



The Hypocrisy of Judah

Genesis 38

“If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves.” Galatians 6:3

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**“Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: ‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.’”
Mark 7:6**

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“It’s not our business to make the message acceptable, but to make it available. We are not to see that they like it, but that they get it.”

Vance Havner

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1 And it came about at that time, that Judah departed from his brothers and visited a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah.

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2 Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite whose name was Shua; and he took her and went in to her. 3 So she conceived and bore a son and he named him Er.

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4 Then she conceived again and bore a son and named him Onan.

5 She bore still another son and named him Shelah; and it was at Chezib that she bore him.

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6 Now Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name was Tamar.

7 But Er, Judah's firstborn, was evil in the sight of the LORD, so the LORD took his life.

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8 Then Judah said to Onan, “Go in to your brother’s wife, and perform your duty as a brother-in-law to her, and raise up offspring for your brother.”

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10 But what he did was displeasing in the sight of the LORD; so He took his life also.

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11 Then Judah said to his daughter-in-law Tamar, “Remain a widow in your father’s house until my son Shelah grows up”; for he thought, “I am afraid that he too may die like his brothers.” So Tamar went and lived in her father’s house.

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Judah's Wrong Place 1-11

- Judah left his fathers house
- Judah married a Canaanite
- Judah gave a Canaanite to Er (Error!)
- Judah gave Tamar to Onan
- Onan disobeyed Levitical Law - died
- Judah promised Tamar to 3rd Son?

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**“Resolution One: I Will Live For
God. Resolution Two: If No One
Else Does, I Still Will.”
Jonathan Edwards**

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12 Now after a considerable time Shua's daughter, the wife of Judah, died; and when the time of mourning was ended, Judah went up to his sheepshearers at Timnah, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.

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13 It was told to Tamar, “Behold, your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep.”

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14 So she removed her widow's garments and covered herself with a veil, and wrapped herself, and sat in the gateway of Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah; for she saw that Shelah had grown up, and she had not been given to him as a wife.

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15 When Judah saw her, he thought she was a harlot, for she had covered her face.

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16 So he turned aside to her by the road, and said, “Here now, let me come in to you”; for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. And she said, “What will you give me, that you may come in to me?”

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17 He said, therefore, “I will send you a young goat from the flock.” She said, moreover, “Will you give a pledge until you send it?”

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18 He said, “What pledge shall I give you?” And she said, “Your seal and your cord, and your staff that is in your hand.” So he gave them to her and went in to her, and she conceived by him.

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19 Then she arose and departed, and removed her veil and put on her widow's garments.

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20 When Judah sent the young goat by his friend the Adullamite, to receive the pledge from the woman's hand, he did not find her.

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21 He asked the men of her place, saying, “Where is the temple prostitute who was by the road at Enaim?” But they said, “There has been no temple prostitute here.”

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**22 So he returned to Judah, and said,
“I did not find her; and furthermore,
the men of the place said, ‘There has
been no temple prostitute here.’”**

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23 Then Judah said, “Let her keep them, otherwise we will become a laughingstock. After all, I sent this young goat, but you did not find her.”

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Judah's Wrong Choices 12-23

- He was not keeping his word to Tamar
- He was lonely – lost his wife
- ‘I deserve some happiness!’
- He made a secret choice
- Tamar did not trust him – lineage!

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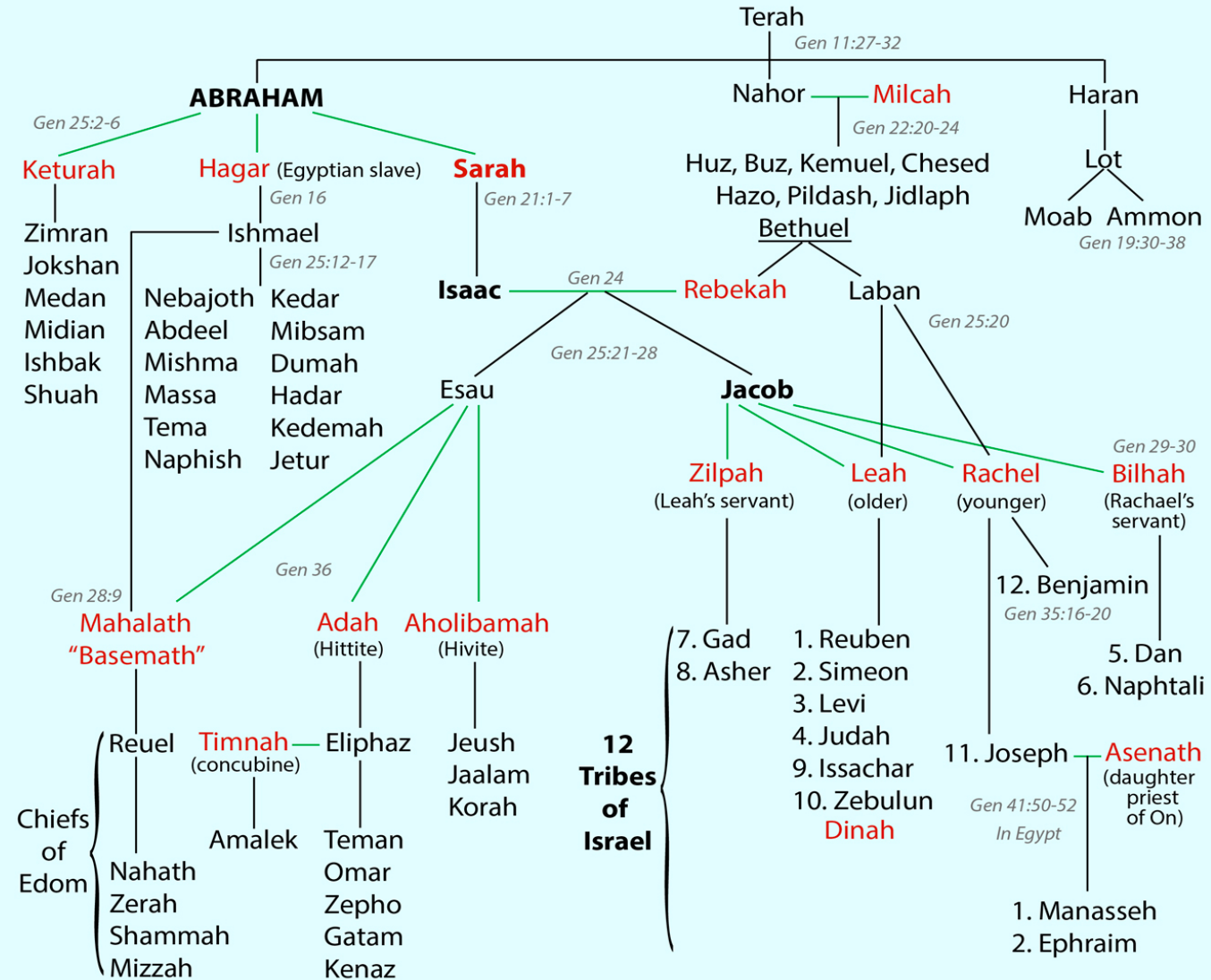
**“The scriptures are given not to
increase our knowledge, but to
change our lives.”
Dwight L. Moody**

