

1 Chronicles 08 - Genealogy of Benjamin

I. Genealogies (1 Chr 1:1—9:44)

(3) The 12 tribes (1 Chr 4:1—8:40)

(K) Benjamin (8:1-40)

1 Chronicles 8

(K) Benjamin (8:1-40) (Cf. Gen 46:21)

1 And Benjamin fathered Bela his firstborn, Ashbel the second, Aharah the third,

1 And Benjamin became the father of Bela his firstborn, Ashbel the second, Aharah the third,

1 Benjamin fathered Bela his firstborn, Ashbel his second born, Aharah his third born,

1 Now Benjamin begat Bela his firstborn, Ashbel the second, and Aharah the third,

- Benjamin and his descendants were briefly introduced earlier (7:6-12) but now a full genealogy is given

— Its purpose was to trace the lineage of Saul and his immediate family

— Benjamin was also the only tribe other than Judah to remain loyal to the Davidic line

2 Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth.

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2 Nohah his fourth born, and Rapha his fifth born.

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3 Bela had sons: Addar, Gera, Abihud,

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3 Bela's descendants included Addar, Gera, Abihud,

3 And the sons of Bela were, Addar, and Gera, and Abihud,

4 Abishua, Naaman, Ahoah,

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4 And Abishua, and Naaman, and Ahoah,

5 Gera, Shephuphan, and Hiram.

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5 And Gera, and Shephuphan, and Hiram.

6 These are the sons of Ehud: these are the heads of fathers' *households* of the inhabitants of Geba, and they took them into exile to Manahath,

6 These are the sons of Ehud: these are the heads of fathers' *households* of the inhabitants of Geba, and they carried them into exile to Manahath,

6 Ehud's descendants, who were leaders of their ancestral households in Geba and who were taken into exile to Manahath, included:

6 And these are the sons of Ehud: these are the heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Geba, and they removed them to Manahath:

7 namely, Naaman, Ahijah, and Gera—he exiled them; and he fathered Uzza and Ahihud.

7 namely, Naaman, Ahijah and Gera—he carried them into exile; and he became the father of Uzza and Ahihud.

7 Naaman, Ahijah, and Gera (also known as Heglam), who fathered Uzza and Ahihud.

7 And Naaman, and Ahiah, and Gera, he removed them, and begat Uzza, and Ahihud.

8 Shahraraim fathered children in the country of Moab after he had sent his wives Hushim and Baara away.

8 Shahraraim became the father of children in the country of Moab after he had sent away Hushim and Baara his wives.

8 Shahraraim fathered sons in the land of Moab after he had divorced his wives Hushim and Baara.

8 And Shahraraim begat children in the country of Moab, after he had sent them away; Hushim and Baara were his wives.

9 By Hodesh his wife he fathered Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, Malcam,

9 By Hodesh his wife he became the father of Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, Malcam,

9 By his wife Hodesh he fathered Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, Malcam,

9 And he begat of Hodesh his wife, Jobab, and Zibia, and Mesha, and Malcham,

10 Jeuz, Sachia, and Mirmah. These were his sons, heads of fathers' *households*.

10 Jeuz, Sachia, Mirmah. These were his sons, heads of fathers' *households*.

10 Jeuz, Sachia, and Mirmah. These were his sons and leaders of ancestral households.

10 And Jeuz, and Shachia, and Mirma. These were his sons, heads of the fathers.

11 By Hushim he fathered Abitub and Elpaal.

11 By Hushim he became the father of Abitub and Elpaal.

11 He also fathered his sons Abitub and Elpaal by Hushim.

11 And of Hushim he begat Abitub, and Elpaal.

12 The sons of Elpaal *were* Eber, Misham, and Shemed, who built Ono and Lod, with its towns;

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12 Elpaal's descendants included Eber, Misham, Shemed (who built Ono and Lod, along with its towns),

12 The sons of Elpaal; Eber, and Misham, and Shamed, who built Ono, and Lod, with the towns thereof:

13 and Beriah and Shema, who were heads of fathers' *households* of the inhabitants of Aijalon, who put the inhabitants of Gath to flight;

13 and Beriah and Shema, who were heads of fathers' *households* of the inhabitants of Aijalon, who put to flight the inhabitants of Gath;

13 Beriah and Shema, leaders of ancestral households in Aijalon who put to flight the inhabitants of Gath,

13 Beriah also, and Shema, who were heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Aijalon, who drove away the inhabitants of Gath:

14 and Ahio, Shashak, and Jeremoth.

