

Appendix 2A, Attachment 1.

JESSE, DESCENDANCY OF

(a) “Jesse passed *seven* his sons before Samuel, but said Samuel to Jesse, not has chosen *Tet.* among these.” Jesse then told Samuel that his “youngest” son remained and summoned David at Samuel’s request. *1 Samuel* 16:10ff. *Note:* This would make David an *eighth* son of Jesse, which corresponds with (c) below but not with (b).

(b) “And Jesse fathered his firstborn Eliab[*/Elihu*], and Abinadab the second, and Shimea the third, Nethaneel the fourth, Raddai the fifth, Ozem the sixth, *David the seventh.* And their sisters Zeruiah and Abigail.” *2 Chronicles* 2:13-16. (Of king David’s leaders, “over Judah *Elihu*, of the brothers of David;” *1 Chronicles* 27:18.)

(c) “[T]o Jesse were *eight* sons”-- Eliab, firstborn; Abinadab, second; and Shammah, third, first had battled for Saul. *1 Samuel* 17.12-14.

(d) “And the sons of Zeruiah: Abishai, and Joab, and Asahel,¹ three. And Abigail bore Amasa; and the father of Amasa Jether the Ishmaelite.” *1 Chronicles* 16-17.

(e) “Amasa the son of a man and his name Ithra, the Israelite, who had gone in to Abigail, the daughter of Nahash, the sister of Zeruiah, the mother of Joab.” *Note:* “Some authorities believe that Abigail was only a half-sister”-- that Jesse fathered Abigail and Zeruiah with another woman before siring David, while “Rabbinical tradition holds that Nahash is simply another name for Jesse,” with certain versions substituting “Jesse” for “Nahash” in their text. *2 Samuel* 17:25. (*Aid*, pp. 16-17; see Appendices 2A, Nahash, at footnote 3, and 1E *before* footnote 51.)

(f) The only reference to a Zeruiah husband and father of her sons is at *2 Samuel* 2:32: son Asahel was “buried in the grave of his father which Bethlehem.” (*Refer to* Appendix 1E following 33 regarding the confrontation that resulted in Asahel’s death.)

¹Other *Asahels*: A Levite teacher of king Jehoshaphat’s reign; a temple commissioner of funds in king Hezekiah’s reign; (*Asahel-*) Jonathan, found to have a foreign wife during post-exilic excommunications.

| JESSE + ?? "an Ephrathahite/Ephrathite" ² | | | | | | [Jesse + ?? or [? + Nahash?] | | |
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| Eliab ³ / [Elihu] | Abinadab ⁴ | Shammah/Shimea ⁵ | Nethaneel | Raddai | Ozem ⁶ | David | Zeruiah | Abigail + Jether/Ithra |
| / | / | / | [App.3B, Att. 1, [only use | | | / | / | [App. 1A, Att. 1 ⁷] |
| Abihail (+ Jerimoth ⁸) | Jonadab/ | <u>Nethanel</u> | of name] | | | <i>Continued in</i> | Abishai, | Amasa |
| / | Jehonadab ⁹ | | | | | <i>Att. 3 to this</i> | Joab, | [App. 2A, <u>Amasa</u>] |
| Mahalath ¹⁰ | | | | | | <i>appendix, "David,</i> | Asahel. | |
| <i>/Continued in Att. 3</i> | | | | | | <i>Descendancy of."</i> | | |
| part IV, Rehoboam. | | | | | | | | |

² See Appendix 1B, "Ephrath/Ephrathah."

³ Eliab was angered when David, delivering provisions to the battlefield, expressed aggression at the appearance of the Philistine champion, Goliath (1 Samuel 17:20 ff.; Appendix 1A, Attachment 1, Eliab.)

⁴ Uses of *Abinadab*: (a) *Abinadab* at whose house in Kirjath-jearim the ark remained for two decades--his son, Uzza, was killed during David's subsequent moving of the ark (Appendix 2A, Ark); (b) *Abinadab*, father of an unnamed son who married Solomon's daughter, Taphath, and was Solomon's deputy over the region of Dor (1 Kings 4:11); (c) *Abinadab* a Saul son (Attachment 2 to this appendix, "Saul, Descendancy of").

⁵ Refer to Appendix 2A, Shammuah/Shammua/Shimea.

⁶ One other, a son of Jerahmeel; see Appendix 1C, Attachment 1, D, Hezron descendancy.

⁷ Also see Appendix 2B, part III, at "Gareb, *the Ithrite*."

⁸ An obliquely mentioned son of David; see Attachment 3 to this appendix, "David, Descendancy of," part II, (c).

⁹ 2 Samuel 13:32. The same as?--(Shimeah-) "Jonathan," who struck one giant warrior of Gath and also instigated Amnon's "violation" of Tamar (2 Samuel 21-21; 13:3 ff.). One other Jehonadab was a son of Rechab of the time of north king #10.

¹⁰ 2 Chronicles 11:18. One other, (Ishmael + ?-) *Mahalath*--Appendix 1A, Attachment 2, "Descendancies of Esau Wives."