

1 Chronicles 04 - Genealogies of Judah & Simeon

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Daughters of Zelophehad

Every detail—even in the regulations of the *Torah*—are there by deliberate design and always point to Christ! There is a peculiar exception recorded in the *Torah*, the result of a petition by the daughters of Zelophehad, which provided for inheritance through the daughter if no sons were available and she married within her tribe (Num 26:33; 27:1-11; 36:2-12; Joshua 17:3-6; 1 Chr 7:15). It became traditional in such cases that the father would legally adopt his son-in-law (Ezra 2:61=Neh 7:63; Num 32:41, Cf. 1 Chr 2:21-22,34-35; Num 27:3-8). This exception anticipates the lineage of Christ: Joseph was the son-in-law of Heli (Luke 3:23) *nomizo*, reckoned as by law.

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(A) Judah (4:1-23)

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1 The sons of Judah; Pharez, Hezron, and Carmi, and Hur, and Shobal.

- Of the five "sons" listed, only Pharez was an actual son; the other four were grandchildren or more distant descendants

2 **Reaiah** the son of Shobal fathered Jahath, and Jahath fathered Ahumai and Lahad. These were the families of the Zorathites.

2 Reaiah the son of Shobal became the father of Jahath, and Jahath became the father of Ahumai and Lahad. These were the families of the Zorathites.

2 Shobal's son Reaiah fathered Jahath, and Jahath fathered Ahumai and Lahad. These were the families of the Zorathites.

2 And Reaiah the son of Shobal begat Jahath; and Jahath begat Ahumai, and Lahad.
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- "Reaiah" - same as Haroeh (2:52); founder of the Zorathites, better known as the family from which Samson came (Judges 13:2)

3 These *were* the sons of Etam: Jezreel, Ishma, and Idbash; and the name of their sister *was* Hazzelelponi.

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3 These were the descendants of the ancestor of Etam: Jezreel, Ishma, and Idbash; and their sister's name was Hazzelelponi.

3 And these were of the father of Etam; Jezreel, and Ishma, and Idbash: and the name of their sister was Hazelelponi:

4 Penuel *was* the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Hushah. These *were* the sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah, the father of Bethlehem.

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4 Penuel fathered Gedor and Ezer fathered Hushah.

These were the descendants of Hur, Ephrathah's firstborn, who fathered Bethlehem:

4 And Penuel the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Hushah. These are the sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah, the father of Bethlehem.

5 Ashhur, the father of Tekoa, had two wives, Helah and Naarah.

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5 Tekoa's father Ashhur had two wives, Helah and Naarah.

5 And Ashur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and Naarah.

6 Naarah bore to him Ahuzzam, Hepher, Temeni, and Haahashtari. These were the sons of Naarah.

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6 And Naarah bare him Ahuzam, and Hepher, and Temeni, and Haahashtari. These were the sons of Naarah.

7 The sons of Helah *were* Zereth, Izhar, and Ethnan.

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7 And the sons of Helah were, Zereth, and Jezoar, and Ethnan.

8 Koz fathered Anub and Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel, the son of Harum.

8 Koz became the father of Anub and Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel the son of Harum.

8 Koz fathered Anub, Zobebah, and the families of Harum's son Aharhel.

8 And Coz begat Anub, and Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel the son of Harum.

9 Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother named him Jabez, saying, "Because I gave birth to *him* in pain."

9 Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother named him Jabez saying, "Because I bore *him* with pain."

9 Jabez enjoyed more honor than his relatives—his mother named him Jabez, she said, "because I bore him in pain."

9 And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow.

- Jabez, (whose ancestral roots are not delineated), prayed for God's blessing and received it

— The village named after him was celebrated as the home of scribes

10 Now Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, "Oh that You would greatly bless me and extend my border, and that Your hand might be with me, and that You would keep *me* from harm so that *it* would not hurt me!" And God brought about what he requested.

10 Now Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, "Oh that You would bless me indeed and enlarge my border, and that Your hand might be with me, and that You would keep *me* from harm that *it* may not pain me!" And God granted him what he requested.

10 Later on, Jabez called on the God of Israel, asking him, "...whether you would bless me again and again, enlarge my territory, keep your power with me, keep me from evil, and keep me from harm!" And God granted what he had requested.

10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.

11 Chelub the brother of Shuhah fathered Mehir, who was the father of Eshton.

11 Chelub the brother of Shuhah became the father of Mehir, who was the father of Eshton.

11 Chelub, Shuhah's brother, fathered Mehir, who fathered Eshton.

11 And Chelub the brother of Shuah begat Mehir, which was the father of Eshton.

12 Eshton fathered Beth-rapha and Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of Ir-nahash. These are the men of Recah.