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14 Ahio, Shashak, Jeremoth,

14 And Ahio, Shashak, and Jeremoth,

15 Zebadiah, Arad, Eder,

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15 Zebadiah, Arad, and Eder.

15 And Zebadiah, and Arad, and Ader,

16 Michael, Ishpah, and Joha *were* the sons of Beriah.

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16 Beriah's descendants included Michael, Ishpah, and Joha.

16 And Michael, and Ispah, and Joha, the sons of Beriah;

17 Zebadiah, Meshullam, Hizki, Heber,

17 Zebadiah, Meshullam, Hizki, Heber,

17 Elpaal's descendants included Zebadiah, Meshullam, Hizki, Heber,
17 And Zebadiah, and Meshullam, and Hezeki, and Heber,

18 Ishmerai, Izliah, and Jobab *were* the sons of Elpaal.

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18 Ishmerai, Izliah, and Jobab.

18 Ishmerai also, and Jezliah, and Jobab, the sons of Elpaal;

19 Jakim, Zichri, Zabdi,

19 Jakim, Zichri, Zabdi,

19 Shimei's descendants included Jakim, Zichri, Zabdi,

19 And Jakim, and Zichri, and Zabdi,

20 Elienai, Zillethai, Eliel,

20 Elienai, Zillethai, Eliel,

20 Elienai, Zillethai, Eliel,

20 And Elienai, and Zilthai, and Eliel,

21 Adaiiah, Beraiah, and Shimrath *were* the sons of Shimei.

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21 Adaiiah, Beraiah, and Shimrath.

21 And Adaiiah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath, the sons of Shimhi;

22 Ishpan, Eber, Eliel,

22 Ishpan, Eber, Eliel,

22 Shashak's descendants included Ishpan, Eber, Eliel,

22 And Ishpan, and Heber, and Eliel,

23 Abdon, Zichri, Hanan,

23 Abdon, Zichri, Hanan,

23 Abdon, Zichri, Hanan,

23 And Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan,

24 Hananiah, Elam, Anthothijah,

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24 Hananiah, Elam, Anthothijah,

24 And Hananiah, and Elam, and Antothijah,

25 Iphdeiah, and Penuel *were* the sons of Shashak.

25 Iphdeiah and Penuel *were* the sons of Shashak.

25 Iphdeiah, and Penuel.

25 And Iphedeiah, and Penuel, the sons of Shashak;

26 Shamsherai, Shehariah, Athaliah,

26 Shamsherai, Shehariah, Athaliah,

26 Jeroham's descendants included Shamsherai, Shehariah, Athaliah,

26 And Shamsherai, and Shehariah, and Athaliah,

27 Jaareshiah, Elijah, and Zichri *were* the sons of Jeroham.

27 Jaareshiah, Elijah and Zichri *were* the sons of Jeroham.

27 Jaareshiah, Elijah, and Zichri.

27 And Jaresiah, and Eliah, and Zichri, the sons of Jeroham.

28 These were heads of the fathers' *households* according to their generations, chief men who lived in Jerusalem.

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28 All of these were the leaders of ancestral households, chiefs according to their generations. They lived in Jerusalem.

28 These were heads of the fathers, by their generations, chief men. These dwelt in Jerusalem.

- All these descendants of Benjamin, the Chronicler wrote, lived in Jerusalem, which was possible only after Jerusalem was taken by David and made Israel's capital (Cf. 2 Sam 5:1-10)

— Other Benjamites lived in Gibeon. Both towns were important religious centers.

— Gibeon was where the central sanctuary stood during most of Saul's reign, until Solomon built the Temple

— However, Gibeon was never God's chosen place of worship; rather, Gibeon was the people's choice, even as Saul was. The Ark was never in the sanctuary at Gibeon.

— God's choice was Jerusalem (2 Chr 6:6). God did not choose Saul or Gibeon; God's choice was David and Jerusalem.

29 Now, *Jeiel*, the father of Gibeon lived in Gibeon, and his wife's name was Maacah;

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29 Jeiel the father of Gibeon lived in Gibeon, and his wife was named Maacah.

