



AN UNLIKELY CANDIDATE

THE FAMILY TREE OF GRACE SERIES: EPISODE 2 OF 5

Genesis 37 & 38

This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham, Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers... Matthew 1:1-2

WHY WOULD GOD PICK JUDAH?

HE IS PART OF THE STORY.

HE IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE POINT OF THE STORY.

So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the richly ornamented robe he was wearing—and they took him and threw him into. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it. As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt. Genesis 37:23-25

Judah said to his brothers, What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? Genesis 37:26

Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood. His brothers agreed. Genesis 37:27

When Judah saw her, he thought she was a prostitute, for she had covered her face. Not realizing that she was his daughter-in-law, he went over to her by the roadside and said, "Come now, let me sleep with you."

"And what will you give me to sleep with you?" she asked.

"I'll send you a young goat from my flock," he said.

"Will you give me something as a pledge until you send it?"

He said, "What pledge should I give you?"

"Your seal and its cord, and the staff in your hand," she answered. So he gave them to her and slept with her

I am pregnant by the man who owns these," she said. And she added, "See if you recognize whose seal and cord and staff these are. Genesis 38:15-25

Judah recognized them... "She is more righteous than I, since I wouldn't give her to my son Shelah." Genesis 38:26

PEREZ—ONE OF THE TWINS BORN TO TAMAR

What can we say to my lord? Judah replied. What can we say? How can we prove our innocence? God has uncovered your servants' guilt. Genesis 44:16

MAIN IDEA: IF GOD'S GRACE CAN CHOOSE JUDAH, IT CAN CHOOSE YOU—EVEN AT YOUR WORST.

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