12 Eshton became the father of Beth-rapha and Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of Ir-nahash. These are the men of Recah.

12 Eshton fathered Beth-rapha, Paseah, and Tehinnah, who fathered Ir-nahash. These are the men of Recah.

12 And Eshton begat Bethrapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of Irnahash. These are the men of Rechah.

13 Now the sons of Kenaz *were* Othniel and Seraiah. And the sons of Othniel *were* Hathath and Meonothai.

13 Now the sons of Kenaz *were* Othniel and Seraiah. And the sons of Othniel *were* Hathath and Meonothai.

13 Kenaz's descendants were Othniel and Seraiah.

Othniel's descendants were Hathath

13 And the sons of Kenaz; Othniel, and Seraiah: and the sons of Othniel; Hathath.

14 Meonothai fathered Ophrah, and Seraiah fathered Joab the father of Ge-harashim, for they were craftsmen.

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14 and Meonothai, who fathered Ophrah.

Seraiah fathered Joab, who fathered the Ge-harashim, because they became artisans.

14 And Meonothai begat Ophrah: and Seraiah begat Joab, the father of the valley of Charashim; for they were craftsmen.

15 The sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh *were* Iru, Elah, and Naam; and the son of Elah *was* Kenaz.

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15 The descendants of Jephunneh's son Caleb were Iru, Elah, and Naam.

Elah's son was Kenaz.

15 And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh; Iru, Elah, and Naam: and the sons of Elah, even Kenaz.

16 The sons of Jehallelel *were* Ziph and Ziphah, Tiria and Asarel.
16 The sons of Jehallelel *were* Ziph and Ziphah, Tiria and Asarel.
16 Jehallelel's descendants *were* Ziph, Ziphah, Tiria, and Asarel.
16 And the sons of Jehaleleel; Ziph, and Ziphah, Tiria, and Asareel.

17 The sons of Ezrah *were* Jether, **Mered**, Epher, and Jalon. And *Mered's wife* conceived *and gave birth to* Miriam, Shammai, and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa.

17 The sons of Ezrah *were* Jether, Mered, Epher and Jalon. (And these are the sons of Bithia the daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mered took) and she conceived *and bore* Miriam, Shammai and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa.

17 Ezrah's descendants *were* Jether, Mered, Epher, and Jalon.

Mered's wife conceived Miriam, Shammai, and Ishbah, who fathered Eshtemoa.

17 And the sons of Ezra *were*, Jether, and Mered, and Epher, and Jalon: and she bare Miriam, and Shammai, and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa.

- "...Mered" - a son of Ezrah, had married a daughter of an Egyptian Pharaoh

— This would date the origins of this clan well before Moses' time, when Israel was still in favor with Egypt (Cf. Ex 1:8)

18 (His Jewish wife gave birth to Jered, the father of Gedor, Heber the father of Soco, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah.) These *were* the sons of Bithia the daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mered married.

18 His Jewish wife bore Jered the father of Gedor, and Heber the father of Soco, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah.

18 Then his Judean wife bore Jered, who fathered Gedor and then Heber, who fathered Soco and Jekuthiel, who fathered Zanoah. These are the descendants of Bithiah, daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mered married.

18 And his wife Jehudijah bare Jered the father of Gedor, and Heber the father of Socho, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. And these are the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, which Mered took.

19 The sons of the wife of Hodiah, the sister of Naham, *were* the fathers of Keilah the Garmite and Eshtemoa the Maacathite.

19 The sons of the wife of Hodiah, the sister of Naham, *were* the fathers of Keilah the Garmite and Eshtemoa the Maacathite.

19 The descendants of Hodiah's wife, Naham's sister, fathered Keilah the Garmite and Eshtemoa the Maacathite.

19 And the sons of his wife Hodiah the sister of Naham, the father of Keilah the Garmite, and Eshtemoa the Maachathite.

20 The sons of Shimon *were* Amnon and Rinnah, *and* Benhanan and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi *were* Zoheth and Ben-zoheth.

20 The sons of Shimon *were* Amnon and Rinnah, Benhanan and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi *were* Zoheth and Ben-zoheth.

20 Shimon's descendants *were* Amnon, Rinnah, Ben-hanan, and Tilon. Ishi's descendants *were* Zoheth and Ben-zoheth.

20 And the sons of Shimon *were*, Amnon, and Rinnah, Benhanan, and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi *were*, Zoheth, and Benzoheth.

