

1CHRONICLES 2: 1 These are the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun,

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The twelve sons of Jacob, 1Chr 2:1, 1Chr 2:2. The posterity of Judah down to David, 1Chr 2:3-15. The posterity of the children of Jesse and Caleb, vv. 16-55.

Verse 1

These are the sons of Israel - For this genealogy see the parallel places at Gen 29:32; Gen 30:5; Gen 35:18, Gen 35:22; Gen 46:8, etc.

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1CHRONICLES 2: 2 Dan, Joseph, and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

1CHRONICLES 2: 3 The sons of Judah: Er, and Onan, and Shelah; which three were born to him of Shua's daughter the Canaanitess. Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD; and he killed him.

1CHRONICLES 2: 4 Tamar his daughter-in-law bore him Perez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah were five.

1CHRONICLES 2: 5 The sons of Perez: Hezron, and Hamul.

1CHRONICLES 2: 6 The sons of Zerah: Zimri, and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and Dara; five of them in all.

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Verse 6

Five of them in all - "These were all chief men; and on them the spirit of prophecy rested." - T.

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1CHRONICLES 2: 7 The sons of Carmi: Achar, the troubler of Israel, who committed a trespass in the devoted thing.

1CHRONICLES 2: 8 The sons of Ethan: Azariah.

1CHRONICLES 2: 9 The sons also of Hezron, who were born to him: Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Chelubai.

1CHRONICLES 2: 10 Ram became the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, prince of the children of Judah;

1CHRONICLES 2: 11 and Nahshon became the father of Salma, and Salma became the father of Boaz,

1CHRONICLES 2: 12 and Boaz became the father of Obed, and Obed became the father of Jesse;

1CHRONICLES 2: 13 and Jesse became the father of his firstborn Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and Shimea the third,

1CHRONICLES 2: 14 Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth,

1CHRONICLES 2: 15 Ozem the sixth, David the seventh;

1CHRONICLES 2: 16 and their sisters were Zeruiah and Abigail. The sons of Zeruiah: Abishai, and Joab, and Asahel, three.

1CHRONICLES 2: 17 Abigail bore Amasa; and the father of Amasa was Jether the Ishmaelite.

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Verse 17

Jether the Ishmeelite - "They called him Jether, because he girded himself with his sword, that he might assist David with the Arabians, when Abner was endeavoring to destroy David and the whole race of Jesse, as being unfit to enter into the congregation of the Lord, on account of Ruth the Moabitess." - T.

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1CHRONICLES 2: 18 Caleb the son of Hezron became the father of children of Azubah his wife, and of Jerioth; and these were her sons: Jeshur, and Shobab, and Ardon.

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Verse 18

Azubah - "And why was she called Azubah? Because she was barren and despised. But her injury was manifested before the Lord; and she was comforted, and adorned with wisdom; and she span, skilfully, goats' hair for the court of the tabernacle." - T.

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1CHRONICLES 2: 19 Azubah died, and Caleb took to him Ephrath, who bore him Hur.

1CHRONICLES 2: 20 Hur became the father of Uri, and Uri became the father of Bezaleel.

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Verse 20

Uri begat Bezaleel - This was probably the famous artist mentioned Exo 31:2 (note), etc., where see the notes.

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1CHRONICLES 2: 21 Afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir the father of Gilead, whom he took as wife when he was sixty years old; and she bore him Segub.

1CHRONICLES 2: 22 Segub became the father of Jair, who had twenty-three cities in the land of Gilead.

1CHRONICLES 2: 23 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.

1CHRONICLES 2: 24 After that Hezron was dead in Caleb Ephrathah, then Abijah Hezron's wife bore him Ashhur the father of Tekoa.

1CHRONICLES 2: 25 The sons of Jerahmeel the firstborn of Hezron were Ram the firstborn, and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem, Ahijah.

1CHRONICLES 2: 26 Jerahmeel had another wife, whose name was Atarah; she was the mother of Onam.

1CHRONICLES 2: 27 The sons of Ram the firstborn of Jerahmeel were Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker.

1CHRONICLES 2: 28 The sons of Onam were Shammai, and Jada. The sons of Shammai: Nadab, and Abishur.

1CHRONICLES 2: 29 The name of the wife of Abishur was Abihail; and she bore him Ahban, and Molid.

1CHRONICLES 2: 30 The sons of Nadab: Seled, and Appaim; but Seled died without children.

1CHRONICLES 2: 31 The sons of Appaim: Ishi. The sons of Ishi: Sheshan. The sons of Sheshan: Ahlai.

1CHRONICLES 2: 32 The sons of Jada the brother of Shammai: Jether, and Jonathan; and Jether died without children.

1CHRONICLES 2: 33 The sons of Jonathan: Peleth, and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel.

1CHRONICLES 2: 34 Now Sheshan had no sons, but daughters. Sheshan had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name was Jarha.

