

JUDAH'S LINE
(Genesis 38:1-30)

- I. Judah's SONS (Gen. 38:1-11)
 - A. Their BIRTH (38:1-5)
 - 1. Judah's SEPARATION from his BROTHERS
 - 2. Judah's MARRIAGE to a CANAANITE
 - 3. Judah's SONS: Er, Onan, Shelah
 - B. Their BRIDE (38:6-11)
 - 1. Judah's SELECTION of a WIFE for Er: Tamar
 - 2. God's EXECUTION of Er for WICKEDNESS
 - 3. God's EXECUTION of Onan for WICKEDNESS
 - 4. Judah's UNJUST treatment of Tamar
 - a. Sent her back to her FATHER in SHAME
 - b. Reneged on his PROMISE to her
- II. Judah's SHAME (Gen. 38:12-26)
 - A. Judah's CONDITION
 - 1. Recently became a WIDOWER
 - 2. Participating in the SHEEP-SHEARING FESTIVAL
 - B. Tamar's COMPROMISE

1. Posed as a TEMPLE PROSTITUTE
2. HIRED by JUDAH
3. Returned to her FATHER'S HOUSE

C. Judah's CONFUSION

1. Sent PAYMENT in exchange for the PLEDGE
2. Unable to LOCATE the one he had HIRED

D. Judah's CONFESSION

1. Demanded Tamar's EXECUTION for UNFAITHFULNESS
2. Was revealed as the FATHER of her CHILD
3. CONFESSED and FORSOOK his SINS
 - a. Breach of PROMISE
 - b. FORNICATION
4. Showed Tamar MERCY and COMPASSION

III. Judah's SEED (Gen. 38:27-30)

A. Tamar's PROGENY: Zerah and Perez

B. Tamar's POSTERITY: DAVID and JESUS (cf. Matt. 1:1-6, esp. v. 3)

1. Provides IRONIC twist to the Jews' protest, "WE are not born of FORNICATION" (John 8:41)
2. Shows that Jesus is who He is because of His INHERENT NATURE as God, not His INHERITED CHARACTER of His forebears
3. Proves that God's CHOICE is of GRACE
4. Displays God's FORGIVENESS when a sinner REPENTS