

1 Chronicles 02 - Genealogy of Judah

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(A) Judah to David (2:1-55) (Cf. Gen 29:31—30:24; 46:8-25; Ruth 4:18-22; Matt 1:2-6; Luke 3:1-33)

- 1 These *were* the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun,
- 1 These *are* the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun,
- 1 Here's a list of Israel's sons: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun,
- 1 These *are* the sons of Israel; Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun,

2 Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

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2 Dan, Joseph, and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

The Genealogy of Judah (2:3—4:23)

Judah's Five Sons (Cf. Gen 38:3-5,29-30; 46:12)

3 The sons of Judah *were* Er, Onan, and Shelah; *these* three were born to him by Bath-shua the Canaanitess. But Er, Judah's firstborn, was evil in the sight of the LORD, so He put him to death.

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3 Judah's three sons Er, Onan, and Shelah were born to him through Bath-shua, a Canaanite. Er, Judah's firstborn, became wicked in the LORD's sight, so he put him to death.

3 The sons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah: which three were born unto him of the daughter of Shua the Canaanitess. And Er, the firstborn of Judah, was evil in the sight of the LORD; and he slew him.

- David and the Davidic dynasty were Judeans, so it is fitting that Judah's genealogy is traced first (2:3—4:23) after listing Israel's 12 sons (2:1-2)

- The details of the sordid story of Judah's sons (Cf. Gen 38), two of whom (Er and Onan) were slain by the Lord and the third (Shelah) withheld from Tamar, are not discussed here — The editorial role of the Holy Spirit in inserting that tawdry tale in Genesis highlights the continuing focus on preserving and guarding the Messianic line

4 His daughter-in-law Tamar bore him Perez and Zerah. Judah had five sons in all.

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4 Judah's daughter-in-law Tamar also bore him Perez and Zerah, so Judah had five sons in all.

4 And Tamar his daughter in law bare him Pharez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah were five.

5 The sons of Perez *were* Hezron and Hamul.

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5 Perez's sons were Hezron and Hamul.

5 The sons of Pharez; Hezron, and Hamul.

6 The sons of **Zerah** *were* **Zimri**, Ethan, Heman, Calcol, and Dara; five of them in all.

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6 Zerah had five sons in all: Zimri, Ethan, Heman, Calcol, and Dara.

6 And the sons of Zerah; Zimri, and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and Dara: five of them in all.

- "...Zerah" - the ancestor of several men who became prominent in the leadership of temple music under David (Cf. 15:16-19; 1 Kings 4:29-31)

- "...Zimri" - possibly a variant spelling of Zabdi because in the story of Achan's sin (Joshua 7), Achan was a son of Carmi, who was a son of Zabdi (Joshua 7:1 [margin]), son of Zerah — Even so, the period from Zerah (born ~1877 BC to Achan (an adult in 1406, Joshua 7) was almost 500 years, much too long for four generations.

— The Chronicler's reference to Zerah, is apparently to introduce Ethan, Heman, Calcol, and Darda (Dara), all actually the sons of Mahol, whose ancestor was Zerah, and celebrated sages to whom Solomon was compared (1 Kings 4:31; Ps 89, title)

7 The son of Carmi *was* **Achar**, the one who brought disaster on Israel by violating the ban.

7 The son of Carmi *was* Achar, the troubler of Israel, who violated the ban.

7 Carmi's son was Achar, who became Israel's troublemaker by transgressing the LORD's commandment regarding things that were to be destroyed.

7 And the sons of Carmi; Achar, the troubler of Israel, who transgressed in the thing accursed.

- "...Achar" - Achan (Cf. Joshua 7:10-26)

- These verses mention only selective and representative descendants (sons often means descendants of later generations) of Perez and Zerah as is clear from the fact that Achar (or Achan) is here noted as the son of Carmi (v7) and Carmi's father is not mentioned at all

8 The son of Ethan *was* Azariah.

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8 Ethan's son *was* Azariah.