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Verse 34

Whose name was Jarha - "And he gave him his liberty, and gave him Sheshan his daughter to wife." - T.

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1CHRONICLES 2: 35 Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant as wife; and she bore him Attai.

1CHRONICLES 2: 36 Attai became the father of Nathan, and Nathan became the father of Zabad,

1CHRONICLES 2: 37 and Zabad became the father of Ephlal, and Ephlal became the father of Obed,

1CHRONICLES 2: 38 and Obed became the father of Jehu, and Jehu became the father of Azariah,

1CHRONICLES 2: 39 and Azariah became the father of Helez, and Helez became the father of Eleasah,

1CHRONICLES 2: 40 and Eleasah became the father of Sismai, and Sismai became the father of Shallum,

1CHRONICLES 2: 41 and Shallum became the father of Jekamiah, and Jekamiah became the father of Elishama.

1CHRONICLES 2: 42 The sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel were Mesha his firstborn, who was the father of Ziph; and the sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron.

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Verse 42

Now the sons of Caleb - This was not Caleb the son of Jephunneh, but Caleb the son of Hezron, 1Chr 2:18, 1Chr 2:50. But some think that Caleb the son of Hezron was the grandson of Caleb, son of Jephunneh; but this is probably fanciful.

The father of Ziph - "The prince of the Ziphites." - T.

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1CHRONICLES 2: 43 The sons of Hebron: Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema.

1CHRONICLES 2: 44 Shema became the father of Raham, the father of Jorkeam; and Rekem became the father of Shammai.

1CHRONICLES 2: 45 The son of Shammai was Maon; and Maon was the father of Beth Zur.

1CHRONICLES 2: 46 Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bore Haran, and Moza, and Gazez; and Haran became the father of Gazez.

1CHRONICLES 2: 47 The sons of Jahdai: Regem, and Jothan, and Geshan, and Pelet, and Ephah, and Shaaph.

1CHRONICLES 2: 48 Maacah, Caleb's concubine, bore Sheber and Tirhanah.

1CHRONICLES 2: 49 She bore also Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbena, and the father of Gibeaz; and the daughter of Caleb was Achsah.

1CHRONICLES 2: 50 These were the sons of Caleb, the son of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah: Shobal the father of Kiriath Jearim,

1CHRONICLES 2: 51 Salma the father of Bethlehem, Hareph the father of Beth Gader.

1CHRONICLES 2: 52 Shobal the father of Kiriath Jearim had sons: Haroeh, half of the Menuhoth.

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Verse 52

Shobal - had sons - "Disciples and priests, to whom belonged the half of the oblations." - T.

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1CHRONICLES 2: 53 The families of Kiriath Jearim: The Ithrites, and the Puthites, and the Shumathites, and the Mishraites; of them came the Zorathites and the Eshtaolites.

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Verse 53

The families of Kirjath-jearim - "These were the children of Moses, which Zipporah bare to him, viz., the Jethrites, the Shumathites, and the Mishraites; of these came the disciples of the prophets Zarah and Eshtaol." - T.

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1CHRONICLES 2: 54 The sons of Salma: Bethlehem, and the Netophathites, Atroth Beth Joab, and half of the Manahathites, the Zorites.

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## Verse 54

The sons of Salma - "The righteous Bethlehemites, who had a good name, as the Netophathites, who removed the guards which Jeroboam had placed in the way lest the people should carry the first-fruits to Jerusalem: for the sons of Salma carried baskets full of first-fruits privately to Jerusalem; and having cloven wood, they made ladders, and brought them to Jerusalem to be laid up in Beth-mokad for oblations. These came from the lineage of Joab the son of Zeruah; and some of them were priests; and they divided the residue of the sacrifices with the sons of the prophets who were in Zorah." - T.

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1CHRONICLES 2: 55 The families of scribes who lived at Jabez: the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, the Sucathites. These are the Kenites who came of Hammath, the father of the house of Rechab.

## Verse 55

The families - "The families of the Rechabites, the sons of Eliezer the son of Misco, the disciple of Jabez; he was Othniel, the son of Kenaz. And he was called Jabez, because in his council he instituted a school of disciples; they were called Tirathim, because in their hymns their voice was like trumpets; and Shimathim, because in hearing they lifted up their faces, i.e., in prayer; and Suchathim, because they were overshadowed by the Spirit of prophecy. These Salmaei were the children of Zipporah, who were numbered among the Levites who came from the stock of Moses, the master of Israel, whose righteousness profited them more than chariots and horses." - T. See on 1Chr 4:9-10 (note).

Is the above explanation of Tirathites, Shimeathites, and Suchathites, the Targumist refers to the import of the Hebrew roots, whence these names are derived. See 1Chr 4:10. In this chapter many names of cities are given as the names of men.