

Official Genealogical Records: Introduction (c. 538 BC)

1 Chronicles 9:1a

1a So all Israel was enrolled by genealogies; and behold, they are 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 *were* Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech and Tiras.
- 6 The sons of Gomer *were* Ashkenaz, Diphath, and Togarmah.
- 7 The sons of Javan *were* Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim and Rodanim.

Ham's Descendants

- 8 The sons of Ham *were* Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.
- 9 The sons of Cush *were* Seba, Havilah, Sabta, Raama and Sabteca; and the sons of Raamah *were* Sheba and Dedan.
- 10 Cush became the father of Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one in the earth.
- 11 Mizraim became the father of the people of Lud, Anam, Lehab, Naphtuh,
- 12 Pathrus, Casluh, from which the Philistines came, and Caphtor.
- 13 Canaan became the father of Sidon, his firstborn, 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 *were* Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, Aram, Uz, Hul, Gether and Meshech.
- 18 Arpachshad became the father of Shelah and Shelah became the father of Eber.
- 19 Two sons were born to Eber, the name of the one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided, and his brother's name was Joktan.
- 20 Joktan became the father of 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, Arpachshad, 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 *were* Isaac and Ishmael.

Ishmael's Descendants

- 29 These are their genealogies: the firstborn of Ishmael *was* Nebaioth, then Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam,
- 30 Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema,
- 31 Jetur, Naphish and Kedemah; these *were* the sons of Ishmael.

Abraham's Descendants Through Keturah

- 32 The sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine, *whom* she bore, *were* Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan *were* Sheba and Dedan.

33 The sons of Midian were Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abida and Eldaah. All these were the sons of Keturah.

Isaac's Descendants

34 Abraham became the father of Isaac. The sons of Isaac were Esau and Israel.

The Line of Esau

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

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

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

The Line of Seir

38 The sons of Seir were Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, Dishon, Ezer and Dishan.

39 The sons of Lotan were Hori and Homam; and Lotan's sister was Timna.

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

41 The son of Anah was Dishon. And the sons of Dishon were Hamran, Eshban, Ithran and Cheran.

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

The Edomite Kings and Chiefs

43 Now these are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any king of the sons of Israel reigned. Bela was the son of Beor, and the name of his city was Dinhabah.

44 When Bela died, Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah became king in his place.

45 When Jobab died, Husham of the land of the Temanites became king in his place.

46 When Husham died, Hadad the son of Bedad, who defeated Midian in the field of Moab, became king in his place; and the name of his city was Avith.

47 When Hadad died, Samlah of Masrekah became king in his place.

48 When Samlah died, Shaul of Rehoboth by the River became king in his place.

49 When Shaul died, Baal-hanan the son of Achbor became king in his place.

50 When Baal-hanan died, Hadad became king in his place; and the name of his city was Pai, and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

51 Then Hadad died. Now the chiefs of Edom were: chief Timna, chief Aliah, chief Jetheth,

52 chief Oholibamah, chief Elah, chief Pinon,

53 chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief Mibzar,

54 chief Magdiel, chief Iram. These were 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 were Er, Onan and Shelah; these three were born to him by Bath-shua the Canaanitess. And Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD, so He put him to death.

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

5 The sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul.

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

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

8 The son of Ethan was Azariah.

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

The Descendants of Ram, Son of Hezron

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

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

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

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

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

The Descendants of Caleb, Son of Hezron

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.
 19 When Azubah died, Caleb married Ephrath, who bore him Hur.
 20 Hur became the father of Uri, and Uri became the father of Bezalel.
 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.
 22 Segub became the father of Jair, who had twenty-three cities in the land 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.
 24 After the death of Hezron in Caleb-ephraiah, Abijah, Hezron's wife, bore him Ashhur the father of Tekoa.

The Descendants of Jerahmeel, Son of Hezron

25 Now the sons of Jerahmeel the firstborn of Hezron *were* Ram the firstborn, then Bunah, Oren, Ozem *and* Ahijah.
 26 Jerahmeel had 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.
 28 The sons of Onam were Shammai and Jada. And the sons of Shammai *were* Nadab and Abishur.
 29 The name of Abishur's wife *was* Abihail, and she bore him Ahban and Molid.
 30 The sons of Nadab *were* Seled and Appaim, and Seled died without sons.
 31 The son of Appaim *was* Ishi. And the son of Ishi *was* Sheshan. And the son of Sheshan *was* Ahlai.
 32 The sons of Jada the brother of Shammai *were* Jether and Jonathan, and Jether died without sons.
 33 The sons of Jonathan *were* Peleth and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel.

