

Dear Jeff,

Thank you for writing us at Christian Questions Radio. You asked why the genealogy of the tribe of Zebulun is not mentioned in 1 Chronicles 7.

We do not know the answer as to why Zebulun's genealogy is not mentioned in 1 Chronicles. It appears that the genealogy of Dan is also missing. There is a note in 1 Chronicles 4:22 that says, "These records are from ancient times." That statement probably means the scribe was going by records that he considered ancient, and may have struggled to make sure he correctly understood them. If 1 Chronicles was compiled when the Jews were in captivity, compiled from records accumulated over centuries, the records might have been incomplete in some ways, which might account for the omissions of Zebulun and others.

Zebulun's genealogy can be found in Genesis 46:14 and in Numbers 26:26. Zebulun was the sixth son of Leah and Jacob and the last child that Leah conceived. And Leah said, "God hath endued me with a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have born him six sons: and she called his name Zebulun." (Genesis 30:19-20). The sons of Zebulun were Sered, Elon, Jahleel (Genesis 46:14). "The descendants of Zebulun by their clans were: through Sered, the Seredite clan; through Elon, the Elonite clan; through Jahleel, the Jahleelite clan." (Numbers 26:26).

We hope we have shed some light on your question. Please write us again.

Sincerely,
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