29 And at Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon; whose wife's name was Maachah:

30 and his firstborn son was Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Nadab,
30 and his firstborn son was Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Nadab,
30 His firstborn son was Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Nadab,
30 And his firstborn son Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Nadab,

31 Gedor, Ahio, and Zecher.
31 Gedor, Ahio and Zecher.
31 Gedor, Ahio, Zecher,
31 And Gedor, and Ahio, and Zacher.

32 Mikloth fathered Shimeah. They also lived with their relatives in Jerusalem opposite their *other* relatives.

32 Mikloth became the father of Shimeah. And they also lived with their relatives in Jerusalem opposite their *other* relatives.

32 and Mikloth, who fathered Shimeah. Now these also lived with their relatives across town in Jerusalem from their other relatives.

32 And Mikloth begat Shimeah. And these also dwelt with their brethren in Jerusalem, over against them.

Genealogy from King Saul

33 Ner fathered Kish, Kish fathered Saul, and Saul fathered Jonathan, Malchi-shua, Abinadab, and Eshbaal.

33 Ner became the father of Kish, and Kish became the father of Saul, and Saul became the father of Jonathan, Malchi-shua, Abinadab and Eshbaal.

33 Ner fathered Kish, Kish fathered Saul, Saul fathered Jonathan, Malchi-shua, Abinadab, and Esh-baal.

33 And Ner begat Kish, and Kish begat Saul, and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchishua, and Abinadab, and Eshbaal.

34 The son of Jonathan was Merib-baal, and Merib-baal fathered Micah.

34 The son of Jonathan was Merib-baal, and Merib-baal became the father of Micah.

34 Jonathan fathered Merib-baal and Merib-baal fathered Micah.

34 And the son of Jonathan was Meribbaal; and Meribbaal begat Micah.

- A grandson of Saul, Merib-Baal, also known as Mephibosheth (2 Sam 4:4), is prominent in the annals of history as are his father Jonathan, his uncle Ish-Bosheth, and his grandfather

35 The sons of Micah *were* Pithon, Melech, Tarea, and Ahaz.
35 The sons of Micah *were* Pithon, Melech, Tarea and Ahaz.
35 Micah's descendants included Pithon, Melech, Tarea, and Ahaz.
35 And the sons of Micah *were*, Pithon, and Melech, and Tarea, and Ahaz.

36 Ahaz fathered Jehoaddah, Jehoaddah fathered Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri fathered Moza.
36 Ahaz became the father of Jehoaddah, and Jehoaddah became the father of Alemeth, Azmaveth and Zimri; and Zimri became the father of Moza.
36 Ahaz fathered Jehoaddah and Jehoaddah fathered Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri. Zimri fathered Moza.
36 And Ahaz begat Jehoadah; and Jehoadah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza,

37 Moza fathered Binea; Raphah *was* his son, Eleasah, his son, *and* Azel, his son.
37 Moza became the father of Binea; Raphah *was* his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.
37 Moza fathered Binea, and Raphah *was* his son, Eleasah his son, and Azel his son.
37 And Moza begat Binea: Rapha *was* his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son:

38 Azel had six sons, and these *were* their names: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan. All these *were* the sons of Azel.
38 Azel had six sons, and these *were* their names: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah and Hanan. All these *were* the sons of Azel.
38 Azel had six sons. Their names *were* Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan—all of these *were* the sons of Azel.
38 And Azel had six sons, whose names *are* these, Azrkam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. All these *were* the sons of Azel.

39 The sons of his brother Eshek *were* Ulam his firstborn, Jeush the second, and Eliphelet the third.
39 The sons of Eshek his brother *were* Ulam his firstborn, Jeush the second and Eliphelet the third.
39 The sons of his brother Eshek included Ulam his firstborn, Jeush his second, and Eliphelet his third.
39 And the sons of Eshek his brother *were*, Ulam his firstborn, Jehush the second, and Eliphelet the third.

40 The sons of Ulam were valiant mighty men, archers, and they had many sons and grandsons, 150 *of them*. All these *were* among the sons of Benjamin.

40 The sons of Ulam were mighty men of valor, archers, and had many sons and grandsons, 150 *of them*. All these *were* of the sons of Benjamin.

40 Ulam's descendants were valiant warriors and archers. They had 150 children and grandchildren, all descendants of Benjamin.

40 And the sons of Ulam were mighty men of valour, archers, and had many sons, and sons' sons, an hundred and fifty. All these are of the sons of Benjamin.