8 And the sons of Ethan; Azariah.

9 Now the sons of Hezron who were born to him *were* Jerahmeel, Ram, and Chelubai.

9 Now the sons of Hezron, who were born to him *were* Jerahmeel, Ram and Chelubai.

9 Hezron's sons born to him *were* Jerahmeel, Ram, and Chelubai.

9 The sons also of Hezron, that were born unto him; Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Chelubai.

10 Ram fathered Amminadab, and Amminadab fathered Nahshon, leader of the sons of Judah;

10 Ram became the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, leader of the sons of Judah;

10 Ram fathered Amminadab, and Amminadab fathered Nahshon, who was leader of the descendants of Judah.

10 And Ram begat Amminadab; and Amminadab begat Nahshon, prince of the children of Judah;

11 Nahshon fathered Salma, Salma fathered Boaz,

11 Nahshon became the father of Salma, Salma became the father of Boaz,

11 Nahshon fathered Salma, Salma fathered Boaz,

11 And Nahshon begat Salma, and Salma begat Boaz,

12 Boaz fathered Obed, and Obed fathered Jesse;

12 Boaz became the father of Obed, and Obed became the father of Jesse;

12 Boaz fathered Obed, and Obed fathered Jesse.

12 And Boaz begat Obed, and Obed begat Jesse,

13 and Jesse fathered Eliab his firstborn, then Abinadab, the second, Shimea, the third,

13 and Jesse became the father of Eliab his firstborn, then Abinadab the second, Shimea the third,

13 Jesse fathered Eliab his firstborn, Abinadab his second born, Shimea his third born,

13 And Jesse begat his firstborn Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and Shimma the third,

14 Nethanel, the fourth, Raddai, the fifth,

14 Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth,

14 Nethanel his fourth born, Raddai his fifth born,

14 Nethaneel the fourth, Raddai the fifth,

15 Ozem, the sixth, *and* David, the seventh.

15 Ozem the sixth, David the seventh;

15 Ozem his sixth born, David his seventh born;

15 Ozem the sixth, David the seventh:

- According to 1 Sam 17:12, Jesse had eight sons; here, only seven are listed

— The accounting here in v13-15 agrees with 1 Sam 16:8-12

— 1 Sam 17:12 and v13-15 and 1 Sam 16:8-12 can be reconciled by supposing that one of Jesse's eight sons died without posterity, and David was the last born son

16 Their sisters *were* Zeruiah and Abigail. And the three sons of Zeruiah *were* Abshai, Joab, and Asahel.

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16 along with their sisters Zeruiah and Abigail.

Zeruiah's three sons were Abishai, Joab, and Asahel.

16 Whose sisters were Zeruiah, and Abigail. And the sons of Zeruiah; Abishai, and Joab, and Asahel, three.

17 Abigail gave birth to Amasa, and the father of Amasa was Jether the Ishmaelite.

17 Abigail bore Amasa, and the father of Amasa was Jether the Ishmaelite.

17 Abigail bore Amasa, whose father was Jether the Ishmaelite.

17 And Abigail bare Amasa: and the father of Amasa was Jether the Ishmeelite.

18 Now Caleb the son of Hezron had sons by Azubah *his* wife, and by Jerioth; and these were her sons: Jeshur, Shobab, and Ardon.

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18 Hezron's son Caleb had children by his wife Azubah and by Jerioth. These were her sons: Jeshur, Shobab, and Ardon.

18 And Caleb the son of Hezron begat children of Azubah his wife, and of Jerioth: her sons are these; Jeshur, and Shobab, and Ardon.

19 When Azubah died, Caleb married Ephrath, who bore to him Hur.
19 When Azubah died, Caleb married Ephrath, who bore him Hur.
19 When Azubah died, Caleb married Ephrath, who bore him Hur.
19 And when Azubah was dead, Caleb took unto him Ephrath, which bare him Hur.

20 Hur fathered Uri, and Uri fathered **Bezalel**.
20 Hur became the father of Uri, and Uri became the father of Bezalel.
20 Hur fathered Uri, and Uri fathered Bezalel.
20 And Hur begat Uri, and Uri begat Bezaleel.
- "...Bezalel" - a descendant of Caleb (not the same Caleb of Numbers and Joshua); the craftsman who headed the construction of the wilderness Tabernacle (Cf. Ex 31:2)

21 Later, Hezron had relations with the daughter of Machir the father of Gilead, whom he married when he was sixty years old; and she bore to him Segub.

21 Afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir the father of Gilead, whom he married when he was sixty years old; and she bore him Segub.

21 Later, Hezron married the daughter of Machir, who had fathered Gilead. He married her when he was 60 years old, and she bore him Segub.

21 And afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir the father of Gilead, whom he married when he was threescore years old; and she bare him Segub.

22 Segub fathered Jair, who had twenty-three cities in the land of Gilead.
22 Segub became the father of Jair, who had twenty-three cities in the land of Gilead.
22 Segub fathered Jair, who had 23 towns in the land of Gilead.
22 And Segub begat Jair, who had three and twenty cities in the land of Gilead.

