***1 Chronicles***

***Chapter 8***

***The Genealogy of Saul the Benjamite***

**Benjamin was the father of Bela his firstborn,**

**Ashbel the second son, Aharah the third, 2 Nohah the fourth and Rapha the fifth.**

**3 The sons of Bela were:**

**Addar, Gera, Abihud, 4 Abishua, Naaman, Ahoah, 5 Gera, Shephuphan and Huram.**

**6 These were the descendants of Ehud, who were heads of families of those living in Geba and were deported to Manahath:**

**7 Naaman, Ahijah, and Gera, who deported them and who was the father of Uzza and Ahihud.**

**8 Sons were born to Shaharaim in Moab after he had divorced his wives Hushim and Baara. 9 By his wife Hodesh he had Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, Malcam, 10 Jeuz, Sakia and Mirmah. These were his sons, heads of families. 11 By Hushim he had Abitub and Elpaal.**

**12 The sons of Elpaal:**

**Eber, Misham, Shemed (who built Ono and Lod with its surrounding villages), 13 and Beriah and Shema, who were heads of families of those living in Aijalon and who drove out the inhabitants of Gath.**

**14 Ahio, Shashak, Jeremoth, 15 Zebadiah, Arad, Eder, 16 Michael, Ishpah and Joha were the sons of Beriah.**

**17 Zebadiah, Meshullam, Hizki, Heber, 18 Ishmerai, Izliah and Jobab were the sons of Elpaal.**

**19 Jakim, Zicri, Zabdi, 20 Elienai, Zillethai, Eliel, 21 Adaiah, Beraiah and Shimrath were the sons of Shimei.**

**22 Ishpan, Eber, Eliel, 23 Abdon, Zicri, Hanan, 24 Hananiah, Elam, Anthothijah, 25 Iphdeiah and Penuel were the sons of Shashak.**

**26 Shamsherai, Shehariah, Athaliah, 27 Jaareshiah, Elijah and Zicri were the sons of Jeroham.**

**28 All these were heads of families, chiefs as listed in their genealogy, and they lived in Jerusalem.**

**29 Jeiel the father of Gibeon lived in Gibeon.**

**His wife’s name was Maacah, 30 and his firstborn son was Abdon, followed by Zur, Kish, Baal, Ner, Nadab, 31 Gedor, Ahio, Zeker 32 and Mikloth, who was the father of Shimeah. They too lived near their relatives in Jerusalem.**

**33 Ner was the father of Kish, Kish the father of Saul, and Saul the father of Jonathan, Malki-Shua, Abinadab and Esh-Baal.**

**34 The son of Jonathan:**

**Merib-Baal, who was the father of Micah.**

**35 The sons of Micah:**

**Pithon, Melech, Tarea and Ahaz.**

**36 Ahaz was the father of Jehoaddah, Jehoaddah was the father of Alemeth, Azmaveth and Zimri, and Zimri was the father of Moza. 37 Moza was the father of Binea; Raphah was his son, Eleasah his son and Azel his son.**

**38 Azel had six sons, and these were their names:**

**Azrikam, Bokeru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah and Hanan. All these were the sons of Azel.**

**39 The sons of his brother Eshek:**

**Ulam his firstborn, Jeush the second son and Eliphelet the third. 40 The sons of Ulam were brave warriors who could handle the bow. They had many sons and grandsons—150 in all.**

**All these were the descendants of Benjamin.**

**8:1–40** The inclusion of a second and even more extensive genealogy of Benjamin (see note on 7:6–12) reflects both the importance of this tribe and the Chronicler’s interest in Saul. Judah, Simeon and part of Benjamin had composed the southern kingdom (1Ki 12:1–21), and their territory largely comprised the restoration province of Judah in the Chronicler’s own time. The genealogy of Benjamin is more extensive than that of all the other tribes except Judah and Levi. The Chronicler is also concerned with the genealogy of Saul (vv. 29–38) in order to set the stage for the historical narrative that begins with the end of his reign (ch. 10); Saul’s genealogy is repeated in 9:35–44. Several references suggest that this genealogy also originated in the military sphere (vv. 6, 10, 13, 28, 40). (CSB)

**8:1–5** Cf. the lists in 7:6–12; Ge 46:21–22; Nu 26:38–41. (CSB)

**8:6–27** Unique to Chronicles. (CSB)

**8:29–38** Essentially the same as the list in 9:35–44. (CSB)

**8:33** For the sons of Saul see 1Sa 14:49; 31:2. (CSB)

*Jonathan.* The firstborn and the best known of the sons of Saul, both for his military prowess and for his friendship with David (1Sa 13–14; 18:1–4; 19:1–7; 20:1–42; 23:16–18; 2Sa 21:13–14). (CSB)

*Esh-Baal.* See NIV text note; see also note on 2Sa 2:8. (CSB)

**8:34** *Merib-Baal.* See NIV text note; see also note on 2Sa 4:4. (CSB)