

# Numbers 26:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the sons of Pharez were; of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites: of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites.

## Analysis

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**The sons of Pharez were; of Hezron...of Hamul**—Judah's genealogy uniquely extends to a third generation, listing Pharez's sons Hezron and Hamul. Hezron (חֶזְרוֹן, 'enclosed' or 'courtyard') became the ancestor of the Hezronites, the clan that produced Ram, Amminadab, Nahshon, Salmon, Boaz, and eventually David (Ruth 4:18-22). This makes Hezron a critical link in the messianic genealogy.

The subdivision into mishpachōt (family clans) within Pharez's line emphasizes its dominance within Judah—the royal line would emerge from Hezron, not Shelah or Zerah. Hamul ('חָמָל, 'spared' or 'pitied') represents divine mercy preserving Judah's line despite the Er/Onan judgments. No other tribe receives this three-generation detail, highlighting Judah's messianic significance.

## Historical Context

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Hezron was born in Canaan before the descent to Egypt (Genesis 46:12) and likely died in Egypt. His son Ram continued the line through the Egyptian bondage, emerging with Amminadab and Nahshon at the Exodus. This genealogical continuity demonstrates God's preservation of the messianic seed through four centuries of slavery.

## Related Passages

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

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

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. Why does the census single out Pharez's subdivision when other tribes stop at the second generation, and what does this reveal about God's redemptive plan?
2. How does Hezron's name ('enclosed') and position in the genealogy picture God's protective preservation of the messianic line through hostile circumstances?
3. What does the prominence of Pharez over Shelah (Judah's legitimate son by Bathshua) teach about God's sovereign election based on grace rather than human merit?

## Interlinear Text

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וְחַצְרֹן וְ H1961	בְּנֵי H1121	פְּרַז H6557	לְחַצְרֹן   H2696	מִשְׁפָּחָת H4940	בְּחַצְרֹן וְ H2697
And the sons H1121	of Pharez H6557	were of Hezron H2696	the family H4940	of the Hezronites H2697	

  

לְקָמָן וְ H2538	מִשְׁפָּחָת H4940	בְּחַמּוֹלִים H2539
of Hamul H2538	the family H4940	of the Hamulites H2539

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