

# 1 Chronicles 1:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (of whom came the Philistines,) and Caphthorim.

## Analysis

**Of whom came the Philistines** (מִיָּצֵי כַסְלִי וּפְתֻרִים)—this parenthetical note identifies the Casluhim as progenitors of Israel's perpetual enemies. The Philistines, Sea Peoples who invaded Canaan c. 1200 BC, descended from Ham through Mizraim (Egypt), establishing five city-states: Gaza, Ashkelon, Ashdod, Ekron, Gath.

The Chronicler's inclusion serves theological purposes: Israel's struggles weren't random but part of the outworking of Noah's prophecy regarding Canaan (Genesis 9:25-27). The Philistines' uncircumcised status marked them as outside covenant blessings, yet God used them to discipline Israel (Judges, 1 Samuel) and refine David's kingship.

## Historical Context

The Philistines dominated coastal Palestine during the Iron Age I (1200-1000 BC) with superior iron technology. Their conflict with Israel climaxed under Saul and David, who finally subdued them. Archaeological evidence from Philistine cities reveals Aegean cultural connections, confirming their 'Sea Peoples' origin.

## Related Passages

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

### Study Questions

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1. How does understanding the genealogy of Israel's enemies help you see God's sovereignty over historical conflicts?
2. What persistent 'Philistines' (spiritual enemies) does God allow in your life for refinement rather than immediate removal?

### Interlinear Text

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וְאֵת	פַּתְרִיסִים	וְאֵת	בְּסַלְחִים	אֲשֶׁר	יָצָא	מִן
H853	<b>And Pathrusim</b>	H853	<b>and Casluhim</b>	H834	<b>of whom came</b>	H8033
	H6625		H3695		H3318	
פְּלִשְׁתִּים	וְאֵת	כַּפְתֹּרִים:				
<b>the Philistines</b>	H853	<b>and Caphthorim</b>				
H6430		H3732				

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