

# 1 Samuel 14:49

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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The genealogical information introduces Saul's family: sons Jonathan, Ishui (also called Ishbosheth), and Malchi-shua; daughters Merab and Michal. Jonathan's prominence in this chapter makes his listing first fitting. Merab was promised to David but given to another (18:17-19); Michal became David's first wife (18:27). These family relationships will shape Israel's future. The mention of daughters is unusual in royal genealogies, suggesting their narrative importance.

## Historical Context

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Royal genealogies established dynastic claims and political relationships. Ishui/Ishbosheth's later brief reign over northern Israel (2 Samuel 2:8-10) and the daughters' marriages to David intertwine Saul's house with Israel's future. The family information prepares for subsequent narrative.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How do family relationships established here shape Israel's future history?
2. What does inclusion of daughters in the genealogy suggest about their coming significance?

## Interlinear Text

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| וְמַלְכִּישׁ וְעַ     | וְיַעֲשֵׂה וְיַהְיֶה | וְיָגַת וְיַעֲשֵׂה וְיַהְיֶה | וְיַעֲשֵׂה וְיַהְיֶה  | וְיַעֲשֵׂה וְיַהְיֶה | וְיַעֲשֵׂה וְיַהְיֶה |
| Now the sons          | of Saul              | were Jonathan                | and Ishui             | and Melchishua       |                      |
| H1961                 | H1121                | H7586                        | H3129                 | H3440                | H4444                |
| מִכְ בְּ בְּגִבְרִיהְ | בְּנֵתְ מִשְׁמָרְתְּ | בְּנֵתְ מִשְׁמָרְתְּ         | מִכְ בְּ בְּגִבְרִיהְ | בְּנֵתְ מִשְׁמָרְתְּ | Merab                |
| and the name          | of his two           | daughters                    | and the name          | of the firstborn     |                      |
| H8034                 | H8147                | H1323                        | H8034                 | H1067                | H4764                |
| מִיכָּלְ:             | בְּקָטְבָּה          | בְּקָטְבָּה                  | מִיכָּלְ:             | בְּקָטְבָּה          |                      |
| and the name          | of the younger       | Michal                       |                       |                      |                      |
| H8034                 | H6996                | H4324                        |                       |                      |                      |

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Chronicles 8:33** (Parallel theme): And Ner begat Kish, and Kish begat Saul, and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchi-shua, and Abinadab, and Esh-baal.

**1 Samuel 31:2** (Parallel theme): And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchi-shua, Saul's sons.

**1 Chronicles 9:39** (Parallel theme): And Ner begat Kish; and Kish begat Saul; and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchi-shua, and Abinadab, and Esh-baal.