23 But Geshur and Aram took the villages of Jair from them, with Kenath and its villages, sixty settlements. All of these were the sons of Machir, the father of Gilead.

23 But Geshur and Aram took the towns of Jair from them, with Kenath and its villages, *even* sixty cities. All these were the sons of Machir, the father of Gilead.

23 But Geshur and Aram took 60 towns from Gilead, including Havvoth-jair and Kenath, along with their villages. All these were descendants of Machir, who fathered Gilead.

23 And he took Geshur, and Aram, with the towns of Jair, from them, with Kenath, and the towns thereof, even threescore cities. All these belonged to the sons of Machir the father of Gilead.

24 After the death of Hezron in Caleb-ephraim, Abijah, Hezron's wife, bore to him Ashhur the father of Tekoa.

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24 After Hezron died in Caleb-ephraim, Abijah wife of Hezron bore him Ashhur, who fathered Tekoa.

24 And after that Hezron was dead in Calebephraim, then Abijah Hezron's wife bare him Ashur the father of Tekoa.

25 Now the sons of Jerahmeel, the firstborn of Hezron, were Ram the firstborn, then Bunah, Oren, Ozem, and Ahijah.

25 Now the sons of Jerahmeel the firstborn of Hezron were Ram the firstborn, then Bunah, Oren, Ozem and Ahijah.

25 The descendants of Jerahmeel, the firstborn of Hezron, were Ram his firstborn, Bunah, Oren, Ozem, and Ahijah.

25 And the sons of Jerahmeel the firstborn of Hezron were, Ram the firstborn, and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem, and Ahijah.

26 Jerahmeel had another wife, whose name was Atarah; she was the mother of Onam.

26 Jerahmeel had another wife, whose name was Atarah; she was the mother of Onam.

26 Jerahmeel also had another wife, whose name was Atarah; she was the mother of Onam.

26 Jerahmeel had also another wife, whose name was Atarah; she was the mother of Onam.

27 The sons of Ram, the firstborn of Jerahmeel, were Maaz, Jamin, and Eker.

27 The sons of Ram, the firstborn of Jerahmeel, were Maaz, Jamin and Eker.

27 The descendants of Ram, firstborn of Jerahmeel were Maaz, Jamin, and Eker.

27 And the sons of Ram the firstborn of Jerahmeel were, Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker.

28 The sons of Onam were Shammai and Jada. And the sons of Shammai were Nadab and Abishur.

28 The sons of Onam were Shammai and Jada. And the sons of Shammai were Nadab and Abishur.

28 Onam's descendants were Shammai and Jada.

Shammai's descendants were Nadab and Abishur.

28 And the sons of Onam were, Shammai, and Jada. And the sons of Shammai; Nadab, and Abishur.

29 The name of Abishur's wife was Abihail, and she bore to him Ahban and Molid.
29 The name of Abishur's wife was Abihail, and she bore him Ahban and Molid.
29 Abishur's wife was named Abihail. She bore him Ahban and Molid.
29 And the name of the wife of Abishur was Abihail, and she bare him Ahban, and Molid.

30 The sons of Nadab were Seled and Appaim, and Seled died without sons.
30 The sons of Nadab were Seled and Appaim, and Seled died without sons.
30 Nadab's descendants were Seled and Appaim. Seled died childless.
30 And the sons of Nadab; Seled, and Appaim: but Seled died without children.

31 The son of Appaim was Ishi. And the son of Ishi was Sheshan, and the son of Sheshan, Ahlai.
31 The son of Appaim was Ishi. And the son of Ishi was Sheshan. And the son of Sheshan was Ahlai.
31 Appaim's son was Ishi. Ishi's son was Sheshan. Sheshan's son was Ahlai.
31 And the sons of Appaim; Ishi. And the sons of Ishi; Sheshan. And the children of Sheshan; Ahlai.

32 The sons of Jada the brother of Shammai were Jether and Jonathan, and Jether died without sons.
32 The sons of Jada the brother of Shammai were Jether and Jonathan, and Jether died without sons.
32 Shammai's brother Jada's descendants were Jether and Jonathan, but Jether died childless.
32 And the sons of Jada the brother of Shammai; Jether, and Jonathan: and Jether died without children.

