

These exemplary cases of conspicuous usage of 'ish suggest that a recognized sense of that relational noun corresponded to the English terms "family patriarch, householder."

Gen 26:13; Exod 2:21; Deut. 1:31; 8:5; 28:54; Judg. 17:5, 11; 18:19; 19:16; 1Sam. 1:3, 21; 17:12; 25:2, 3; 2Sam. 17:25; 19:33; Jer. 23:34; Mic. 2:2; 7:6; Prov. 7:19; Job 1:1, 3; Song 8:7; Ruth 1:1, 2

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Gen 26:13 וַיִּגְדַּל הָאִישׁ וַיִּגְדַּל הַלֹּחֶד וַיִּגְדַּל עַד כִּי־גָדַל מְאֹד :

Gen 26:13 and that householder grew richer and richer until he was very wealthy:

Exod 2:21 וַיִּזְאֵל מֹשֶׁה לָשֶׁבֶת אֶת־הָאִישׁ וַיִּתֵּן אֶת־צִפּוֹרָה בְּתוּ לְמֹשֶׁה :

Exod 2:21 Moses consented to stay with that householder, and he gave Moses his daughter Zipporah as wife.

Deut 1:31 וּבַמִּדְבָּר אֲשֶׁר רָאִיתָ אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁאַף יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ כַּאֲשֶׁר יִשְׂאֵאִישׁ אֶת־בְּנוֹ בְּכָל־הַדֶּרֶךְ אֲשֶׁר הִלַּכְתֶּם עַד־בְּאֲכֶם עַד־הַמְּקוֹם הַזֶּה :

Deut 1:31 and in the wilderness, where you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a householder carries his heir, all the way that you traveled until you came to this place.

Deut 8:5 וַיִּזְדַּעַת עִם־לִבְבְּךָ כִּי כַּאֲשֶׁר יִסַּר אִישׁ אֶת־בְּנוֹ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ מִן־סִרְיָךְ :

Deut 8:5 Bear in mind that the LORD your God disciplines you just as a householder disciplines his heir.

Deut 28:54 הָאִישׁ הַרַךְ בָּךְ וְהָעֵנֶג מְאֹד תִּרְעַע עֵינָיו בְּאֲחִיו וּבְאִשְׁתׁ חַיָּו וּבְנֵיתוֹ בְּנֵי אִשְׁרׁ יוֹתִיר :

Deut 28:54 The householder who is most tender and fastidious among you shall be too mean to his brother and the wife of his bosom and the children he has spared

Judg 17:5 וְהָאִישׁ מִיכָה לוֹ בַּיִת אֱלֹהִים וַיַּעַשׂ אֶפֹּד וְתֵרָפִים וַיִּמְלֵא אֶת־גֵּד אֶחָד מִבְּנָיו וַיַּהֲיֶי־לוֹ לְכֹהֵן :

Judg 17:5 Now the householder Micah had a house of God; he had made an ephod and teraphim and he had inducted one of his sons to be his priest.

Judg 17:11 וַיִּזְאֵל הַלֵּוִי לָשֶׁבֶת אֶת־הָאִישׁ וַיְהִי הַנְּעֹר לוֹ כְּאֶחָד מִבְּנָיו :

Judg 17:11 The Levite agreed to stay with that householder, and the youth became like one of his own sons.

Judg 18:19 וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ הַחֲרָשׁ שִׁים־יָדְךָ עַל־פִּיךָ וְלֹךְ עִמָּנוּ וְהָיִיתָ־לָנוּ לְאָב וּלְכֹהֵן הַטּוֹב | הֲיִזְתָּךְ כֹּהֵן לְבַיִת אִישׁ אֶחָד אוֹ הֲיִזְתָּךְ כֹּהֵן לְשֵׁבֶט וּלְמִשְׁפָּחָה בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל :

Judg 18:19 But they said to him, "Be quiet; put your hand on your mouth! Come with us and be our father and priest. Would you rather be priest to one householder's house or be priest to a tribe and clan in Israel?"

Judg 19:16 וְהָיָה | אִישׁ זָקֵן בָּא מִן־מַעֲשֵׂהוּ מִן־הַשָּׂדֶה בְּעָרֵב וְהָאִישׁ מֵתָר אֶפְרָיִם וְהוּא־גַר בְּגִבְעָה וְאֲנָשֵׁי הַמְּקוֹם בְּנֵי יְמִינֵי :

Judg 19:16 In the evening, an old householder came along from his property outside the town. (This householder hailed from the hill country of Ephraim and resided at Gibeah, where the townspeople were Benjaminites.)

