

Ish-Bosheth son of Saul was forty years old when he became king over Israel, and he reigned two years. The tribe of Judah, however, remained loyal to David (2 Samuel 2:10 NIV).

Ner was the father of Kish, Kish the father of Saul, and Saul the father of Jonathan, Malki-Shua, Abinadab and **Esh-Baal** (1 Chronicles 8:33 & 9:39 NIV).

Ish-Bosheth and Esh-Baal were the same person.

Esh-baal ("man of the Lord") was his given name as recorded in 1st Chronicles (which was written after the Babylonian captivity).

Righteous levite scribes from the South kingdom (before the Babylonian captivity) couldn't find it in themselves to pronounce the name of a "heathen" divinity, and so called him Ish-bosheth ("man of shame") instead.