21 The sons of **Shelah** the son of Judah *were* Er the father of Lecah and Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of the linen workers at Beth-ashbea;

21 The sons of Shelah the son of Judah *were* Er the father of Lecah and Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of the linen workers at Beth-ashbea;

21 The descendants of Judah's son Shelah *were* Er, who fathered Lecah, Laadah (who fathered Mareshah and the families who belonged to the guild of linen workers at Beth-ashbea),

21 The sons of Shelah the son of Judah *were*, Er the father of Lecah, and Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of them that wrought fine linen, of the house of Ashbea,

- "...Shelah" - had been promised as husband to Tamar (Cf. Gen 38:5,11,14)

— His descendants *were* busy in linen manufacture and ceramics (v23), and also ruled over Moab in ancient times

22 and Jokim, the men of Cozeba, Joash, Saraph, who ruled in Moab, and Jashubi-lehem. And the records are ancient.

22 and Jokim, the men of Cozeba, Joash, Saraph, who ruled in Moab, and Jashubi-lehem. And the records are ancient.

22 Jokim, the men who lived in Cozeba, Joash, and Saraph (who married Moabite families), and Jashubi-lehem. (The records are ancient.)

22 And Jokim, and the men of Chozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who had the dominion in Moab, and Jashubilehem. And these are ancient things.

23 These *were* the potters and the inhabitants of Netaim and Gederah; they lived there with the king for his work.

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23 These people were potters who lived in Netaim and Gederah in service to their king, who lived there.

23 These were the potters, and those that dwelt among plants and hedges: there they dwelt with the king for his work.

(B) Simeon (4:24-43) (Cf. Gen 46:10; 49:10; Ex 6:15; Num 26:12-14)

24 The sons of Simeon *were* Nemuel and Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, *and* Shaul;

24 The sons of Simeon *were* Nemuel and Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, Shaul;

24 Simeon's descendants were Nemuel, Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, Shaul,

24 The sons of Simeon were, Nemuel, and Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, and Shaul:

- Simeon is listed after Judah because it received no tribal allotment of its own and many of them were eventually assimilated into Judah (Cf. Joshua 19:1-9) through intermarriage shortly after settlement

- The remainder of Simeon's genealogy has no OT parallels

- The Simeonites did not increase much in population (v27) but were limited to certain restricted areas of Judah, primarily in the south-central Negev (v28-33)

— Eventually they prospered, however, particularly by means of the rich pasturelands they had appropriated from the original Hamitic settlers (v39-40)

25 Shallum *was* his son, Mibsam his son, *and* Mishma his son.

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25 his son Shallum, his son Mibsam, and his son Mishma.

25 Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his son.

26 The sons of Mishma *were* Hammuel his son, Zaccur his son, *and* Shimei his son.

26 The sons of Mishma *were* Hammuel his son, Zaccur his son, Shimei his son.

26 Mishma's descendants were his son Hammuel, his son Zaccur, and his son Shimei.

26 And the sons of Mishma; Hamuel his son, Zacchur his son, Shimei his son.

27 Now Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brothers did not have many sons, nor did all their family increase like the sons of Judah.

27 Now Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brothers did not have many sons, nor did all their family multiply like the sons of Judah.

27 Shimei had 16 sons and six daughters, but his relatives did not have many children, nor did their entire family multiply like the Judeans did.

27 And Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brethren had not many children, neither did all their family multiply, like to the children of Judah.

The 18 Towns of Simeon (Cf. Joshua 19:2-6)

28 They lived in Beersheba, Moladah, and Hazar-shual,

28 They lived at Beersheba, Moladah and Hazar-shual,

28 They lived in Beer-sheba, Moladah, Hazar-shual,

28 And they dwelt at Beersheba, and Moladah, and Hazarshual,

29 in Bilhah, Ezem, Tolad,

29 at Bilhah, Ezem, Tolad,

29 Bilhah, Ezem, Tolad,

29 And at Bilhah, and at Ezem, and at Tolad,

30 Bethuel, Hormah, Ziklag,

30 Bethuel, Hormah, Ziklag,

30 Bethuel, Hormah, Ziklag,

30 And at Bethuel, and at Hormah, and at Ziklag,

31 Beth-marcaboth, Hazar-susim, Beth-biri, and Shaaraim. These *were* their cities until the reign of David.

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31 Beth-marcaboth, Hazar-susim, Beth-biri, and Shaaraim. These were their cities until David began to reign.

31 And at Bethmarcaboth, and Hazarsusim, and at Bethbirei, and at Shaaraim. These were their cities unto the reign of David.

