

# 1 Chronicles 2:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the sons of Ethan; Azariah.

## Analysis

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**And the sons of Ethan; Azariah**—this brief notice identifies Azariah (אֶזְרַיָּה, 'Yahweh has helped') as descended from Zerah's son Ethan. This is likely Ethan the Ezrahite, the wise man Solomon surpassed (1 Kings 4:31), credited with Psalm 89. Ethan's wisdom represented pre-Davidic Israel's intellectual heritage, yet Solomon's God-given wisdom exceeded all predecessors.

The genealogy's inclusion within Judah's tribal records establishes that wisdom, worship, and covenant faithfulness were Judah's inheritance before kingship. Even Israel's wisest sages needed Solomon's greater revelation, which itself foreshadowed Christ, 'in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge' (Colossians 2:3).

## Historical Context

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Ethan lived during the judges period or early monarchy, representing Israel's wisdom tradition. His psalm (Psalm 89) wrestles with God's covenant promises to David amid national crisis, possibly written during exile. The Ezrahites formed a guild of temple musicians and wisdom teachers.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

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

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does recognizing that even Ethan's wisdom paled before Solomon's—and Solomon's before Christ's—humble you in pursuing knowledge?
2. What does it mean that true wisdom is a person (Christ) rather than merely intellectual achievement?

## Interlinear Text

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וְבָנָיו אִתָּה עֲזַרְיָה:  
And the sons of Ethan Azariah

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