

### ~JESSE (376)

(Jes'se) [shortened form of Isshiah, meaning, Yehowah Makes Forget, or, possibly, a shortened form of Abishai]

- Father of King David of the tribe of Judah, grandson of Ruth and Boaz and a link in the genealogical line from Abraham to Jesus.
- Then the neighbor ladies gave it a name, saying; A son has been born to Naomi. And they began to call his name Obed. He is the father of **Jesse**, David's father. (**Ruth 4:17**)
- And Obed became father to **Jesse**, and Jesse became father to David. (**Ruth 4:22**)
- Salmon became father to Boaz by Rahab. Boaz became father to Obed by Ruth. Obed became father to **Jesse**. (**Matthew 1:5**)
- **Jesse** became father to David the king. David became father to Solomon by the wife of Uriah. (**Matthew 1:6**)
- Son of Melea, son of Menna, son of Mattatha, son of Nathan, son of David. (**Luke 3:31**)
- Son of **Jesse**, son of Obed, son of Boaz, son of Salmon, son of Nahshon. (**Luke 3:32**)
- **Jesse** fathered eight sons, one of whom apparently died before producing any sons of his own, which may account for the omission of his name from the genealogies of Chronicles.
- So **Jesse** had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, still Samuel said to Jesse; Yehowah has not chosen these. (**1 Samuel 16:10**)
- Finally Samuel said to **Jesse**; Are these all the boys? To this he said; The youngest one has till now been left out, and, look! He is pasturing the sheep. At that Samuel said to Jesse; Do send and fetch him, because we shall not sit down to meal until his coming here. (**1 Samuel 16:11**)
- Now David was the son of this Ephrathite from Bethlehem of Judah whose name was **Jesse**. And he had eight sons. And in the days of Saul the man was already old among men. (**1 Samuel**

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- Boaz, in turn, became father to Obed. Obed, in turn, became father to **Jesse**. (**1 Chronicles 2:12**)
- **Jesse**, in turn, became father to his firstborn Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and Shimea the third. (**1 Chronicles 2:13**)
- Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth. (**1 Chronicles 2:14**)
- Ozem the sixth, David the seventh. (**1 Chronicles 2:15**)
- The two sisters of David, Abigail and Zeruiah, are nowhere called **Jesses** daughters, but one is called, the daughter of Nahash.
- And their sisters were Zeruiah and Abigail, and the sons of Zeruiah were Abishai and Joab and Asahel, three. (**1 Chronicles 2:16**)
- As for Abigail, she gave birth to Amasa, and the father of Amasa was Jether the Ishmaelite. (**1 Chronicles 2:17**)
- And Amasa was the one whom Absalom put in the place of Joab over the army, and Amasa was the son of a man whose name was Ithra the Israelite, who had relations with Abigail the daughter of Nahash, the sister of Zeruiah, Joab's mother. (**2 Samuel 17:25**)
- It may be that Nahash was the former husband of **Jesse's** wife, making her girls half sisters to **Jesse's** sons, unless Nahash is another name for **Jesse**, or even the name of his wife, as some have suggested.
- **Jesse** was a sheep owner living at Bethlehem. After King Saul turned away from true worship, Yehowah sent Samuel to **Jesse's** home to anoint one of his sons as king. **Jesse** brought in the seven older boys, but when Yehowah chose none of these **Jesse** was obliged to call his youngest son David from pasturing the sheep, this son was Yehowah's choice.
- Eventually Yehowah said to Samuel; For how long will you be mourning for Saul, while I, on the other hand, have rejected him from ruling as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I shall send you to **Jesse** the Bethlehemite, because I have provided among his sons a king for myself. (**1 Samuel 16:1**)

- But Samuel said; How can I go? Once Saul has heard of it he will certainly kill me. And Yehowah went on to say; A young cow of the herd you should take with you, and you must say; To sacrifice to Yehowah is why I have come. (1 Samuel 16:2)
- And you must call **Jesse** to the sacrifice, and I, for my part, shall make known to you what you should do, and you must anoint for me the one whom I designate to you. (1 Samuel 16:3)
- And Samuel proceeded to do what Yehowah spoke. When he came to Bethlehem the older men of the city began to tremble at meeting him, and so they said; Does your coming mean peace? (1 Samuel 16:4)
- To this he said; It means peace. To sacrifice to Yehowah is why I have come. Sanctify yourselves, and you must come with me to the sacrifice. Then he sanctified **Jesse** and his sons, after which he called them to the sacrifice. (1 Samuel 16:5)
- And it came about that, as they came in and he caught sight of Eliab, he at once said; Surely his anointed one is before Yehowah. (1 Samuel 16:6)
- But Yehowah said to Samuel; Do not look at his appearance and at the height of his stature, for I have rejected him. For not the way man sees is the way God sees, because mere man sees what appears to the eyes, but as for Yehowah, he sees what the heart is. (1 Samuel 16:7)
- Then **Jesse** called Abinadab and had him pass before Samuel, but he said; Neither has Yehowah chosen this one. (1 Samuel 16:8)
- Next **Jesse** had Shammah pass by, but he said; Neither has Yehowah chosen this one. (1 Samuel 16:9)
- So **Jesse** had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, still Samuel said to Jesse; Yehowah has not chosen these. (1 Samuel 16:10)
- Finally Samuel said to **Jesse**; Are these all the boys? To this he said; The youngest one has till now been left out, and, look! He is pasturing the sheep. At that Samuel said to Jesse; Do send and fetch him, because we shall not sit down to meal until his coming here. (1 Samuel 16:11)