32 Their villages *were* Etam, Ain, Rimmon, Tochen, and Ashan, five cities,

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32 Their cities were Etam, Ain, Rimmon, Tochen, and Ashan, for a total of five cities,

32 And their villages were, Etam, and Ain, Rimmon, and Tochen, and Ashan, five cities:

33 and all their settlements that *were* around the same cities as far as Baal. These *were* their dwellings, and they have their genealogy.

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33 along with all their settlements that surrounded these cities as far as Baal—this is their settlement history.

They kept this genealogical record for themselves:

33 And all their villages that were round about the same cities, unto Baal. These were their habitations, and their genealogy.

Emigration of Simeonite Families Elsewhere

34 Meshobab, Jamlech, Joshah the son of Amaziah,

34 Meshobab and Jamlech and Joshah the son of Amaziah,

34 Meshobab, Jamlech, Amaziah's son Joshah,

34 And Meshobab, and Jamlech, and Joshah the son of Amaziah,

35 Joel, Jehu the son of Joshibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel,

35 and Joel and Jehu the son of Joshibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel,

35 Joel, Joshibiah's son Jehu (who was the grandson of Seraiah and great-grandson of Asiel),

35 And Joel, and Jehu the son of Josibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel,

36 and Elioenai, Jaakobah, Jeshohaiah, Asaiah, Adiel, Jesimiel, Benaiah,

36 and Elioenai, Jaakobah, Jeshohaiah, Asaiah, Adiel, Jesimiel, Benaiah,

36 Elioenai, Jaakobah, Jeshohaiah, Asaiah, Adiel, Jesimiel, Benaiah,

36 And Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and Jeshohaiah, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and Benaiah,

37 and Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah—

37 Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah;

37 Shiphi's son Ziza (who was the grandson of Shiphi, who was fathered by Allon, who was fathered by Jedaiah, who was fathered by Shimri, who was fathered by Shemaiah)—

37 And Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah;

38 these mentioned by name *were* leaders in their families; and their fathers' houses spread out greatly.

38 these mentioned by name *were* leaders in their families; and their fathers' houses increased greatly.

38 these people, enumerated by name, were leaders in their respective families, and their clans grew to be very abundant.

38 These mentioned by their names were princes in their families: and the house of their fathers increased greatly.

39 They went to the entrance of Gedor, as far as the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks.

39 They went to the entrance of Gedor, even to the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks.

39 They journeyed as far as the entrance of Gedor on the east side of the valley in order to find pasture for their flocks.

39 And they went to the entrance of Gedor, even unto the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks.

40 They found pasture that was rich and good, and the land was spread out on both sides, and peaceful and undisturbed; for those who lived there previously *were* Hamites.

40 They found rich and good pasture, and the land was broad and quiet and peaceful; for those who lived there formerly *were* Hamites.

40 They discovered abundant and excellent grazing lands there, where the land was very broad, secure, and tranquil, because the former inhabitants there were descendants of Ham.

40 And they found fat pasture and good, and the land was wide, and quiet, and peaceable; for they of Ham had dwelt there of old.

41 These *people*, recorded by name, came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and they attacked their tents and the Meunites who were found there, and utterly destroyed them to this day; and they lived in their place, because there was pasture there for their flocks.

41 These, recorded by name, came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and attacked their tents and the Meunites who were found there, and destroyed them utterly to this day, and lived in their place, because there was pasture there for their flocks.

41 Later on, during the reign of King Hezekiah of Judah, these people, enumerated by name, came and attacked both their homes and the Meunim who had settled there and who remain exterminated to this day. They settled down there, taking their place, because there was pasture there for their flocks.

41 And these written by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and smote their tents, and the habitations that were found there, and destroyed them utterly unto this day, and dwelt in their rooms: because there was pasture there for their flocks.

42 From them, from the sons of Simeon, five hundred men went to Mount Seir, with Pelatiah, Neariah, Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi, as their leaders.

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42 Some of them—that is, 500 Simeonite men—went to Mount Seir. Under the leadership of Ishi’s sons Pelatiah, Neariah, Rephaiah, and Uzziel,

42 And some of them, even of the sons of Simeon, five hundred men, went to mount Seir, having for their captains Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi.

43 They destroyed the remnant of the Amalekites who escaped, and they have lived there to this day.

43 They destroyed the remnant of the Amalekites who escaped, and have lived there to this day.

43 they destroyed the survivors of the Amalekites who had escaped, and they have lived there to this day.

43 And they smote the rest of the Amalekites that were escaped, and dwelt there unto this day.