33 The sons of Jonathan were Peleth and Zaza. These were the descendants of Jerahmeel.
33 The sons of Jonathan were Peleth and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel.
33 Jonathan's descendants were Peleth and Zaza. These were the descendants of Jerahmeel.
33 And the sons of Jonathan; Peleth, and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel.

34 Now Sheshan had no sons, only daughters. Sheshan also had an Egyptian servant, whose name was Jarha.

34 Now Sheshan had no sons, only daughters. And Sheshan had an Egyptian servant whose name was Jarha.

34 Now Sheshan had no sons, only daughters. However, Sheshan had an Egyptian slave named Jarha.

34 Now Sheshan had no sons, but daughters. And Sheshan had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name was Jarha.

35 Sheshan gave his daughter to his servant Jarha in marriage, and she bore to him Attai.

35 Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant in marriage, and she bore him Attai.

35 So Sheshan gave his daughter in marriage to his slave Jarha, and she bore him Attai.

35 And Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant to wife; and she bare him Attai.

36 Attai fathered Nathan, Nathan fathered Zabad,

36 Attai became the father of Nathan, and Nathan became the father of Zabad,

36 Attai fathered Nathan, and Nathan fathered Zabad.

36 And Attai begat Nathan, and Nathan begat Zabad,

37 Zabad fathered Ephlal, Ephlal fathered Obed,

37 and Zabad became the father of Ephlal, and Ephlal became the father of Obed,

37 Zabad fathered Ephlal, Ephlal fathered Obed,

37 And Zabad begat Ephlal, and Ephlal begat Obed,

38 Obed fathered Jehu, Jehu fathered Azariah,

38 and Obed became the father of Jehu, and Jehu became the father of Azariah,

38 Obed fathered Jehu, Jehu fathered Azariah,

38 And Obed begat Jehu, and Jehu begat Azariah,

39 Azariah fathered Helez, Helez fathered Eleasah,

39 and Azariah became the father of Helez, and Helez became the father of Eleasah,

39 Azariah fathered Helez, Helez fathered Eleasah,

39 And Azariah begat Helez, and Helez begat Eleasah,

40 Eleasah fathered Sismai, Sismai fathered Shallum,

40 and Eleasah became the father of Sismai, and Sismai became the father of Shallum,

40 Eleasah fathered Sismai, Sismai fathered Shallum.

40 And Eleasah begat Sismai, and Sismai begat Shallum,

41 Shallum fathered Jekamiah, and Jekamiah fathered Elishama.

41 and Shallum became the father of Jekamiah, and Jekamiah became the father of Elishama.

41 Shallum fathered Jekamiah, and Jekamiah fathered Elishama.

41 And Shallum begat Jekamiah, and Jekamiah begat Elishama.

42 Now the sons of Caleb, the brother of Jerahmeel, *were* Mesha his firstborn, who was the father of Ziph; and his son was Mareshah, the father of Hebron.

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42 Jerahmeel's brother Caleb's descendants were his firstborn Mesha, who fathered Ziph. The descendants of Mareshah, who fathered Hebron, were as follows:

42 Now the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel were, Mesha his firstborn, which was the father of Ziph; and the sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron.

43 The sons of Hebron *were* Korah, Tappuah, Rekem, and Shema.

43 The sons of Hebron *were* Korah and Tappuah and Rekem and Shema.

43 Hebron's descendants were Korah, Tappuah, Rekem, and Shema.

43 And the sons of Hebron; Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema.

44 Shema fathered Raham, the father of Jorkeam; and Rekem fathered Shammai.

44 Shema became the father of Raham, the father of Jorkeam; and Rekem became the father of Shammai.

44 Shema fathered Raham, who fathered Jorkeam.

Rekem fathered Shammai.

44 And Shema begat Raham, the father of Jorkoam: and Rekem begat Shammai.

45 The son of Shammai was Maon, and Maon *was* the father of Bethzur.

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45 Shammai's descendants included Maon, who fathered Beth-zur.

45 And the son of Shammai was Maon: and Maon was the father of Bethzur.

46 Ephah, Caleb's concubine, gave birth to Haran, Moza, and Gazez; and Haran fathered Gazez.

46 Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bore Haran, Moza and Gazez; and Haran became the father of Gazez.

46 Caleb's mistress Ephah also bore Haran, Moza, and Gazez.

Haran fathered Gazez.