- Accordingly he sent and had him come. Now he was ruddy, a young man with beautiful eyes and handsome in appearance. Then Yehowah said; Get up, anoint him, for this is he! (1 Samuel 16:12)
- Accordingly Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the spirit of Yehowah began to be operative upon David from that day forward. Later Samuel rose and went his way to Ramah. (1 Samuel 16:13)
- When Saul summoned David to play the soothing harp for him, aged **Jesse** sent along a generous gift and later granted permission for David to remain some time in attendance at Saul's court.
- So Saul said to his servants; Provide me, please, a man doing well at playing, and you must bring him to me. (1 Samuel 16:17)
- And one of the attendants proceeded to answer and say; Look! I have seen how a son of **Jesse** the Bethlehemite is skilled at playing, and he is a valiant, mighty man and a man of war and an intelligent speaker and a well-formed man, and Yehowah is with him. (1 Samuel 16:18)
- Then Saul sent messengers to **Jesse** and said; Do send to me David your son, who is with the flock. (1 Samuel 16:19)
- So **Jesse** took an ass, bread and a skin bottle of wine and a kid of the goats and sent them by the hand of David his son to Saul. (1 Samuel 16:20)
- Thus David came to Saul and attended upon him, and he got to loving him very much, and he came to be his armor-bearer. (1 Samuel 16:21)
- Consequently Saul sent to **Jesse**, saying; Let David, please, keep attending upon me, for he has found favor in my eyes. (1 Samuel 16:22)
- And it occurred that, when God's spirit came to be upon Saul, David took the harp and played with his hand, and there was relief for Saul and it was well with him, and the bad spirit departed from upon him. (1 Samuel 16:23)

- Now David was the son of this Ephrathite from Bethlehem of Judah whose name was **Jesse**. And he had eight sons. And in the days of Saul the man was already old among men. (**1 Samuel 17:12**)
- Later, when it appears that David was back again tending the sheep, **Jesse** sent him with some provisions for the three oldest boys, who were in Saul's army.
- And the three oldest sons of **Jesse** proceeded to go. They went after Saul to the war, and the names of his three sons that went into the war were Eliab the firstborn, and his second son Abinadab and the third Shammah. (**1 Samuel 17:13**)
- And David was going and returning from Saul to tend the sheep of his father at Bethlehem. (**1 Samuel 17:15**)
- Then **Jesse** said to David his son; Take, please, to your brothers this ephah of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread, and carry them quickly to the camp to your brothers. (**1 Samuel 17:17**)
- And these ten portions of milk you should bring to the chief of the thousand, also, you should look after your own brothers as regards their welfare, and a token from them you should take. (**1 Samuel 17:18**)
- Accordingly David got up early in the morning and left the sheep to the keepers charge and picked up and went just as **Jesse** had commanded him. When he came to the camp enclosure, the military forces were going out to the battle line, and they raised a shout for the battle. (**1 Samuel 17:20**)
- During the time David was outlawed by Saul, **Jesse** and his wife were given asylum in Moab.
- Later David went from there to Mizpeh in Moab and said to the king of Moab; Let my father and my mother, please, dwell with you people until I know what God will do to me. (**1 Samuel 22:3**)
- Accordingly he settled them before the king of Moab, and they continued dwelling with him all the days that David happened to be in the inaccessible place. (**1 Samuel 22:4**)

