

Singing and dancing in the streets in Samuel

1 SAMUEL 18.6-8A

As they were coming home, when David returned from killing the Philistine, **the women** came out of all the towns of Israel, **singing [shyr] and dancing [mecholah]**, to meet King Saul, with **tambourines [tof]**, only 10.5 elsewhere in Samuel other than 2 Sam 6.5 below], with **songs of joy**, and with musical instruments. And the women sang to one another as **they made merry [shq]**, "Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands." *Saul was very angry*, for this saying displeased him.

2 SAMUEL 6.5, 14-16, 20-21

David and all the house of Israel **were dancing [shq]** before YHWH with all their might, **with songs** and lyres and harps and **tambourines [tof]** and castanets and cymbals....**David danced [krr]**, only here and v. 16 in DH] before YHWH with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of YHWH with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of YHWH came into the city of David, *Michal daughter of Saul* looked out of the window, and saw **King David leaping and dancing [krr]** before YHWH; and she *despised him in her heart*....David returned to bless his household. But Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "How the king of Israel honored himself today, uncovering himself today before the eyes of **his servants' maids**, as any vulgar fellow might shamelessly uncover himself!" David said to Michal, "It was before YHWH, who chose me in place of your father and all his household, to appoint me as prince over Israel, the people of YHWH, that **I have danced [shq]** before YHWH.