an hundred foreskins of the Philistines.