

**Official Genealogical Records: Introduction (c. 538 BC)**

1 Chronicles 9:1a

1a So all Israel was enrolled in genealogy. And behold, they were written in the book of the kings of Israel.

**Official Genealogical Records: Adam's Descendants (c. 538 BC)**

1 Chronicles 1:1–27

**Adam to Noah**

- 1 Adam, Seth, Enosh;
- 2 Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared;
- 3 Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech;
- 4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

**Japheth's Descendants**

- 5 The sons of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.
- 6 The sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Diphath, and Togarmah.
- 7 The sons of Javan: Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Rhodanim.

**Ham's Descendants**

- 8 The sons of Ham: Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.
- 9 The sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabta, Raamah, and Sabteca. And the sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan.
- 10 And Cush fathered Nimrod; he himself began to be mighty on earth.
- 11 And Mizraim fathered the Ludim, the Anamim, the Lehabim, the Naphtuhim,
- 12 the Pathrusim, the Casluhim (from whence the Philistines descended), and the Caphtorim.
- 13 And Canaan fathered Zidon his firstborn, and Heth,
- 14 and the Jebusites, the Amorites, the Girgashites,
- 15 the Hivites, the Arkites, the Sinites,
- 16 the Arvadites, the Zemarites, and the Hamathites.

**Shem's Descendants**

- 17 The sons of Shem: Elam, Asshur, Arphaxad, Lud, Aram, Uz, Hul, Gether, and Meshech.
- 18 And Arphaxad fathered Shelah; and Shelah fathered Eber.
- 19 And two sons were born to Eber: the name of the one *was* Peleg (for in his days the earth was divided), and the name of his brother *was* Joktan.
- 20 And Joktan fathered Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah,
- 21 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,
- 22 Ebal, Abimael, Sheba,
- 23 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab; all these were the sons of Joktan.
- 24 Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah;
- 25 Eber, Peleg, Reu;
- 26 Serug, Nahor, Terah;
- 27 Abram, that is, Abraham.

**Official Genealogical Records: Abraham's Descendants (c. 538 BC)**

1 Chronicles 1:28–54

**Abraham's Two Sons**

- 28 The sons of Abraham: Isaac and Ishmael.

**Ishmael's Descendants**

- 29 These *are* their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebaioth, and Kedar, Abdeel, Mibsam,
- 30 Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema,
- 31 Jetur, Naphish, and Kedmah. These *are* the sons of Ishmael.

**Abraham's Descendants Through Keturah**

- 32 And the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine: she gave birth to Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan: Sheba and Dedan.

33 And the sons of Midian: Ephah, Epher, Enoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these *were* the sons of Keturah.

#### Isaac's Descendants

34 Abraham fathered Isaac. The sons of Isaac: Esau and Israel.

#### The Line of Esau

35 The sons of Esau: Eliphaz, Reuel, Jeush, Jalam, and Korah.

36 The sons of Eliphaz: Teman, Omar, Zephi, Gatam, Kenaz, Timna, and Amalek.

37 The sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.

#### The Line of Seir

38 And the sons of Seir: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan.

39 And the sons of Lotan: Hori and Homam; and the sister of Lotan *was* Timna.

40 The sons of Shobal: Alian, Manahath, Ebal, Shephi, and Onam. And the sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah.

41 The sons of Anah: Dishon. And the sons of Dishon: Hamran, Eshban, Ithran, and Keran.

42 The sons of Ezer: Bilhan, Zaavan, and Jaakan. The sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran.

#### The Edomite Kings and Chiefs

43 These *are* the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the Israelites: Bela son of Beor, and the name of his city *was* Dinhabah.

44 When Bela died, Jobab son of Zerah from Bozrah reigned in his place.

45 When Jobab died, Husham from the land of the Temanites reigned in his place.

46 When Husham died, Hadad son of Bedad, who defeated the Midianites in the country of Moab, reigned in his place. And the name of his city *was* Avith.

47 When Hadad died, Samlah from Masrekah reigned in his place.

48 When Samlah died, Shaul from Rehoboth-by-the-River reigned in his place.

49 When Shaul died, Baal-Hanan son of Achbor reigned in his place.

50 When Baal-Hanan died, Hadad reigned in his place, and the name of his city *was* Pai. And the name of his wife *was* Mehetabel, daughter of Matred, daughter of Me-Zahab.

