

# 1 Chronicles 2:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Caleb the son of Hezron begat children of Azubah his wife, and of Jerioth: her sons are these; Jesher, and Shobab, and Ardon.

## Analysis

**Caleb the son of Hezron begat children of Azubah his wife, and of Jerioth**—this Caleb differs from the faithful spy (Numbers 13-14); this is Caleb ben Hezron of Judah's early generations. The Hebrew אֲזוּבָה (Azubah) means 'forsaken,' a poignant name perhaps reflecting circumstances of her birth. יְרִיעָת (Jerioth) means 'tent curtains,' possibly indicating Bedouin connections.

The text's grammar creates interpretive challenges—whether Azubah and Jerioth were co-wives or whether Jerioth identifies Azubah's children. Either way, the complexity reflects real family dynamics. These genealogical details weren't mere antiquarianism but established land claims and inheritance rights for post-exilic returnees reclaiming Judah's territory.

## Historical Context

The Chronicler compiled these genealogies from ancient family records, court archives, and Genesis-Samuel materials. For post-exilic Jews, proving Judahite descent meant legitimate claims to ancestral lands. Names like 'forsaken' remind us these records preserved real people's stories, not just data.

## Related Passages

## **Revelation 20:12 – Judgment according to deeds**

## **Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment**

## Study Questions

1. How does the name 'Azubah' (forsaken) remind you that God includes and redeems those whom society marginalizes?
2. What does the preservation of complex family details teach about God's concern for the particulars of our lives?

## Interlinear Text

וְאֶת	אֶשְׁתּוֹ	עֹזְבָה	הָעֹזְבָה	אֶת	הַזְּלָקָה	זְלָקָה	וְאֶת
<b>And Caleb</b>	<b>her sons</b>	<b>of Hezron</b>	<b>begat</b>	H853	<b>Azubah</b>	<b>his wife</b>	<b>children of</b>
H3612	H1121	H2696	H3205		H5806	H802	H854
וְאֶת	אֶשְׁתּוֹ	עֹזְבָה	הָעֹזְבָה	אֶת	הַזְּלָקָה	זְלָקָה	וְאֶת
<b>and of Jerioth</b>	<b>her sons</b>	<b>are these</b>	<b>Jesher</b>		<b>and Shobab</b>	<b>and Ardon</b>	
H3408	H428	H1121	H3475		H7727	H715	

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