

Regarding the two sons of Yehudah, Peretz and Zerach, Chazal (*Sefer HaKaneh*) tell us that Zerach was really supposed to be the firstborn. However, because Hashem delighted over the fact that descending from Peretz would be Shlomo HaMelech who would author Shir HaShirim, Peretz emerged first.

It would seem that there are greater reasons for Hashem to rejoice over Peretz's offspring. From Peretz emerged all of the great Kings of Klal Yisroel led by Dovid HaMelech and Moshiach, who will ultimately redeem Klal Yisroel and bring the whole world to the fulfillment of its purpose. We see from here that even more than all of the above, Hashem rejoiced over the fact that a descendant of Peretz would author Shir HaShirim, as the love expressed in this scroll is indeed more important than everything else in the world!

