

1 Chronicles 1:1-2:17

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From Adam to Abraham

1 Adam was the father of Seth, Seth was the father of Enosh, Enosh the father of Kenan, **2** Kenan the father of Mahalalel, Mahalalel the father of Jared. **3** Jared was the father of Enoch, who was the father of Methuselah; Methuselah was the father of Lamech, **4** who was the father of Noah. Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

5 The sons of Japheth—Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras—were the ancestors of the peoples who bear their names. **6** The descendants of Gomer were the people of Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah. **7** The descendants of Javan were the people of Elishah, Spain, Cyprus, and Rhodes.

8 The sons of Ham—Cush, Egypt, Libya, and Canaan—were the ancestors of the peoples who bear their names. **9** The descendants of Cush were the people of

Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabteca. The descendants of Raamah were the people of Sheba and Dedan. (10 Cush had a son named Nimrod, who became the world's first great conqueror.) 11 The descendants of Egypt were the people of Lydia, Anam, Lehab, Naphtuh, 12 Pathrus, Casluh, and of Crete (from whom the Philistines were descended). 13 Canaan's sons—Sidon, the oldest, and Heth—were the ancestors of the peoples who bear their names. 14 Canaan was also the ancestor of the Jebusites, the Amorites, Girgashites, 15 Hivites, Arkites, Sinites, 16 Arvadites, Zemarites, and Hamathites.

17 Shem's sons—Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, Aram, Uz, Hul, Gether, and Meshek—were the ancestors of the peoples who bear their names. 18 Arpachshad was the father of Shelah, who was the father of Eber. 19 Eber had two sons; one was named Peleg,^[a] because during his time the people of the world were divided, and the other was named Joktan. 20 The descendants of Joktan were the people of Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth,

Jerah, 21 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, 22 Ebal, Abimael, Sheba, 23 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab.

24 The family line from Shem to Abram is as follows: Shem, Arpachshad, Shelah, 25 Eber, Peleg, Reu, 26 Serug, Nahor, Terah, 27 and Abram (also known as Abraham).

The Descendants of Ishmael

28 Abraham had two sons, Isaac and Ishmael. 29 The sons of Ishmael became the heads of twelve tribes: Nebaioth (from the name of Ishmael's oldest son), Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, 30 Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema, 31 Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah.

32 Abraham had a concubine named Keturah, who bore him six sons: Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. Jokshan had two sons: Sheba and Dedan. 33 Midian had five sons: Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah.

The Descendants of Esau

34 Abraham's son Isaac had two sons, Esau and Jacob. 35 Esau's sons were Eliphaz, Reuel, Jeush, Jalam, and Korah. 36 Eliphaz became the ancestor of the following tribes: Teman, Omar, Zephi, Gatam, Kenaz, Timna, and Amalek. 37 And Reuel became the ancestor of the tribes of Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.

The Original Inhabitants of Edom

38-42 The original inhabitants of Edom were descended from the following sons of Seir:

Lotan, who was the ancestor of the clans of Hori and Homam. (Lotan had a sister named Timna.)

Shobal, who was the ancestor of the clans of Alvan, Manahath, Ebal, Shephi, and Onam.

Zibeon, who had two sons, Aiah and Anah. Anah was the father of Dishon, and Dishon was the ancestor of the clans of Hamran, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran.

Ezer, who was the ancestor of the clans of Bilhan, Zaavan, and Jaakan.

Dishan, who was the ancestor of the clans of Uz and Aran.

The Kings of Edom

43-50 The following kings ruled the land of Edom one after the other, in the time before there were any kings in Israel:

Bela son of Beor from Dinhabah

Jobab son of Zerah from Bozrah

Husham from the region of Teman

Hadad son of Bedad from Avith (he defeated the Midianites in a battle in the country of Moab)

Samlah from Masrekah

Shaul from Rehoboth-on-the-River

Baal Hanan son of Achbor

Hadad from Pau (his wife was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred and granddaughter of Mezahab)

51 The people of Edom were divided into the following tribes: Timna, Alvah, Jetheth, 52 Oholibamah, Elah, Pinon, 53 Kenaz, Teman, Mibzar, 54 Magdiel, and Iram.

The Descendants of Judah

2 Jacob had twelve sons: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, 2 Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

3 Judah had five sons in all. By his wife Bathshua, a Canaanite, he had three sons: Er, Onan, and Shelah. His oldest son, Er, was so evil that the Lord killed him. **4** By his daughter-in-law Tamar, Judah had two more sons, Perez and Zerah.

5 Perez had two sons, Hezron and Hamul. **6** His brother Zerah had five sons: Zimri, Ethan, Heman, Calcol, and Darda. **7** Achan^[b] son of Carmi, one of Zerah's descendants, brought disaster on the people of Israel by keeping loot that had been devoted to God.

8 Ethan had one son, Azariah.

The Family Tree of King David

9 Hezron had three sons: Jerahmeel, Ram, and Caleb.

10 The family line from Ram to Jesse is as follows: Ram, Amminadab, Nahshon (a prominent man of the tribe of Judah), **11** Salmon, Boaz, **12** Obed, and Jesse.

13 Jesse had seven sons. In order of age they were: Eliab, Abinadab, Shammah, 14 Nethanel, Raddai, 15 Ozem, and David. 16 He also had two daughters, Zeruiah and Abigail.

Jesse's daughter Zeruiah had three sons: Abishai, Joab, and Asahel. 17 His other daughter Abigail married Jether, a descendant of Ishmael, and they had a son named Amasa.

