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1 Chronicles 1:1 - 2:17

1 1 The descendants of Adam were Seth, Enosh, **2** Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, **3** Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, **4** and Noah. The sons of Noah were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. **5** The descendants of Japheth were Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. **6** The descendants of Gomer were Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah. **7** The descendants of Javan were Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Rodanim. **8** The descendants of Ham were Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. **9** The descendants of Cush were Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabteca. The descendants of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan. **10** Cush was also the ancestor of Nimrod, who was the first heroic warrior on earth. **11** Mizraim was the ancestor of the Ludites, Anamites, Lehabites, Naphtuhites, **12** Pathrusites, Casluhites, and the Caphtorites, from whom the Philistines came. **13** Canaan's oldest son was Sidon, the ancestor of the Sidonians. Canaan was also the ancestor of the Hittites, **14** Jebusites, Amorites, Girgashites, **15** Hivites, Arkites, Sinites, **16** Arvadites, Zemarites, and Hamathites. **17** The descendants of Shem were Elam, Asshur, Arphaxad, Lud, and Aram. The descendants of Aram were Uz, Hul, Gether, and Mash. **18** Arphaxad was the father of Shelah. Shelah was the father of Eber. **19** Eber had two sons. The first was named Peleg (which means "division"), for during his lifetime the people of the world were divided into different language groups. His brother's name was Joktan. **20** Joktan was the ancestor of Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, **21** Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, **22** Obal, Abimael, Sheba, **23** Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these were descendants of Joktan. **24** So this is the family line descended from Shem: Arphaxad, Shelah, **25** Eber, Peleg, Reu, **26** Serug, Nahor, Terah, **27** and Abram, later known as Abraham. **28** The sons of Abraham were Isaac and Ishmael. **29** These are their genealogical records: The sons of Ishmael were Nebaioth (the oldest), Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, **30** Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema, **31** Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These were the sons of Ishmael. **32** The sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine, were Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. The sons of Jokshan were Sheba and Dedan. **33** The sons of Midian were Ephah, Ephraim, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were descendants of Abraham through his concubine Keturah. **34** Abraham was the father of Isaac. The sons of Isaac were Esau and Israel. **35** The sons of Esau were Eliphaz, Reuel, Jeush, Jalam, and Korah. **36** The descendants of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam, Kenaz, and Amalek, who was born to Timna. **37** The descendants of Reuel were Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. **38** The descendants of Seir

were Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan. **39** The descendants of Lotan were Hori and Hemam. Lotan's sister was named Timna. **40** The descendants of Shobal were Alvan, Manahath, Ebal, Shepho, and Onam. The descendants of Zibeon were Aiah and Anah. **41** The son of Anah was Dishon. The descendants of Dishon were Hemdan, Eshban, Ithran, and Keran. **42** The descendants of Ezer were Bilhan, Zaavan, and Akan. The descendants of Dishan were Uz and Aran. **43** These are the kings who ruled in the land of Edom before any king ruled over the Israelites : Bela son of Beor, who ruled from his city of Dinhabah. **44** When Bela died, Jobab son of Zerah from Bozrah became king in his place. **45** When Jobab died, Husham from the land of the Temanites became king in his place. **46** When Husham died, Hadad son of Bedad became king in his place and ruled from the city of Avith. He was the one who destroyed the Midianite army in the land of Moab. **47** When Hadad died, Samlah from the city of Masrekah became king in his place. **48** When Samlah died, Shaul from the city of Rehoboth-on-the-River became king in his place. **49** When Shaul died, Baal-hanan son of Acbor became king in his place. **50** When Baal-hanan died, Hadad became king in his place and ruled from the city of Pau. His wife was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred and granddaughter of Me-zahab. **51** Then Hadad died. The clan leaders of Edom were Timna, Alvah, Jetheth, **52** Oholibamah, Elah, Pinon, **53** Kenaz, Teman, Mibzar, **54** Magdiel, and Iram. These are the clan leaders of Edom.

