David's "women"

Then **Saul said to David, "Here is my elder daughter <u>Merab</u>; I will give her to you as a woman**; only be valiant for me and fight YHWH's battles." For Saul thought, "I will not raise a hand against him; let the Philistines deal with him." David said to Saul, "Who am I and who are my kinsfolk, my father's family in Israel, that I should be son-in-law to the king?" **But at the time when Saul's daughter <u>Merab</u> should have been given to David, she was given to Adriel the Meholathite as a woman**.

Now Saul's daughter <u>Michal</u> loved David. Saul was told, and the thing pleased him. Saul thought, "Let me give her to him that she may be a snare for him and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him." Therefore Saul said to David a second time, "You shall now be my son-in-law." ...David rose and went, along with his men, and killed one hundred of the Philistines; and David brought their foreskins, which were given in full number to the king, that he might become the king's son-in-law. **Saul gave him his daughter <u>Michal</u> as a woman.** (1 Samuel 18.17-21, 27)

Saul sent messengers to David's house to keep watch over him, planning to kill him in the morning. **David's woman <u>Michal</u> told him, "If you do not save your life tonight, tomorrow you will be killed**." So Michal let David down through the window; he fled away and escaped. Michal took a terafim and laid it on the bed; she put a net of goats' hair on its head, and covered it with the clothes. When Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, "He is sick." Then Saul sent the messengers to see David for themselves. He said, "Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may kill him." When the messengers came in, the idol was in the bed, with the covering of goats' hair on its head. Saul said to Michal, "Why have you deceived me like this, and let my enemy go, so that he has escaped?" Michal answered Saul, "He said to me, 'Let me go; why should I kill you?'" (1 Samuel 19.11-17)

When David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, "Blessed be YHWH who has judged the case of Nabal's insult to me, and has kept back his servant from evil; YHWH has returned the evil-doing of Nabal upon his own head." Then **David sent and wooed <u>Abigail</u>, to make her his woman.** (1 Samuel 25.39)

David also married <u>Ahinoam</u> of Jezreel; both of them became his women. Saul had given his daughter **<u>Michal</u>, David's woman, to Palti** son of Laish, who was from Gallim. (1 Samuel 25.43-44)

David stayed with Achish at Gath, he and his troops, every man with his household, and **David with his two women, <u>Ahinoam</u> of Jezreel, and <u>Abigail</u> of Carmel, Nabal's widow.** (1 Samuel 27.3)

David recovered all that the Amalekites had taken; and **David rescued his two women**. (1 Samuel 30.18)

So David went up there, **along with his two women, <u>Ahinoam</u> of Jezreel, and Abigail the widow of Nabal** of Carmel. (2 Samuel 2.2)

Sons were born to David at Hebron: his firstborn was Amnon, of **<u>Ahinoam</u> of Jezreel**; his second, Chileab, of **<u>Abigail</u> the widow of Nabal of Carmel**; the third, Absalom son of **<u>Maacah</u>, daughter of King Talmai of Geshur;** the fourth, Adonijah son of **<u>Haggith</u>**; the fifth, Shephatiah son of **Abital**; and the sixth, Ithream, of David's woman **<u>Eglah</u>**. These were born to David in Hebron. (2 Samuel 3.2-5)

Then David sent messengers to Saul's son Ishbaal, saying, "**Give me my woman <u>Michal</u>**, to whom I became engaged at the price of one hundred foreskins of the Philistines." Ishbaal sent and took her from her husband Paltiel the son of Laish. (2 Samuel 3.14-15)

Jerusalem, after he came from Hebron, **David took more <u>secondary women and primary women</u>**; and more sons and daughters were born to David. (2 Samuel 5.13)

When the mourning was over, **David sent and brought [Bathsheba] to his house, and she became his woman**, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased YHWH... (2 Samuel 11.27)

Then Nathan went to his house. YHWH struck the child that **<u>Uriah's woman</u> bore to David**, and it became very ill. (2 Samuel 12.15)