1 Sam 1:3 וַעֲלָה הָאִישׁ הַהוּא מֵעִירוֹ מִיָּמִים | יְמִימָה לְהִשְׁתַּחֲוֹת וּלְזַבֵּחַ לַיהוָה צְבָאוֹת בְּשִׁלֹּה וְשֵׁם שְׁנֵי בְנֵי־עֲלֵי חֲפְנֵי וּפְנֵיחֶם כַּהֲנִים לַיהוָה :

1 Sam 1:3 This householder used to go up from his town every year to worship and to offer sacrifice to the LORD of Hosts at Shiloh. — Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli, were priests of the LORD there.

1 Sam 1:21 וַיַּעַל הָאִישׁ אֶלְקָנָה וְכָל־בֵּיתוֹ לְזַבֵּחַ לַיהוָה אֶת־זִבְחַת הַיָּמִים וְאֶת־נִדְרוֹ :

1 Sam 1:21 And when the householder Elkanah and all his household were going up to offer to the LORD the annual sacrifice and his votive sacrifice,

1 Sam 17:12 וְדָוִד בֶּן-אִישׁ אֶפְרַתִּי הַזֶּה מִבֵּית לְחֵם יְהוּדָה וּשְׁמוֹ יֵשׁוּ וְלוֹ שְׁמֹנֶה בָנִים וְהָאִישׁ בִּימֵי שָׂאוּל זָקֵן בָּא בְּאֲנָשִׁים:

1 Sam 17:12 David was the son of a certain Ephrathite of Bethlehem in Judah whose name was Jesse. He had eight sons, and in the days of Saul that householder was already old, advanced in years.

1 Sam 25:2 וְהָאִישׁ גְּדוֹל מְאֹד וְלוֹ צֹאן שְׁלֹשַׁת-אַלְפִים וְאַיִלָּה עֹגִים וַיְהִי בְּגִזּוֹ אֶת-צֹאֲנוֹ בְּכַרְמֶל: ³ וְשֵׁם הָאִישׁ נָבָל וְשֵׁם אִשְׁתּוֹ אַבִּיגַיִל וְהָאִשָּׁה טוֹבַת שְׂכָל וַיִּפֶת תְּאֵר וְהָאִישׁ קָשָׁה וְרַע מַעֲלָלִים וְהוּא כָּלְבִי [כָּלְבִי]:

1 Sam 25:2 There was a householder in Maon whose possessions were in Carmel. That householder was very wealthy; he owned three thousand sheep and a thousand goats. At the time, he was shearing his sheep in Carmel. ³ The householder's name was Nabal, and his wife's name was Abigail. The wife was intelligent and beautiful, but that householder, a Calebite, was a hard man and an evildoer.

2 Sam 17:25 וְאַתָּה-עֲמָשָׂא שָׁם אֲבִשְׁלֵם תַּחַת יוֹאָב עַל-הַצָּבָא וְעֲמָשָׂא בֶן-אִישׁ וּשְׁמוֹ יִתְרָא הַיִּשְׂרָאֵלִי אֲשֶׁר-בָּא אֶל-אַבִּיגַיִל בַּת-נָחָשׁ אֶחָת צְרוּיָה אִם יוֹאָב:

2 Sam 17:25 Absalom had appointed Amasa army commander in place of Joab; Amasa was the son of a householder named Ithra the Israelite, who had married Abigail, daughter of Nahash and sister of Joab's mother Zeruiah.

2 Sam 19:33 וּבְרִזְלֵי זָקֵן מְאֹד בֶּן-שְׁמֹנִים שָׁנָה וְהוּא כָּלְכָל אֶת-הַמֶּלֶךְ בְּשִׁיבְתוֹ בְּמַחְנֵים כִּי-אִישׁ גְּדוֹל הוּא מְאֹד:

2 Sam 19:33 Barzillai was very old, eighty years of age; and he had provided the king with food during his stay at Mahanaim, for he was a very wealthy householder.

