

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

1 Chronicles 9:1a

1a Genealogical records were kept for all Israel; they are recorded in the Scroll 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, Jered,
- 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, Riphath, and Togarmah.
- 7 The sons of Javan: Elishah, Tarshish, the Kittites, and the Rodanites.

**Ham's Descendants**

- 8 The sons of Ham: Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.
- 9 The sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabta, Raamah, and Sabteca. The sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan.
- 10 Cush was the father of Nimrod, who established himself as a mighty warrior on earth.
- 11 Mizraim was the father of the Ludites, Anamites, Lehabites, Naphtuhites,
- 12 Pathrusites, Casluhites (from whom the Philistines descended), and the Caphtorites.
- 13 Canaan was the father of Sidon—his firstborn—and Heth,
- 14 as well as the Jebusites, Amorites, Girgashites,
- 15 Hivites, Arkites, Sinites,
- 16 Arvadites, Zemarites, and Hamathites.

**Shem's Descendants**

- 17 The sons of Shem: Elam, Asshur, Arphaxad, Lud, and Aram. The sons of Aram: Uz, Hul, Gether, and Meshech.
- 18 Arphaxad was the father of Shelah, and Shelah was the father of Eber.
- 19 Two sons were born to Eber: the first was named Peleg, for during his lifetime the earth was divided; his brother's name was Joktan.
- 20 Joktan was 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, 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 were their descendants: Ishmael's firstborn son was Nebaioth; the others were 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 to whom Keturah, Abraham's concubine, gave birth: Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, Shuah. The sons of Jokshan: Sheba and Dedan.

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

#### Isaac's Descendants

34 Abraham was the father of 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, and (by Timna) Amalek.

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

#### The Line of Seir

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

39 The sons of Lotan: Hori and Homam. (Timna was Lotan's sister.)

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

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

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

#### The Edomite Kings and Chiefs

43 These were the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any king ruled over the Israelites: Bela son of Beor; the name of his city was Dinhabah.

44 When Bela died, Jobab son of Zerah from Bozrah, succeeded him.

45 When Jobab died, Husham from the land of the Temanites succeeded him.

46 When Husham died, Hadad son of Bedad succeeded him. He struck down the Midianites in the plains of Moab; the name of his city was Avith.

47 When Hadad died, Samlah from Masrekah succeeded him.

48 When Samlah died, Shaul from Rehoboth on the river succeeded him.

49 When Shaul died, Baal-Hanan son of Achbor succeeded him.

50 When Baal-Hanan died, Hadad succeeded him; the name of his city was Pai. His wife was Mehetabel, daughter of Matred, daughter of Me-Zahab.

51 Hadad died. The tribal chiefs of Edom were: Timna, Alvah, Jetheth,

52 Oholibamah, Elah, Pinon,

53 Kenaz, Teman, Mibzar,

54 Magdiel, Iram. These were the tribal chiefs of Edom.

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

1 Chronicles 2:1–2

1 These were the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah; Issachar and Zebulun;

2 Dan, Joseph, and 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 by Bathshua, a Canaanite woman. Er, Judah's firstborn, displeased the LORD, so the LORD killed him.

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

5 The sons of Perez: Hezron and Hamul.

6 The sons of Zerah: Zimri, Ethan, Heman, Kalkol, Dara—five in all.

7 The son of Carmi: Achan, who brought the disaster on Israel when he stole what was devoted to God.

8 The son of Ethan: Azariah.

9 The sons born to Hezron: Jerahmeel, Ram, and Caleb.

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

10 Ram was the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab was the father of Nahshon, the tribal chief of Judah.

11 Nahshon was the father of Salma, and Salma was the father of Boaz.

12 Boaz was the father of Obed, and Obed was the father of Jesse.

13 Jesse was the father of Eliab, his firstborn; Abinadab was born second, Shimea third,

- 14 Nethanel fourth, Raddai fifth,  
 15 Ozem sixth, David seventh.  
 16 Their sisters were Zeruiah and Abigail. Zeruiah's three sons were Abshai, Joab, and Asahel.  
 17 Abigail bore Amasa, whose father was Jether the Ishmaelite.

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

- 18 Caleb son of Hezron fathered sons by his wife Azubah (also known as Jerioth). Her sons were Jeshur, Shobab, and Ardon.  
 19 When Azubah died, Caleb married Ephrath, who bore him Hur.  
 20 Hur was the father of Uri, and Uri was the father of Bezalel.  
 21 Later Hezron had sexual relations with the daughter of Makir, the father of Gilead. (He had married her when he was sixty years old.) She bore him Segub.  
 22 Segub was the father of Jair, who owned twenty-three cities in the land of Gilead.  
 23 (Geshur and Aram captured the towns of Jair, along with Kenath and its sixty surrounding towns.) All these were descendants of Makir, the father of Gilead.  
 24 After Hezron's death, Caleb had sexual relations with Ephrath, his father Hezron's widow, and she bore to him Ashhur the father of Tekoa.