2 1 The sons of Israel were Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, **2** Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. **3** Judah had three sons from Bathshua, a Canaanite woman. Their names were Er, Onan, and Shelah. But the LORD saw that the oldest son, Er, was a wicked man, so he killed him. **4** Later Judah had twin sons from Tamar, his widowed daughter-in-law. Their names were Perez and Zerah. So 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 Darda —five in all. **7** The son of Carmi (a descendant of Zimri) was Achan, who brought disaster on Israel by taking plunder that had been set apart for the LORD . **8** The son of Ethan was Azariah. **9** The sons of Hezron were Jerahmeel, Ram, and Caleb. **10** Ram was the father of Amminadab. Amminadab was the father of Nahshon, a leader of Judah. **11** Nahshon was the father of Salmon. Salmon was the father of Boaz. **12** Boaz was the father of Obed. Obed was the father of Jesse. **13** Jesse's first son was Eliab, his second was Abinadab, his third was Shimea, **14** his fourth was Nethanel, his fifth was Raddai, **15** his sixth was Ozem, and his seventh was David. **16** Their sisters were named Zeruiah and Abigail. Zeruiah had three sons named Abishai, Joab, and Asahel. **17** Abigail married a man named Jether, an Ishmaelite, and they had a son named Amasa.

Acts 23:11 - 35

23 **11** That night the Lord appeared to Paul and said, “Be encouraged, Paul. Just as you have been a witness to me here in Jerusalem, you must preach the Good News in Rome as well.” **12** The next morning a group of Jews got together and bound themselves with an oath not to eat or drink until they had killed Paul. **13** There were more than forty of them in the conspiracy. **14** They went to the leading priests and elders and told them, “We have bound ourselves with an oath to eat nothing until we have killed Paul. **15** So you and the high council should ask the commander to bring Paul back to the council again. Pretend you want to examine his case more fully. We will kill him on the way.” **16** But Paul’s nephew—his sister’s son—heard of their plan and went to the fortress and told Paul. **17** Paul called for one of the Roman officers and said, “Take this young man to the commander. He has something important to tell him.” **18** So the officer did, explaining, “Paul, the prisoner, called me over and asked me to bring this young man to you because he has something to tell you.” **19** The commander took his hand, led him aside, and asked, “What is it you want to tell me?” **20** Paul’s nephew told him, “Some Jews are going to ask you to bring Paul before the high council tomorrow, pretending they want to get some more information. **21** But don’t do it! There are more than forty men hiding along the way ready to ambush him. They have vowed not to eat or drink anything until they have killed him. They are ready now, just waiting for your consent.” **22** “Don’t let anyone know you told me this,” the commander warned the young man. **23** Then the commander called two of his officers and ordered, “Get 200 soldiers ready to leave for Caesarea at nine o’clock tonight. Also take 200 spearmen and 70 mounted troops. **24** Provide horses for Paul to ride, and get him safely to Governor Felix.” **25** Then he wrote this letter to the governor: **26** “From Claudius Lysias, to his Excellency, Governor Felix: Greetings! **27** “This man was seized by some Jews, and they were about to kill him when I arrived with the troops. When I learned that he was a Roman citizen, I removed him to safety. **28** Then I took him to their high council to try to learn the basis of the accusations against him. **29** I soon discovered the charge was something regarding their religious law—certainly nothing worthy of imprisonment or death. **30** But when I was informed of a plot to kill him, I immediately sent him on to you. I have told his accusers to bring their charges before you.” **31** So that night, as ordered, the soldiers took Paul as far as Antipatris. **32** They returned to the fortress the next morning, while the mounted troops took him on to Caesarea. **33** When they arrived in Caesarea, they presented Paul and the letter to Governor Felix. **34** He read it and then asked Paul what province he was from. “Cilicia,” Paul answered. **35** “I will hear your case myself when your accusers arrive,” the governor told him. Then the governor ordered him kept in the prison at Herod’s headquarters.

Psalm 3:1 - 8

3 1 O LORD, I have so many enemies; so many are against me. **2** So many are saying, “God will never rescue him!” Interlude **3** But you, O LORD, are a shield around me; you are my glory, the one who holds my head high. **4** I cried out to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy mountain. Interlude **5** I lay down and slept, yet I woke up in safety, for the LORD was watching over me. **6** I am not afraid of ten thousand enemies who surround me on every side. **7** Arise, O LORD ! Rescue me, my God! Slap all my enemies in the face! Shatter the teeth of the wicked! **8** Victory comes from you, O LORD . May you bless your people. Interlude

Proverbs 18:14 - 15

18 14 The human spirit can endure a sick body, but who can bear a crushed spirit? **15** Intelligent people are always ready to learn. Their ears are open for knowledge.