Footnotes

- a. [1 Chronicles 1:19](#) This name sounds like the Hebrew for “divide.”
- b. [1 Chronicles 2:7](#) This is his name in Js 7.1. The Hebrew text here calls him “Achar,” which means “disaster.”

Acts 23:11-35

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11 That night the Lord stood by Paul and said, “Don't be afraid! You have given your witness for me here in Jerusalem, and you must also do the same in Rome.”

The Plot against Paul's Life

12 The next morning some Jews met together and made a plan. They took a vow that they would not eat or drink anything until they had killed Paul. 13 There were more than forty who planned this together. 14 Then they went to the chief priests and elders and said, "We have taken a solemn vow together not to eat a thing until we have killed Paul. 15 Now then, you and the Council send word to the Roman commander to bring Paul down to you, pretending that you want to get more accurate information about him. But we will be ready to kill him before he ever gets here."

16 But the son of Paul's sister heard about the plot; so he went to the fort and told Paul. 17 Then Paul called one of the officers and said to him, "Take this young man to the commander; he has something to tell him." 18 The officer took him, led him to the commander, and said, "The prisoner Paul called me and asked me to bring this young man to you, because he has something to say to you."

19 The commander took him by the hand, led him off by himself, and asked him, “What do you have to tell me?”

20 He said, “The Jewish authorities have agreed to ask you tomorrow to take Paul down to the Council, pretending that the Council wants to get more accurate information about him. 21 But don't listen to them, because there are more than forty men who will be hiding and waiting for him. They have taken a vow not to eat or drink until they have killed him. They are now ready to do it and are waiting for your decision.”

22 The commander said, “Don't tell anyone that you have reported this to me.” And he sent the young man away.

Paul Is Sent to Governor Felix

23 Then the commander called two of his officers and said, “Get two hundred soldiers ready to go to Caesarea, together with seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen, and be ready to leave by nine o'clock tonight. 24 Provide some horses for Paul to ride

and get him safely through to Governor Felix.” 25 Then the commander wrote a letter that went like this: 26 “Claudius Lysias to His Excellency, Governor Felix: Greetings. 27 The Jews seized this man and were about to kill him. I learned that he is a Roman citizen, so I went with my soldiers and rescued him. 28 I wanted to know what they were accusing him of, so I took him down to their Council. 29 I found out that he had not done a thing for which he deserved to die or be put in prison; the accusation against him had to do with questions about their own law. 30 And when I was informed that there was a plot against him, at once I decided to send him to you. I have told his accusers to make their charges against him before you.”

31 The soldiers carried out their orders. They got Paul and took him that night as far as Antipatris. 32 The next day the foot soldiers returned to the fort and left the horsemen to go on with him. 33 They took him to Caesarea, delivered the letter to the governor, and turned Paul over to him. 34 The governor read the letter and asked Paul what province he was from. When he found out that he was from Cilicia, 35 he said, “I will

hear you when your accusers arrive.” Then he gave orders for Paul to be kept under guard in the governor's headquarters.

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Psalm 3

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Morning Prayer for Help^[a]

3

I have so many enemies, Lord,
so many who turn against me!

2

They talk about me and say,
“God will not help him.”

3

But you, O Lord, are always my shield from danger;
you give me victory
and restore my courage.

4

I call to the Lord for help,
and from his sacred hill^[b] he answers me.

5

I lie down and sleep,
and all night long the Lord protects me.

6

I am not afraid of the thousands of enemies
who surround me on every side.

7

Come, Lord! Save me, my God!
You punish all my enemies
and leave them powerless to harm me.

8

Victory comes from the Lord—
may he bless his people.

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Footnotes

- a. [Psalm 3:1](#) HEBREW TITLE: A psalm by David, after he ran away from his son Absalom.
- b. [Psalm 3:4](#) See 2.6.

Proverbs 18:14-15

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14 Your will to live can sustain you when you are sick, but if you lose it, your last hope is gone.

15 Intelligent people are always eager and ready to learn.

Tobit 13

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Tobit's Song of Praise

13 Then Tobit prayed:

Praise the eternal God,
praise the one who rules.

2

He punishes us; then he shows us mercy.

He sends us down to the world of the dead,
then he brings us up from the grave.

No one can escape his power.

3

People of Israel, give thanks among the nations,
where he sent you into exile;

4

even there he showed his great power.

Let all who live hear your praise.

The Lord is our God and father forever.

5

Though he punished you for your wickedness,
he will be merciful and bring you home
from among the nations where he scattered you.

6

Turn to him with all your heart and soul,
live in loyal obedience to him.

Then he will turn to you to help you
and will no longer hide himself.

Remember what God has done for you,
and give thanks with all your heart.

Praise the righteous Lord;
honor the eternal King.

Although I live in exile in a foreign land,

I will give thanks to the Lord
and will speak of his great strength to a nation of

sinners.

Turn away from your sins, and do what pleases God!

Perhaps he will be gracious

and show you his mercy.

7

I praise my God and rejoice in his greatness;

my whole being honors the King of heaven.

8

Let everyone tell of his greatness

and sing his praises in Jerusalem.

9

Jerusalem, Holy City of our God,

he will punish you for the sins of your people,

but he will be merciful to all who do right.

10

So give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Praise the eternal King.^[a]

Your Temple will be rebuilt,

and your people will be happy again.

May the Lord make all your exiles glad,

may he take care of your suffering people

for as long as time shall last.

11

Jerusalem, your light will shine brightly for all the world,

and from far away many nations will come to you.

Their people will come to honor the Lord your God,

they will bring gifts for the King of heaven.

In your streets many generations will sing joyful praise,
your name will endure forever as God's chosen city.