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

- 25 The sons of Jerahmeel, Hezron's firstborn, were Ram, the firstborn, Bunah, Oren, Ozem, and Ahijah.  
 26 Jerahmeel had another wife named Atarah; she was Onam's mother.  
 27 The sons of Ram, Jerahmeel's firstborn, were Maaz, Jamin, and Eker.  
 28 The sons of Onam were Shammai and Jada. The sons of Shammai: Nadab and Abishur.  
 29 Abishur's wife was Abihail, who bore him Ahban and Molid.  
 30 The sons of Nadab: Seled and Appaim. (Seled died without having sons.)  
 31 The son of Appaim: Ishi. The son of Ishi: Sheshan. The son of Sheshan: Ahlai.  
 32 The sons of Jada, Shammai's brother: Jether and Jonathan. (Jether died without having sons.)  
 33 The sons of Jonathan: Peleth and Zaza. These were the descendants of Jerahmeel.

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

- 34 Sheshan had no sons, only daughters. Sheshan had an Egyptian servant named Jarha.  
 35 Sheshan gave his daughter to his servant Jarha as a wife; she bore him Attai.  
 36 Attai was the father of Nathan, and Nathan was the father of Zabad.  
 37 Zabad was the father of Ephlail, and Ephlail was the father of Obed.  
 38 Obed was the father of Jehu, and Jehu was the father of Azariah.  
 39 Azariah was the father of Helez, and Helez was the father of Eleasah.  
 40 Eleasah was the father of Sismai, and Sismai was the father of Shallum.  
 41 Shallum was the father of Jekamiah, and Jekamiah was the father of Elishama.

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

- 42 The sons of Caleb, Jerahmeel's brother: His firstborn Mesha, the father of Ziph, and his second son Mareshah, the father of Hebron.  
 43 The sons of Hebron: Korah, Tappuah, Rekem, and Shema.  
 44 Shema was the father of Raham, the father of Jorkeam. Rekem was the father of Shammai.  
 45 Shammai's son was Maon, who was the father of Beth-Zur.  
 46 Caleb's concubine Ephah bore Haran, Moza, and Gazez. Haran was the father of Gazez.  
 47 The sons of Jahdai: Regem, Jotham, Geshan, Pelet, Ephah, and Shaaph.  
 48 Caleb's concubine Maacah bore Sheber and Tirhanah.  
 49 She also bore Shaaph the father of Madmannah and Sheva the father of Machbenah and Gibeab. Caleb's daughter was Achsah.  
 50 These were the descendants of Caleb. The sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrath: Shobal, the father of Kiriath Jearim,  
 51 Salma, the father of Bethlehem, Hareph, the father of Beth-Gader.  
 52 The sons of Shobal, the father of Kiriath Jearim, were Haroeh, half of the Manahathites,  
 53 the clans of Kiriath Jearim—the Ithrites, Puthites, Shumathites, and Mishraites. (The Zorathites and Eshtaolites descended from these groups.)  
 54 The sons of Salma: Bethlehem, the Netophathites, Atroth Beth-Joab, half the Manahathites, the Zorites,  
 55 and the clans of the scribes who lived in Jabez: the Tirathites, Shimeathites, and Sucathites. These are the Kenites who descended from Hammath, the father of Beth-Rechab.

**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 was Amnon, whose mother was Ahinoam from Jezreel; the second was Daniel, whose mother was Abigail from Carmel;
- 2 the third was Absalom whose mother was Maacah, daughter of King Talmai of Geshur; the fourth was Adonijah, whose mother was Haggith;
- 3 the fifth was Shephatiah, whose mother was Abital; the sixth was Ithream, whose mother was Eglah.
- 4 These six were born to David in Hebron, where he ruled for seven years and six months. He ruled thirty-three years in Jerusalem.
- 5 These were the sons born to him in Jerusalem: Shimea, Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon—the mother of these four was Bathsheba the daughter of Ammiel.
- 6 The other nine were Ibhar, Elishua, Elpelet,
- 7 Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,
- 8 Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet.
- 9 These were all the sons of David, not counting the sons of his concubines. Tamar was their sister.

**Official Genealogical Records: Solomon's Descendants (c. 538 BC)****1 Chronicles 3:10–24**

- 10 Solomon's son was Rehoboam, followed by Abijah 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: Johanan was the firstborn; Jehoiakim was born second; Zedekiah third; and Shallum fourth.
- 16 The sons of Jehoiakim: his son Jehoiachin and his son Zedekiah.
- 17 The sons of Jehoiachin the exile: Shealtiel his son,
- 18 Malkiram, Pedaiah, Shenazzar, Jekamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.
- 19 The sons of Pedaiah: Zerubbabel and Shimei. The sons of Zerubbabel: Meshullam and Hananiah. Shelomith was their sister.
- 20 The five others were Hashubah, Ohel, Berechiah, Hasadiah, and Jushab-Hesed.
- 21 The descendants of Hananiah: Pelatiah, Jeshaiiah, the sons of Rephaiah, of Arnan, of Obadiah, and of Shecaniah.
- 22 The descendants of Shecaniah: Shemaiah and his sons: Hattush, Igal, Bariah, Neariah, and Shaphat—six in all.
- 23 The sons of Neariah: Elioenai, Hizkiah, and Azrikam—three in all.
- 24 The sons of Elioenai: Hodaviah, Eliashib, Pelaiah, Akkub, Johanan, Delaiah, and Anani—seven in all.

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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.