Supplementary Material on Jerahmeel

34 Now Sheshan had no sons, only daughters. And Sheshan had an Egyptian servant whose name was Jarha.
 35 Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant in marriage, and she bore him Attai.
 36 Attai became the father of Nathan, and Nathan became the father of Zabad,
 37 and Zabad became the father of Ephlal, and Ephlal became the father of Obed,
 38 and Obed became the father of Jehu, and Jehu became the father of Azariah,
 39 and Azariah became the father of Helez, and Helez became the father of Eleasah,
 40 and Eleasah became the father of Sismai, and Sismai became the father of Shallum,
 41 and Shallum became the father of Jekamiah, and Jekamiah became the father of Elishama.

Supplementary Material on Caleb

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.
 43 The sons of Hebron *were* Korah and Tappuah and Rekem and Shema.
 44 Shema became the father of Raham, the father of Jorkeam; and Rekem became the father of Shammai.
 45 The son of Shammai was Maon, and Maon *was* the father of Bethzur.
 46 Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bore Haran, Moza and Gazez; and Haran became the father of Gazez.
 47 The sons of Jahdai *were* Regem, Jotham, Geshan, Pelet, Ephah and Shaaph.
 48 Maacah, Caleb's concubine, bore Sheber and Tirhanah.
 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.
 50 These were the sons of Caleb. The sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephraiah, *were* Shobal the father of Kiriath-jearim,
 51 Salma the father of Bethlehem *and* Hareph the father of Beth-gader.
 52 Shobal the father of Kiriath-jearim had sons: Haroeh, half of the Manahathites,
 53 and the families of Kiriath-jearim: the Ithrites, the Puthites, the Shumathites and the Mishraites; from these came the Zorathites and the Eshtaolites.
 54 The sons of Salma *were* Bethlehem and the Netophathites, Atroth-beth-joab and half of the Manahathites, the Zorites.
 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.

Official Genealogical Records: David's Descendants (c. 538 BC)**1 Chronicles 3:1–9**

1 Now these were the sons of David who were born to him in Hebron: the firstborn *was* Amnon, by Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second *was* Daniel, by Abigail the Carmelitess;
 2 the third *was* Absalom the son of Maacah, the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; the fourth *was* Adonijah the son of Haggith;
 3 the fifth *was* Shephathiah, by Abital; the sixth *was* Ithream, by his wife Eglah.
 4 Six were born to him in Hebron, and there he reigned seven years and six months. And in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years.
 5 These were born to him in Jerusalem: Shimea, Shobab, Nathan and Solomon, four, by Bath-shua the daughter of Ammiel;
 6 and Ibhah, Elishama, Eliphelet,
 7 Nogah, Nepheg and 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 Solomon's son *was* Rehoboam, Abijah *was* his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son,
 11 Joram his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash his son,
 12 Amaziah his son, Azariah his son, Jotham his son,
 13 Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son,
 14 Amon his son, Josiah his son.
 15 The sons of Josiah *were* Johanan the firstborn, and the second *was* Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum.
 16 The sons of Jehoiakim *were* Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his son.
 17 The sons of Jeconiah, the prisoner, *were* Shealtiel his son,
 18 and Malchiram, Pedaiah, Shenazzar, Jekamiah, Hoshama and Nedabiah.
 19 The sons of Pedaiah *were* Zerubbabel and Shimei. And the sons of Zerubbabel *were* Meshullam and Hananiah, and Shelomith *was* their sister;
 20 and Hashubah, Ohel, Berechiah, Hasadiah and Jushab-hesed, five.
 21 The sons of Hananiah *were* Pelatiah and Jeshaiah, the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shecaniah.
 22 The descendants of Shecaniah *were* Shemaiah, and the sons of Shemaiah: Hattush, Igal, Bariah, Neariah and Shaphat, six.
 23 The sons of Neariah *were* Elioenai, Hizkiah and Azrikam, three.
 24 The sons of Elioenai *were* 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.