Jer 23:34 וְהַנְּבִיא וְהַכֹּהֵן וְהָעַם אֲשֶׁר יֹאמְרוּ מִשָּׂא יְהוָה וּפְקַדְתִּי עַל-הָאִישׁ מֵהוּא וְעַל-בֵּיתוֹ:

Jer 23:34 As for the prophet or priest or layman who shall say "the burden of the LORD," I will punish that householder and his house.

Mic 2:2 וְחָמְרוּ שָׂדוֹת וַיִּגְזְלוּ וּבָתִּים וּנְשָׂאוֹ וְעָשְׂקוּ גֵבֶר וּבֵיתוֹ וְאִישׁ וּנְחָלְתּוֹ: פ Mic 7:6 כִּי-בֵן מְנַבֵּל אָב בַּת קָמְנָה בְּאֵמָה כַּלָּה בַחְמֹתָהּ אִיבֵי אִישׁ אֲנָשִׁי בֵיתוֹ:

Mic 2:2 They covet fields, and seize them; / Houses, and take them away. / They defraud men of their homes, / And householders of their land. Mic 7:6 For son spurns father, / Daughter rises up against mother, / Daughter-in-law against mother-in-law — / A householder's own house / Are his enemies.

Prov 7:19 כִּי אֵין הָאִישׁ בְּבֵיתוֹ הֶלֶךְ בְּתַרְדּוֹ מִרְחֹק:

Prov 7:19 For the householder is not at home; / He is off on a distant journey.

Job 1:1 אִישׁ הָיָה בְּאֶרֶץ-עֻזַּי אִיּוֹב שְׁמוֹ וְהָיָה הָאִישׁ הַהוּא תָם וַיֵּשֶׁר וַיִּרָא אֱלֹהִים וְסָר מִרָע:

Job 1:1 There was a householder in the land of Uz named Job. That householder was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil.

Job 1:3 וַיְהִי מִקְנֵהוּ שִׁבְעַת אַלְפֵי-צֹאן וּשְׁלֹשַׁת אַלְפֵי גַמְלִים וַחֲמִשׁ מֵאוֹת צֹמֶד-בָּקָר וַחֲמִשׁ מֵאוֹת אֶתְזוֹנוֹת וְעֶבְדָּה רַבָּה מְאֹד וַיְהִי הָאִישׁ מֵהוּא גְּדוֹל מִכָּל-בְּנֵי-קֶדֶם:

Job 1:3 his possessions were seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred she-asses, and a very large household. That householder was wealthier than anyone in the East.

Song 8:7 מַיִם רַבִּים לֹא יוּכְלוּ לִכְבּוֹת אֶת-הָאֲהַבָּה וּנְהָרוֹת לֹא יִשְׁטַפּוּהָ אִם-יִתֵּן אִישׁ אֶת-כָּל-תְּזוֹן בֵּיתוֹ בְּאַהֲבָה בּוֹז יִבוֹזוּ:

Song 8:7 Vast floods cannot quench love, / Nor rivers drown it. / If a householder offered all his household's wealth for love, / He would be laughed to scorn.

לו: ס

Ruth 1:1 וַיְהִי בַיָּמֵי שָׁפֵט הַשְּׁפֹטִים וַיְהִי
רָעָב בְּאֶרֶץ יְהוּדָה וַיֵּלֶךְ אִישׁ מִבֵּית לֶחֶם יְהוּדָה
לְגוֹר בְּשָׂדֵי מוֹאָב הוּא וְאִשְׁתּוֹ וּשְׁנֵי בָנָיו:
2 וְשֵׁם הָאִישׁ אֱלִימֶלֶךְ וְשֵׁם אִשְׁתּוֹ נָעֳמִי
וְשֵׁם שְׁנֵי-בָנָיו מַחֲלֹן וְכִלְיוֹן אֶפְרַתִּים
מִבֵּית לֶחֶם יְהוּדָה וַיָּבֹאוּ שְׂדֵי-מוֹאָב
וַיְהִיו-שָׁם:

Ruth 1:1 In the days when the chieftains ruled, there was a famine in the land; and a householder of Bethlehem in Judah, with his wife and two sons, went to reside in the country of Moab. 2 The householder's name was Elimelech, his wife's name was Naomi, and his two sons were named Mahlon and Chilion — Ephrathites of Bethlehem in Judah. They came to the country of Moab and remained there.