

# 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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וְהָיוּ H1961	בְּנֵי י H1121	שָׂא וּל H7586	יֹונָתָן H3129	וְיִשׁוּי י H3440	וּמֶלְכִישׁוּא H4444
and the name H8034	of his two H8147	daughters H1323	and the name H8034	of the firstborn H1067	Merab H4764
וְשֵׁם H8034	הַקָּטָן הַ H6996	מִיכָל: H4324			
and the name H8034	of the younger H6996	Michal 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.

