

**1Chronicles 7:1** ¶ Now the sons of Issachar *were*, Tola, and Puah, Jashub, and Shimron, four.

**1Chronicles 7:2** And the sons of Tola; Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Jibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their father's house, *to wit*, of Tola: *they were* valiant men of might in their generations; whose number *was* in the days of David two and twenty thousand and six hundred.

**1Chronicles 7:3** And the sons of Uzzi; Izrahiah: and the sons of Izrahiah; Michael, and Obadiah, and Joel, Ishiah, five: all of them chief men.

**1Chronicles 7:4** And with them, by their generations, after the house of their fathers, *were* bands of soldiers for war, six and thirty thousand *men*: for they had many wives and sons.

**1Chronicles 7:5** And their brethren among all the families of Issachar *were* valiant men of might, reckoned in all by their genealogies fourscore and seven thousand.

This section opens with the genealogy of the sons of Issachar. I am always reminded of a particular verse when I hear the name Issachar. The men of this tribe were noted for understanding the times to know what to do.

*1 Chronicles 12:32 "And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do...."*

The only way they could know this was through the written word of God or through the message of His prophets. My desire is to be like these men in this regard.

**1Chronicles 7:6** *The sons* of Benjamin; Bela, and Becher, and Jediael, three.

**1Chronicles 7:7** And the sons of Bela; Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, five; heads of the house of *their* fathers, mighty men of valour; and were reckoned by their genealogies twenty and two thousand and thirty and four.

**1Chronicles 7:8** And the sons of Becher; Zemira, and Joash, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jerimoth, and Abiah, and Anathoth, and Alameth. All these *are* the sons of Becher.

**1Chronicles 7:9** And the number of them, after their genealogy by their generations, heads of the house of their fathers, mighty men of valour, *was* twenty thousand and two hundred.

**1Chronicles 7:10** The sons also of Jediael; Bilhan: and the sons of Bilhan; Jeush, and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tharshish, and Ahishahar.

**1Chronicles 7:11** All these the sons of Jediael, by the heads of their fathers, mighty men of valour, *were* seventeen thousand and two hundred *soldiers*, fit to go out for war *and* battle.

**1Chronicles 7:12** Shuppim also, and Huppim, the children of Ir, *and* Hushim, the sons of Aher.

This section records descendants of the sons of Benjamin, the tribe that was almost wiped out in light of one gruesome sin as recorded in the book of Judges.

*Judges 21:15–16 “And the people repented them for Benjamin, because that the LORD had made a breach in the tribes of Israel. Then the elders of the congregation said, How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing the women are destroyed out of Benjamin?”*

Clarke makes a good reminder at this point: “...in many cases grandsons are called sons, and both are often confounded in the genealogical tables.”

**1Chronicles 7:13** The sons of Naphtali; Jahziel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shallum, the sons of Bilhah.

It’s interesting that the writer states that these sons were also the sons of Bilhah; she was the mother of Naphtali.

**1Chronicles 7:14** The sons of Manasseh; Ashriel, whom she bare: (*but his concubine the Aramitess bare Machir the father of Gilead:*

**1Chronicles 7:15** *And Machir took to wife the sister of Huppim and Shuppim, whose sister’s name was Maachah;)* and the name of the second *was Zelophehad: and Zelophehad had daughters.*

**1Chronicles 7:16** *And Maachah the wife of Machir bare a son, and she called his name Peresh; and the name of his brother was Sheresh; and his sons were Ulam and Rakem.*

**1Chronicles 7:17** *And the sons of Ulam; Bedan. These were the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh.*

**1Chronicles 7:18** *And his sister Hammoleketh bare Ishod, and Abiezer, and Mahalah.*

**1Chronicles 7:19** *And the sons of Shemida were, Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam.*

This section records the descendants of Manasseh.

The daughters of Zelophehad stand out to me since it was through their boldness that the right of inheritance was granted to daughters of men that had no sons.

*Numbers 27:7–8 “The daughters of Zelophehad speak right: thou shalt surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father’s brethren; and thou shalt cause the inheritance of their father to pass unto them. And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter.”*

**1Chronicles 7:20 ¶** *And the sons of Ephraim; Shuthelah, and Bered his son, and Tahath his son, and Eladah his son, and Tahath his son,*

**1Chronicles 7:21** *And Zabad his son, and Shuthelah his son, and Ezer, and Elead, whom the men of Gath that were born in that land slew, because they came down to take away their cattle.*

**1Chronicles 7:22** *And Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him.*

**1Chronicles 7:23** *And when he went in to his wife, she conceived, and bare a son, and he called his name Beriah, because it went evil with his house.*

**1Chronicles 7:24** (And his daughter *was* Sherah, who built Bethhoron the nether, and the upper, and Uzzensherah.)

**1Chronicles 7:25** And Rephah *was* his son, also Resheph, and Telah his son, and Tahan his son,

**1Chronicles 7:26** Laadan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son,

**1Chronicles 7:27** Non his son, Jehoshua his son.

**1Chronicles 7:28** And their possessions and habitations *were*, Bethel and the towns thereof, and eastward Naaran, and westward Gezer, with the towns thereof; Shechem also and the towns thereof, unto Gaza and the towns thereof:

**1Chronicles 7:29** And by the borders of the children of Manasseh, Bethshean and her towns, Taanach and her towns, Megiddo and her towns, Dor and her towns. In these dwelt the children of Joseph the son of Israel.

This section is a record of the descendants of Ephraim.

Many commentators note that the event referenced in verse 21 happened while the children of Israel were still in Egypt. Gill offers this explanation: "...came down, as men did when they went from Palestine to Egypt, not when they went from Egypt to Palestine, then they "went up"; which would have been the phrase used, if this had been an expedition of the Ephraimites into Palestine; besides, it is not reasonable to think, that the Ephraimites, addicted to husbandry and cattle, and not used to war, should engage in such an enterprise; but rather the men of Gath, or the Philistines, who were a warlike people, and given to spoil and plunder; this, according to a learned chronologer<sup>12</sup>, was seventy four years after Jacob went down to Egypt, and one hundred and forty years before the children of Israel came from thence."

Following is a record of the descendants of Asher about which I have no comments.

**1Chronicles 7:30** The sons of Asher; Imnah, and Isuah, and Ishuai, and Beriah, and Serah their sister.

**1Chronicles 7:31** And the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel, who *is* the father of Birzavith.

**1Chronicles 7:32** And Heber begat Japhlet, and Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua their sister.

**1Chronicles 7:33** And the sons of Japhlet; Pasach, and Bimhal, and Ashvath. These *are* the children of Japhlet.

**1Chronicles 7:34** And the sons of Shamer; Ahi, and Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram.

**1Chronicles 7:35** And the sons of his brother Helem; Zophah, and Imna, and Shelesh, and Amal.

**1Chronicles 7:36** The sons of Zophah; Suah, and Harnepher, and Shual, and Beri, and Imrah,

**1Chronicles 7:37** Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilshah, and Ithran, and Beera.

**1Chronicles 7:38** And the sons of Jether; Jephunneh, and Pispah, and Ara.

**1Chronicles 7:39** And the sons of Ulla; Arah, and Haniel, and Rezia.

**1Chronicles 7:40 All these *were* the children of Asher, heads of *their* father's house, choice *and* mighty men of valour, chief of the princes. And the number throughout the genealogy of them that were apt to the war *and* to battle *was* twenty and six thousand men.**