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From Darren:

1 Chronicles 2:18-4:4 — More ancestry

Ps 4:1-8 — It has always bothered me that this Psalm doesn't start with the word, "Please"

Pro 18:16-18 — I am prone to believe the first witness I hear in cases regarding my children

Acts 24:1-27 — "A man who is his own lawyer has a fool for a client" is how the old saying goes...unless you have the Holy Spirit on your side

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1 Chronicles 2:18-4:4

2 18 Hezron's son Caleb had sons from his wife Azubah and from Jerioth. Her sons were named Jeshur, Shobab, and Ardon.

19 After Azubah died, Caleb married Ephrathah, and they had a son named Hur.

20 Hur was the father of Uri. Uri was the father of Bezalel.

21 When Hezron was sixty years old, he married Gilead's sister, the daughter of Makir. They had a son named Segub.

22 Segub was the father of Jair, who ruled twenty-three towns in the land of Gilead.

23 (But Geshur and Aram captured the Towns of Jair and also took Kenath and its sixty surrounding villages.) All these were descendants of Makir, the father of Gilead.

24 Soon after Hezron died in the town of Caleb-ephrathah, his wife Abijah gave birth to a son named Ashhur (the father of Tekoa).

25 The sons of Jerahmeel, the oldest son of Hezron, were Ram (the firstborn), Bunah, Oren, Ozem, and Ahijah.

26 Jerahmeel had a second wife named Atarah. She was the mother of Onam.

27 The sons of Ram, the oldest son of Jerahmeel, were Maaz, Jamin, and Eker.

28 The sons of Onam were Shammai and Jada. The sons of Shammai were Nadab and Abishur.

29 The sons of Abishur and his wife Abihail were Ahban and Molid.

30 The sons of Nadab were Seled and Appaim. Seled died without children,

31 but Appaim had a son named Ishi. The son of Ishi was Sheshan. Sheshan had a descendant named Ahlai.

32 The sons of Jada, Shammai's brother, were Jether and Jonathan. Jether died without children,

33 but Jonathan had two sons named Peleth and Zaza. These were all descendants of Jerahmeel.

34 Sheshan had no sons, though he did have daughters. He also had an Egyptian servant named Jarha.

35 Sheshan gave one of his daughters to be the wife of Jarha, and they had a son named Attai.

36 Attai was the father of Nathan. Nathan was the father of Zabad.

37 Zabad was the father of Ephlal. Ephlal was the father of Obed.

38 Obed was the father of Jehu. Jehu was the father of Azariah.

39 Azariah was the father of Helez. Helez was the father of Eleasah.

40 Eleasah was the father of Sismai. Sismai was the father of Shallum.

41 Shallum was the father of Jekamiah. Jekamiah was the father of Elishama.

42 The descendants of Caleb, the brother of Jerahmeel, included Mesha (the firstborn), who became the father of Ziph. Caleb's descendants also included the sons of Mareshah, the father of Hebron.

43 The sons of Hebron were Korah, Tappuah, Rekem, and Shema.

44 Shema was the father of Raham. Raham was the father of Jorkeam. Rekem was the father of Shammai.

45 The son of Shammai was Maon. Maon was the father of Beth-zur.

46 Caleb's concubine Ephah gave birth to Haran, Moza, and Gazez. Haran was the father of Gazez.

47 The sons of Jahdai were Regem, Jotham, Geshan, Pelet, Ephah, and Shaaph.

48 Another of Caleb's concubines, Maacah, gave birth to Sheber and Tirhanah.

49 She also gave birth to Shaaph (the father of Madmannah) and Sheva (the father of Macbenah and Gibeon). Caleb also had a daughter named Acsah.

50 These were all descendants of Caleb. Descendants of Caleb's Son Hur The sons of Hur, the oldest son of Caleb's wife Ephrathah, were Shobal (the founder of Kiriath-jearim),

51 Salma (the founder of Bethlehem), and Hareph (the founder of Beth-gader).

52 The descendants of Shobal (the founder of Kiriath-jearim) were Haroeh, half the Manahathites,

53 and the families of Kiriath-jearim—the Ithrites, Puthites, Shumathites, and Mishraites, from whom came the people of Zorah and Eshtaol.

54 The descendants of Salma were the people of Bethlehem, the Netophathites, Atroth-beth-joab, the other half of the Manahathites, the Zorites,

55 and the families of scribes living at Jabez—the Tirathites, Shimeathites, and Sucathites. All these were Kenites who descended from Hammath, the father of the family of Recab.

3 1 These are the sons of David who were born in Hebron: The oldest was Amnon, whose mother was Ahinoam from Jezreel. The second was Daniel, whose mother was Abigail from Carmel.

2 The third was Absalom, whose mother was Maacah, the daughter of Talmai, king of Geshur. The fourth was Adonijah, whose mother was Haggith.

3 The fifth was Shephatiah, whose mother was Abital. The sixth was Ithream, whose mother was Eglah, David's wife.

4 These six sons were born to David in Hebron, where he reigned seven and a half years. Then David reigned another thirty-three years in Jerusalem.

5 The sons born to David in Jerusalem included Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon. Their mother was Bathsheba, the daughter of Ammiel.

6 David also had nine other sons: Ibhar, Elishua, Elpelet,

7 Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,

8 Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet.

9 These were the sons of David, not including his sons born to his concubines. Their sister was named Tamar.

10 The descendants of Solomon were Rehoboam, Abijah, Asa, Jehoshaphat,

11 Jehoram, Ahaziah, Joash,

12 Amaziah, Uzziah, Jotham,

13 Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh,

14 Amon, and Josiah.

15 The sons of Josiah were Johanan (the oldest), Jehoiakim (the second), Zedekiah (the third), and Jehoahaz (the fourth).