51 And Hadad died. And the chiefs of Edom were: chiefs Timna, Aliah, Jetheth,

52 Oholibamah, Elah, Pinon,

53 Kenaz, Teman, Mibzar,

54 Magdiel, and Iram. These *are* the chiefs of Edom.

### Official Genealogical Records: Israel's Twelve Sons (c. 538 BC)

1 Chronicles 2:1–2

1 These *are* the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun,

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

### Official Genealogical Records: Judah's Descendants (c. 538 BC)

1 Chronicles 2:3–55

#### Judah's Sons Through Hezron

3 The sons of Judah: Er, Onan and Shelah; *these* three were born to him from Bathshua the Canaanite. Now Er, Judah's firstborn, *was* evil in the sight of Yahweh, and he put him to death.

4 And Tamar his daughter-in-law bore Perez and Zerah to him. The sons of Judah *were* five in all.

5 The sons of Perez: Hezron and Hamul.

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

7 The son of Carmi: Achar, the troubler of Israel, who acted unfaithfully in the matter of the devoted thing.

8 And the son of Ethan *was* Azariah.

9 The sons of Hezron who were born to him: Jerahmeel, Ram, and Caleb.

#### The Descendants of Ram, Son of Hezron

10 And Ram fathered Amminadab, and Amminadab fathered Nahshon, prince of the sons of Judah.

11 And Nahshon fathered Salma, and Salma fathered Boaz.

12 And Boaz fathered Obed, and Obed fathered Jesse.

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

14 Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth,  
 15 Ozem the sixth, David the seventh.  
 16 And their sisters *were* Zeruiah and Abigail. The sons of Zeruiah: Abishai, Joab, and Asahel, three.  
 17 And Abigail bore Amasa, and the father of Amasa *was* Jether the Ishmaelite.

#### **The Descendants of Caleb, Son of Hezron**

18 And Caleb the son of Hezron fathered children by Azubah his wife and by Jerioth. And these *were* her sons: Jeshur, Shobab, and Ardon.  
 19 And when Azubah died, Caleb married Ephrathah, and she bore Hur to him.  
 20 And Hur fathered Uri, and Uri fathered Bezalel.  
 21 And afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of Makir the father of Gilead. And he married her when he was sixty years old. And she bore Segub to him.  
 22 And Segub fathered Jair, and he had twenty-three cities in the land of Gilead.  
 23 And Geshur and Aram took Havvoth-Jair from them, Kenath and its villages, sixty cities. All these *were* the descendants of Makir, the father of Gilead.  
 24 And after the death of Hezron in Caleb-Ephrathah, Abijah the wife of Hezron bore to him Ashhur, the father of Tekoa.

#### **The Descendants of Jerahmeel, Son of Hezron**

25 And the sons of Jerahmeel the firstborn of Hezron were Ram his firstborn, Bunah, Oren, Ozem, and Ahijah.  
 26 And Jerahmeel had another wife, and her name *was* Atarah. She *was* the mother of Onam.  
 27 The sons of Ram the firstborn of Jerahmeel were Maaz, Jamin, and Eker.  
 28 And the sons of Onam were Shammai and Jada. And the sons of Shammai *were* Nadab and Abishur.  
 29 And the name of the wife of Abishur *was* Abihail, and she bore to him Ahban and Molid.  
 30 And the sons of Nadab *were* Seled and Appaim. And Seled died without children.  
 31 And the sons of Appaim: Ishi. The sons of Ishi: Sheshan. The sons of Sheshan: Ahlai.  
 32 And the sons of Jada the brother of Shammai: Jether and Jonathan. And Jether died without children.  
 33 And the sons of Jonathan: Peleth and Zaza. These were the children of Jerahmeel.

#### **Supplementary Material on Jerahmeel**

34 And Sheshan had no sons, only daughters, but Sheshan had an Egyptian slave, and his name *was* Jarha.  
 35 So Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his slave for a wife, and she bore to him Attai.  
 36 And Attai fathered Nathan, and Nathan fathered Zabad.  
 37 And Zabad fathered Ephlail, and Ephlail fathered Obed.  
 38 And Obed fathered Jehu, and Jehu fathered Azariah.  
 39 And Azariah fathered Helez, and Helez fathered Eleasah.  
 40 And Eleasah fathered Sismai, and Sismai fathered Shallum.  
 41 And Shallum fathered Jekamiah, and Jekamiah fathered Elishama.

