

**1Chronicles 3:1 ¶** Now these were the sons of David, which were born unto him in Hebron; the firstborn Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess:

**1Chronicles 3:2** The third, Absalom the son of Maachah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur: the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith:

**1Chronicles 3:3** The fifth, Shephatiah of Abital: the sixth, Ithream by Eglah his wife.

**1Chronicles 3:4** *These* six were born unto him in Hebron; and there he reigned seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years.

This chapter begins with a focus on the sons of David. Six were born in Hebron, the seat of his government for the first 7.5 years.

- Amnon – of Ahinoam
- Daniel (or Chileab in 2Samuel 3) – of Abigail
- Absalom – of Maachah
- Adonijah – of Haggith
- Shephatiah – of Abital
- Ithream – of Eglah

**1Chronicles 3:5** And these were born unto him in Jerusalem; Shimea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, four, of Bathshua the daughter of Ammiel:

**1Chronicles 3:6** Ibhar also, and Elishama, and Eliphelet,

**1Chronicles 3:7** And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

**1Chronicles 3:8** And Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine.

**1Chronicles 3:9** *These were* all the sons of David, beside the sons of the concubines, and Tamar their sister.

David had more sons born in Jerusalem, the capital of his kingdom for the last 33 years of his reign. Bathsheba gave him four sons: Shimea, Shobab, Nathan and Solomon. We know that Solomon was the oldest, so maybe they are listed from youngest to oldest. Nine more of his sons are identified by name; the rest are noted as “sons of the concubines.”

Tamar is the only daughter of David that is mentioned, but we know she had sisters. We also know that she was Absalom’s full sister.

*2 Samuel 5:13 “And David took him more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron: and there were yet sons and daughters born to David.”*

*2 Samuel 13:1 “And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar....”*

Clarke adds this note regarding Elishama and Eliphelet: “In this and the eighth verse these two names occur twice; some think this is a mistake, but others suppose that two persons of these names died young, and that the next born received the name of the deceased.”

**1Chronicles 3:10 ¶** And Solomon’s son was Rehoboam, Abia his son, Asa his

son, Jehoshaphat his son,

**1Chronicles 3:11** Joram his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash his son,

**1Chronicles 3:12** Amaziah his son, Azariah his son, Jotham his son,

**1Chronicles 3:13** Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son,

**1Chronicles 3:14** Amon his son, Josiah his son.

**1Chronicles 3:15** And the sons of Josiah *were*, the firstborn Johanan, the second Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum.

**1Chronicles 3:16** And the sons of Jehoiakim: Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his son.

Most all of these names are familiar from my journal through the books of Kings. It lists the royal line of David until the Babylonian exile. Of these, only a few of these kings were identified as doing right before the LORD:

- Asa
- Jehoshaphat
- Joash – started well but ended badly
- Amaziah – started well but ended badly
- Azariah aka Uzziah – very bad choice at the end
- Jotham
- Hezekiah
- Josiah

Shallum is also known as Jehoahaz.

*Jeremiah 22:11 “For thus saith the LORD touching Shallum the son of Josiah king of Judah, which reigned instead of Josiah his father....”*

*2 Kings 23:30 “...And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father’s stead.”*

**1Chronicles 3:17** And the sons of Jeconiah; Assir, Salathiel his son,

**1Chronicles 3:18** Malchiram also, and Pedaiah, and Shenazar, Jecamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.

**1Chronicles 3:19** And the sons of Pedaiah *were*, Zerubbabel, and Shimei: and the sons of Zerubbabel; Meshullam, and Hananiah, and Shelomith their sister:

**1Chronicles 3:20** And Hashubah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Hasadiah, Jushabhesed, five.

**1Chronicles 3:21** And the sons of Hananiah; Pelatiah, and Jesaiah: the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shechaniah.

**1Chronicles 3:22** And the sons of Shechaniah; Shemaiah: and the sons of Shemaiah; Hattush, and Igeal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and Shaphat, six.

**1Chronicles 3:23** And the sons of Neariah; Elioenai, and Hezekiah, and Azrikam, three.

**1Chronicles 3:24** And the sons of Elioenai *were*, Hodaiah, and Eliashib, and Pedaiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Dalaiah, and Anani, seven.

This section details the descendants of Jeconiah (called Coniah in Jeremiah); the

LORD declared that he would never have a descendant to occupy the throne of David.

*Jeremiah 22:24–30 “As I live, saith the LORD, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence.... Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.”*

It is because of this curse on Coniah, a descendant of Solomon, that the LORD gives us the blood line of Jesus through Mary, a descendant of Nathan, another son of David, in the genealogy recorded by Luke.

*Luke 3:23 & 31 “And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli... Which was the son of Melea, which was the son of Menan, which was the son of Mattatha, which was the son of Nathan, which was the son of David....”*