16 The successors of Jehoiakim were his son Jehoiachin and his brother Zedekiah.

17 The sons of Jehoiachin, who was taken prisoner by the Babylonians, were Shealtiel,
18 Malkiram, Pedaiiah, Shenazzar, Jekamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.
19 The sons of Pedaiiah were Zerubbabel and Shimei. The sons of Zerubbabel were Meshullam
and Hananiah. (Their sister was Shelomith.)
20 His five other sons were Hashubah, Ohel, Berekiah, Hasadiah, and Jushab-hesed.
21 The sons of Hananiah were Pelatiah and Jeshaiiah. Jeshaiiah's son was Rephaiah.
Rephaiah's son was Arnan. Arnan's son was Obadiah. Obadiah's son was Shecaniah.
22 The descendants of Shecaniah were Shemaiah and his sons, Hattush, Igal, Bariah, Neariah,
and Shaphat—six in all.
23 The sons of Neariah were Elioenai, Hizkiah, and Azrikam—three in all.
24 The sons of Elioenai were Hodaviah, Eliashib, Pelaiah, Akkub, Johanan, Delaiah, and Anani
—seven in all.

4 1 The descendants of Judah were Perez, Hezron, Carmi, Hur, and Shobal.
2 Shobal's son Reaiah was the father of Jahath. Jahath was the father of Ahumai and Lahad.
These were the families of the Zorathites.
3 The descendants of Etam were Jezreel, Ishma, Idbash, their sister Hazzelelponi,
4 Penuel (the father of Gedor), and Ezer (the father of Hushah). These were the descendants of
Hur (the firstborn of Ephrathah), the ancestor of Bethlehem.

Psalm 4:1-8

4 1 Answer me when I call to you, O God who declares me innocent. Free me from my
troubles. Have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
2 How long will you people ruin my reputation? How long will you make groundless
accusations? How long will you continue your lies? Interlude
3 You can be sure of this: The LORD set apart the godly for himself. The LORD will answer
when I call to him.
4 Don't sin by letting anger control you. Think about it overnight and remain silent. Interlude
5 Offer sacrifices in the right spirit, and trust the LORD .
6 Many people say, "Who will show us better times?" Let your face smile on us, LORD .
7 You have given me greater joy than those who have abundant harvests of grain and new
wine.
8 In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, O LORD, will keep me safe.

Proverbs 18:16-18

18 16 Giving a gift can open doors; it gives access to important people!
17 The first to speak in court sounds right— until the cross-examination begins.
18 Flipping a coin can end arguments; it settles disputes between powerful opponents.

Acts 24:1-27

24 1 Five days later Ananias, the high priest, arrived with some of the Jewish elders and the
lawyer Tertullus, to present their case against Paul to the governor.
2 When Paul was called in, Tertullus presented the charges against Paul in the following
address to the governor: "You have provided a long period of peace for us Jews and with
foresight have enacted reforms for us.

3 For all of this, Your Excellency, we are very grateful to you.

4 But I don't want to bore you, so please give me your attention for only a moment.

5 We have found this man to be a troublemaker who is constantly stirring up riots among the Jews all over the world. He is a ringleader of the cult known as the Nazarenes.

6 Furthermore, he was trying to desecrate the Temple when we arrested him.

7 ***(Some manuscripts add an expanded conclusion to verse 6, all of verse 7, and an additional phrase in verse 8: We would have judged him by our law, 7 but Lysias, the commander of the garrison, came and violently took him away from us, 8 commanding his accusers to come before you.)***

8 You can find out the truth of our accusations by examining him yourself.”

9 Then the other Jews chimed in, declaring that everything Tertullus said was true.

10 The governor then motioned for Paul to speak. Paul said, “I know, sir, that you have been a judge of Jewish affairs for many years, so I gladly present my defense before you.

11 You can quickly discover that I arrived in Jerusalem no more than twelve days ago to worship at the Temple.

12 My accusers never found me arguing with anyone in the Temple, nor stirring up a riot in any synagogue or on the streets of the city.

13 These men cannot prove the things they accuse me of doing.

14 “But I admit that I follow the Way, which they call a cult. I worship the God of our ancestors, and I firmly believe the Jewish law and everything written in the prophets.

15 I have the same hope in God that these men have, that he will raise both the righteous and the unrighteous.

16 Because of this, I always try to maintain a clear conscience before God and all people.

17 “After several years away, I returned to Jerusalem with money to aid my people and to offer sacrifices to God.

18 My accusers saw me in the Temple as I was completing a purification ceremony. There was no crowd around me and no rioting.

19 But some Jews from the province of Asia were there—and they ought to be here to bring charges if they have anything against me!

20 Ask these men here what crime the Jewish high council found me guilty of,

21 except for the one time I shouted out, ‘I am on trial before you today because I believe in the resurrection of the dead!’”

22 At that point Felix, who was quite familiar with the Way, adjourned the hearing and said, “Wait until Lysias, the garrison commander, arrives. Then I will decide the case.”

23 He ordered an officer to keep Paul in custody but to give him some freedom and allow his friends to visit him and take care of his needs.

24 A few days later Felix came back with his wife, Drusilla, who was Jewish. Sending for Paul, they listened as he told them about faith in Christ Jesus.

25 As he reasoned with them about righteousness and self-control and the coming day of judgment, Felix became frightened. “Go away for now,” he replied. “When it is more convenient, I’ll call for you again.”

26 He also hoped that Paul would bribe him, so he sent for him quite often and talked with him.

27 After two years went by in this way, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus. And because Felix wanted to gain favor with the Jewish people, he left Paul in prison.