#### **Supplementary Material on Caleb**

42 And the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel were Mesha his firstborn; he *was* the father of Ziph. The sons of Mareshah: Hebron.  
 43 And the sons of Hebron *were* Korah, Tappuah, Rekem, and Shema.  
 44 And Shema fathered Raham, the father of Jorkeam. And Rekem fathered Shammai.  
 45 And the son of Shammai *was* Maon, and Maon *was* the father of Beth-Zur.  
 46 And Ephah, the concubine of Caleb, gave birth to Haran, Moza, and Gazez. And Haran fathered Gazez.  
 47 And the sons of Jahdai *were* Regem, Jotham, Geshan, Pelet, Ephah, and Shaaph.  
 48 Maacah, the concubine of Caleb, gave birth to Sheber and Tirhanah.  
 49 She also gave birth to Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbenah and the father of Gibeaz; and the daughter of Caleb *was* Acsah.  
 50 These were the descendants of Caleb. The sons of Hur the firstborn of Ephrathah: Shobal the father of Kiriath-Jearim,  
 51 Salma the father of Bethlehem, *and* Hareph the father of Beth-Gader.  
 52 And Shobal the father of Kiriath-Jearim had *other* sons: Haroeh, half of the Menuhoth.  
 53 And the families of Kiriath-Jearim: the Ithrites, the Puthites, the Shumathites, and the Mishraitites. From these descended the Zorathites and the Eshtaulites.  
 54 The sons of Salma: Bethlehem, the Netophathites, Ataroth-Beth-Joab, and half of the Manahathites, the Zorites.  
 55 And the families of the scribes who lived *at* Jabez: the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, and the Sucathites. These *were* the Kenites who came from Hammath, the father of the house of Recab.

**Official Genealogical Records: David's Descendants (c. 538 BC)**

1 Chronicles 3:1–9

- 1 These were the sons of David who were born to him in Hebron: the firstborn, Amnon, by Ahinoam the Jezreelite; the second, Daniel, by Abigail the Carmelite;
- 2 the third, Absalom, the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai, king of Geshur; the fourth, Adonijah, the son of Haggith;
- 3 the fifth, Shephatiah, by Abital; the sixth, Ithream, by his wife Eglah.
- 4 Six were born to him in Hebron. And he reigned there seven years and six months. And he reigned thirty-three years in Jerusalem.
- 5 And these were born to him in Jerusalem: Shimea, Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, four by Bathshua the daughter of Ammiel;
- 6 then Ibhar, Elishama, Eliphelet,
- 7 Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,
- 8 Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine.
- 9 All these *were* the sons of David, besides the sons of the concubines. And Tamar was their sister.

**Official Genealogical Records: Solomon's Descendants (c. 538 BC)**

1 Chronicles 3:10–24

- 10 Now the son of Solomon *was* Rehoboam; Abijah *was* his son, Asa *was* his son, Jehoshaphat *was* his son,
- 11 Joram *was* his son, Ahaziah *was* his son, Joash *was* his son,
- 12 Amaziah *was* his son, Azariah *was* his son, Jotham *was* his son,
- 13 Ahaz *was* his son, Hezekiah *was* his son, Manasseh *was* his son,
- 14 Amon *was* his son, Josiah *was* his son.
- 15 And the sons of Josiah: Johanan the firstborn, the second Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum.
- 16 And the descendants of Jehoiakim: Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his son.
- 17 And the sons of Jeconiah, the captive: Shealtiel his son,
- 18 Malchiram, Pedaiiah, Shenazzar, Jekamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.
- 19 And the sons of Pedaiiah: Zerubbabel and Shimei. And the sons of Zerubbabel: Meshullam and Hananiah, and Shelomith their sister,
- 20 and Hashubah, Ohel, Berekiah, Hasadiah, and Jushab-Hesed, five.
- 21 And the sons of Hananiah: Pelatiah and Jeshaiah. The sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shecaniah.
- 22 And the sons of Shecaniah: Shemaiah. And the sons of Shemaiah: Hattush, Igal, Bariah, Neariah, and Shaphat, six.
- 23 And the sons of Neariah: Elieoenai, Hezekiah, and Azrikam, three.
- 24 And the sons of Elieoenai: Hodaviah, Eliashib, Pelaiah, Akkub, Johanan, Delaiah, and Anani, seven.

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**Chronological Notes**

- 1) I placed the genealogical records of 1 Chronicles 1–9 here in the reading plan because they form the background for the next great event in Israel's history—the return of the Jews from their exile in Babylon. Genealogical records played a very important part in the return to Jerusalem. The records showed which people belonged to which tribe—this had great significance because God had allotted the land on the basis of tribal descent. The records also showed which people belonged to the priesthood. Ezra 2:61–63 and Nehemiah 7:63–65 record that some of the returning “sons of the priests” were excluded from the priesthood as unclean because they could not be found among those enrolled in the genealogies. Also, during Nehemiah's term as governor, God prompted him to make sure the people were enrolled in the genealogies (Neh 7:5). Thus the genealogical records of 1 Chronicles 1–9 are an important prelude to the story of the return. Including them here highlights their relevance and avoids interrupting the narrative later as events unfold.