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Children Born to David in Yerushalayim

Second Samuel 5: 13-16; First Chronicles 3:5-8 and 14:3-7

Children born to David in Yerushalayim DIG: How many sons did David have in Hebron? How many in Jerusalem? Why weren't the daughters recorded? Why weren't the sons and daughters of his concubines recorded? How many children do you think David had?

REFLECT: The Torah commanded the king of Isra'el: **Do not take many wives, or your heart will be led astray (Deuteronomy 17:17a).** How do you think David rationalized God's Word? Why do you think the Ruach ha-Kodesh put it there to begin with? Have you ignored verses in God's Word because you didn't want to obey? How did that work out for you? **ADONAI** wants *all* of you. He wants you to trust Him with your sex life, your checkbook, your thoughts, with everything you own or have. Are you still ignoring verses of the Bible? Why don't you make a list of the things you still won't surrender to His will? Are you willing to take your hands off the steering wheel of your life and put Yeshua in the driver's seat?

The mention of **David's** royal **palace** and **his** alliance with **Hiram** (**to see link click Co - David Conquers Yerushalayim**) offered the narrator an opportunity to mention **David's** family. **Deuteronomy 17:17** prohibited **Isra'el's king** from **taking many wives**, but **David** continued to disregard this commandment, as did **Solomon** after **him** (**First Kings 11:1-4**). Both paid dearly for their disobedience. **David took more concubines and wives in Jerusalem and became the father of more sons and daughters.** This was in addition to **the seven wives and six sons**, and unknown number of daughters **he** already had in **Hebron** (see **Ch - Sons Were Born to David in Hebron**). No mention is made of **the concubines** because **their sons** would not have been eligible in the succession to the throne, and no mention is made of **his** many **daughters** except **Tamar** (see **Dh - Amnon and Tamar**) because they also would not have been eligible.

David's first six **sons** were born in **Hebron**, and thirteen more were born in

Yerushalayim. These are the names of the sons born to him there. Four sons were born from Bathsheba: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon. From the line of these last two sons come Joseph and Miriam. Nathan was the ancestor of Miriam, the mother of **Jesus**, who is named in the genealogy in **Luke**. **Solomon**, who succeeded **David** as **king**, was the ancestor of Joseph, the step-father of **Jesus** in the genealogy in **Matthew** (see the commentary on **The Life of Christ Ai - The Genealogies of Joseph and Mary**).



David's other **wives**, who are not named, bore **him** thirteen more **sons**: **Ibhar, Elishua, Eliphelet, Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia, Elishama, Eliada** (otherwise known as **Beeliada**) and **Eliphelet**. **David** ended up with nineteen named **sons** and an unknown number of **daughters**. Fathering so many children meant that **David's** focus may have often turned to intimacy with **his wives**. **All these were the sons of David, besides** an unknown number of **daughters** born to **his wives**, and an unknown number of **sons** and **daughters** born **by his concubines** in **Hebron** and **Jerusalem**. **David could have easily had fifty or sixty children**. **Tamar** is mentioned in the biblical account only because **she** will be prominent in the story of the disintegration of **David's** family (**2 Samuel 5:13-16; First Chronicles 3:5-8 and 14:3-7**).

David had a lust problem. It started at **Hebron** about 1010 BC and culminated with **his** sin with **Bathsheba** (see **Dc - David and Bathsheba**) about 984. So it would merely be the climax of something that had gone on in **his** life for about 26 years. **His** passionate nature had great potential for both good and evil. **His many wives** in **Jerusalem** were merely a foreshadowing of things to come.