46 And Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bare Haran, and Moza, and Gazez: and Haran begat Gazez.

47 The sons of Jahdai *were* Regem, Jotham, Geshan, Pelet, Ephah, and Shaaph.

47 The sons of Jahdai *were* Regem, Jotham, Geshan, Pelet, Ephah and Shaaph.

47 Jahdai's descendants *were* Regem, Jotham, Geshan, Pelet, Ephah, and Shaaph.

47 And the sons of Jahdai; Regem, and Jotham, and Geshan, and Pelet, and Ephah, and Shaaph.

48 Maacah, Caleb's concubine, gave birth to Sheber and Tirhanah.

48 Maacah, Caleb's concubine, bore Sheber and Tirhanah.

48 Caleb's mistress Maacah bore Sheber, Tirhanah,

48 Maachah, Caleb's concubine, bare Sheber, and Tirhanah.

49 She also gave birth to Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbena and the father of Gibeaz; and the daughter of Caleb *was* Achsah.

49 She also bore Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbena and the father of Gibeaz; and the daughter of Caleb *was* Achsah.

49 and Shaaph, who fathered Madmannah. Sheva fathered Machbenah and Gibe. Caleb's daughter *was* Achsah.

49 She bare also Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbenah, and the father of Gibeaz: and the daughter of Caleb *was* Achsah.

50 These *were* the sons of Caleb.

The sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah, *were* Shobal the father of Kiriath-jearim,

50 These *were* the sons of Caleb.

The sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah, *were* Shobal the father of Kiriath-jearim,

50 These *were* Caleb's descendants.

The son of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah, *was* Shobal, who fathered Kiriath-jearim,

50 These *were* the sons of Caleb the son of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah; Shobal the father of Kirjathjearim,

51 **Salma** the father of Bethlehem, *and* Hareph the father of Beth-gader.

51 Salma the father of Bethlehem *and* Hareph the father of Beth-gader.

51 Salma, who fathered Bethlehem, and Hareph, who fathered Beth-gader.

51 Salma the father of Bethlehem, Hareph the father of Bethgader.

- "...Salma" - another of Caleb's descendants (not the same Caleb of Numbers and Joshua); he became the founder of Bethlehem Judah, David's hometown

52 Shobal the father of Kiriath-jearim had sons: Haroeh, half of the Manahathites,

52 Shobal the father of Kiriath-jearim had sons: Haroeh, half of the Manahathites,

52 Shobal, who fathered Kiriath-jearim, had other sons, including Haroeh, half of the Menuhoth.

52 And Shobal the father of Kirjathjearim had sons; Haroeh, and half of the Manahethites.

53 and the families of Kiriath-jearim: the Ithrites, the Puthites, the Shumathites, and the Mishraites; from these came the Zorathites and the Eshtaolites.

53 and the families of Kiriath-jearim: the Ithrites, the Puthites, the Shumathites and the Mishraites; from these came the Zorathites and the Eshtaolites.

53 The families of Kiriath-jearim included the Ithrites, the Puthites, the Shumathites, and the Mishraites. The Zorathites and the Eshtaolites came from them.

53 And the families of Kirjathjearim; the Ithrites, and the Puhites, and the Shumathites, and the Mishraites; of them came the Zareathites, and the Eshtaulites.

54 The sons of Salma *were* Bethlehem and the Netophathites, Atroth-beth-joab, and half of the Manahathites, the Zorites.

54 The sons of Salma *were* Bethlehem and the Netophathites, Atroth-beth-joab and half of the Manahathites, the Zorites.

54 Salma's descendants were Bethlehem, the Netophathites, Atroth-beth-joab, and half of the Manahathites, the Zorites.

54 The sons of Salma; Bethlehem, and the Netophathites, Ataroth, the house of Joab, and half of the Manahethites, the Zorites.

- "...Bethlehem" - founded by or named after the great-grandson of Caleb through Caleb's wife Ephrathah (v50, spelled Ephrath in v19)

— The combination of Bethlehem and Ephrathah appears also in the story of Rachel's death in childbirth (Gen 35:19)

55 The families of scribes who lived at Jabez *were* the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, *and* the Sucathites. Those are the **Kenites** who came from Hammath, the father of the house of Rechab.

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55 The families of the scribes who lived at Jabez included the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, and the Sucathites. These are the Kenites who came from Hammath, who fathered the house of Rechab.

55 And the families of the scribes which dwelt at Jabez; the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, and Suchathites. These are the Kenites that came of Hemath, the father of the house of Rechab.

- "...Kenites" - evidently descendants of the tribe of Judah