- Often David is called, the son of **Jesse**, disparagingly, by persons such as Saul, Doeg, Nabal, and Sheba
- And it came about the day after the new moon, on the second day, that David's place continued vacant. At this Saul said to Jonathan his son; Why has not the son of **Jesse** come to the meal either yesterday or today? (**1 Samuel 20:27**)
- Then Saul's anger grew hot against Jonathan and he said to him; You son of a rebellious maid, do I not well know that you are choosing the son of **Jesse** to your own shame and to the shame of the secret parts of your mother? (**1 Samuel 20:30**)
- For all the days that the son of **Jesse** is alive on the ground, you and your kingship will not be firmly established. So now send and fetch him to me, for he is destined for death. (**1 Samuel 20:31**)
- Then Saul said to his servants stationed about him; Listen, please, you Benjaminites. Will the son of **Jesse** also give to all of you fields and vineyards? Will he appoint all of you chiefs of thousands and chiefs of hundreds? (**1 Samuel 22:7**)
- And Saul went on to say to him; Why have you men conspired against me, you and the son of **Jesse**, by your giving him bread and a sword, and there being an inquiry of God for him, to rise up against me as a liar in ambush the way it is this day? (**1 Samuel 22:13**)
- At this Nabal answered David's servants and said; Who is David, and who is the son of **Jesse**? Nowadays the servants that are breaking away, each one from before his master, have become many. (**1 Samuel 25:10**)
- Now there happened to be there a good-for-nothing man, whose name was Sheba, the son of Bichri a Benjaminite, and he proceeded to blow the horn and say; We have no share in David, and we have no inheritance in the son of **Jesse**. Every one to his gods, O Israel! (**2 Samuel 20:1**)
- When all Israel got to see that the king had not listened to them, then the people replied to the king, saying; What share do we have in David? And there is no inheritance in the son of **Jesse**. To your gods, O Israel. Now see to your own house, O David!

With that Israel began to go to their tents. (**1 Kings 12:16**)

- As for all Israel, because the king did not listen to them, the people now replied to the king, saying; What share do we have in David? And there is no inheritance in the son of **Jesse**. Each one to your gods, O Israel! Now see to your own house, O David. With that all Israel began to go to its tents. (**2 Chronicles 10:16**)
- But more respectfully in other instances, for example, by David himself, Ezra, and Yehowah God.
- And one of the attendants proceeded to answer and say; Look! I have seen how a son of **Jesse** the Bethlehemite is skilled at playing, and he is a valiant, mighty man and a man of war and an intelligent speaker and a well-formed man, and Yehowah is with him. (**1 Samuel 16:18**)
- Saul now said to him; Whose son are you, boy? To which David said, The son of your servant **Jesse** the Bethlehemite. (**1 Samuel 17:58**)
- And these are the last words of David; The utterance of David the son of **Jesse**, and the utterance of the able-bodied man that was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the pleasant one of the melodies of Israel. (**2 Samuel 23:1**)
- And he did not inquire of Yehowah. Consequently he put him to death and turned the kingship over to David the son of **Jesse**. (**1 Chronicles 10:14**)
- And spirit itself enveloped Amasai, the head of the thirty, yours we are, O David, and with you we are, O son of **Jesse**. Peace, peace be yours, and peace to the one helping you, for your God has helped you. So David received them and put them among the heads of the troops. (**1 Chronicles 12:18**)
- As for David the son of **Jesse**, he reigned over all Israel. (**1 Chronicles 29:26**)
- The prayers of David, the son of **Jesse**, have come to their end. (**Psalms 72:20**)
- Son of **Jesse**, son of Obed, son of Boaz, son of Salmon, son of Nahshon. (**Luke 3:32**)

- And after removing him, he raised up for them David as king, respecting whom he bore witness and said; I have found David the son of **Jesse**, a man agreeable to my heart, who will do all the things I desire. (**Acts of Apostles 13:22**)
- The prophetic promise that the root of **Jesse** would stand up as a signal for the peoples and would judge in righteousness finds fulfillment in Christ Jesus, the one who, because he is immortal, keeps the genealogical line of Jesse alive.
- And there must go forth a twig out of the stump of Jesse, and out of his roots a sprout will be fruitful. (**Isaiah 11:1**)
- And upon him the spirit of Yehowah must settle down, the spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the spirit of counsel and of mightiness, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Yehowah. (**Isaiah 11:2**)
- And there will be enjoyment by him in the fear of Yehowah. And he will not judge by any mere appearance to his eyes, nor reprove simply according to the thing heard by his ears. (**Isaiah 11:3**)
- And with righteousness he must judge the lowly ones, and with uprightness he must give reproof in behalf of the meek ones of the earth. And he must strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the spirit of his lips he will put the wicked one to death. (**Isaiah 11:4**)
- And righteousness must prove to be the belt of his hips, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. (**Isaiah 11:5**)
- And it must occur in that day that there will be the root of Jesse that will be standing up as a signal for the peoples. To him even the nations will turn inquiringly, and his resting-place must become glorious. (**Isaiah 11:10**)
- For I say that Christ actually became a minister of those who are circumcised in behalf of God's truthfulness, so as to verify the promises He made to their forefathers. (**Romans 15:8**)
- And again Isaiah says: There will be the root of **Jesse**, and there will be one arising to rule nations, on him nations will rest their



hope. (**Romans 15:12**)