

Judah and Tamar (Genesis 38)
For the week of January 16, 2022

Observation (Read Genesis 38:1-5)

When did this take place?

Who did Judah “take”? What lineage was she from?

Interpretation

Why do you think Judah “went down from his brothers”?

What do the following verses say about this kind of marriage in the descendants of Abraham?

Genesis 24:1-4

Genesis 26:34-35

Genesis 27:46-28:1

Genesis 28:8-9

Application

Are there times that you want to run from your sin? If so, how does God help you in these times?

Observation (Read Genesis 38:6-11)

In your own words, describe what is happening.

What was Judah's promise to Tamar?

Interpretation

Why was the custom of the “duty of the brother-in-law” important? (Read Deut. 25:5-10 for further insight)

Do you think Judah was honest in his promise for Shelah and Tamar? Why?

Application

When doing the right thing evokes anger (vs. 9) or fear (vs. 11), is it easy or difficult? Why?

How do you overcome these feelings to be obedient?

Read John 15:9-10

Observation (Read Genesis 38:12-26)

What is happening?

Why is it happening?

Who are the major characters?

Interpretation

Do you see a theme of deception? If so, describe.

Application

When tempted to manipulate and/or deceive, how do you rely on Christ to defeat the temptation?

Observation (Read Genesis 27-30)

What were the names of the twins?

Interpretation

The firstborn:

Read 1 Chronicles 2:1-15

Matthew 1:1-16

Application

Have you ever experienced God transform your sin into a miracle? If so, how?