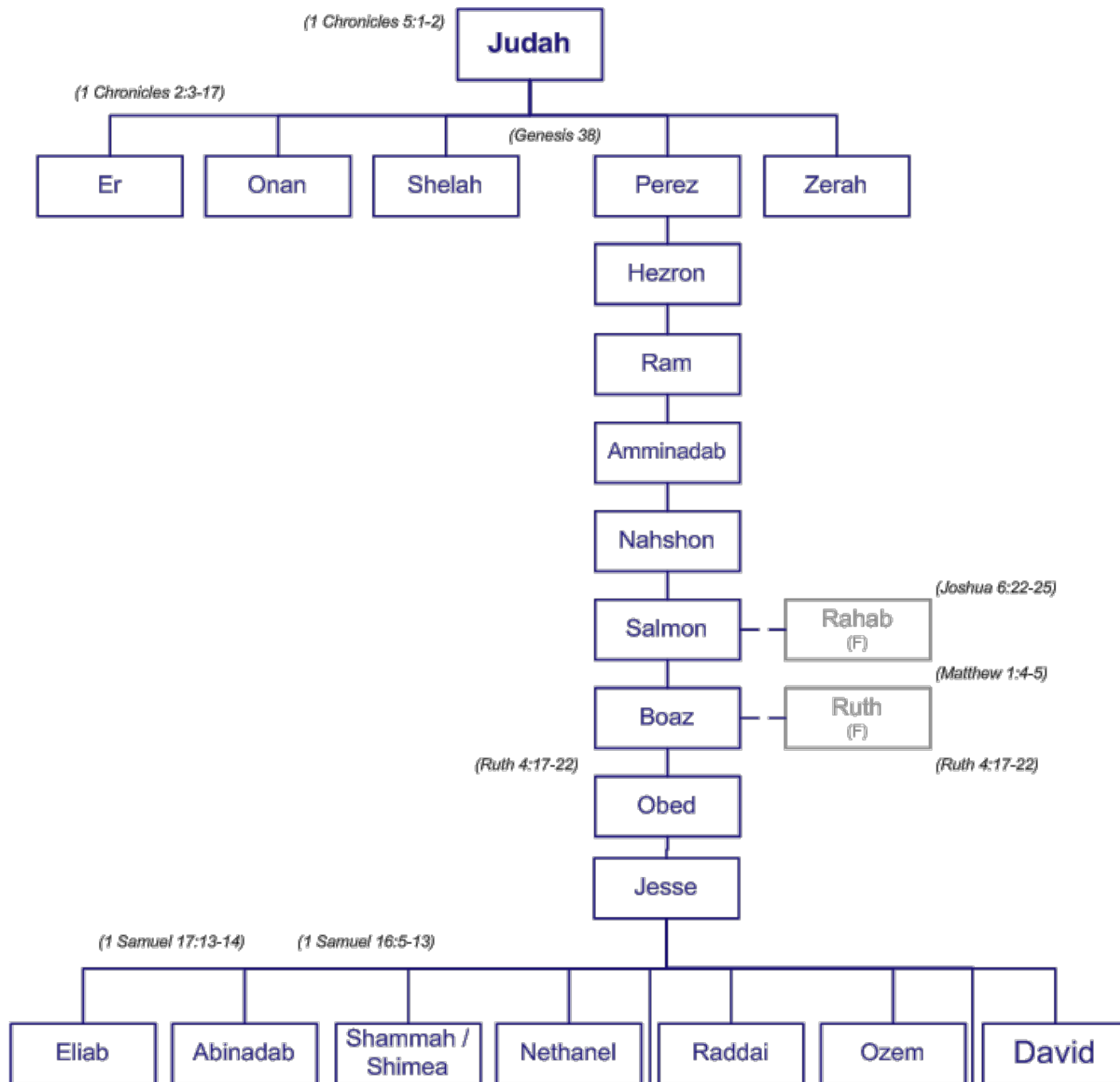
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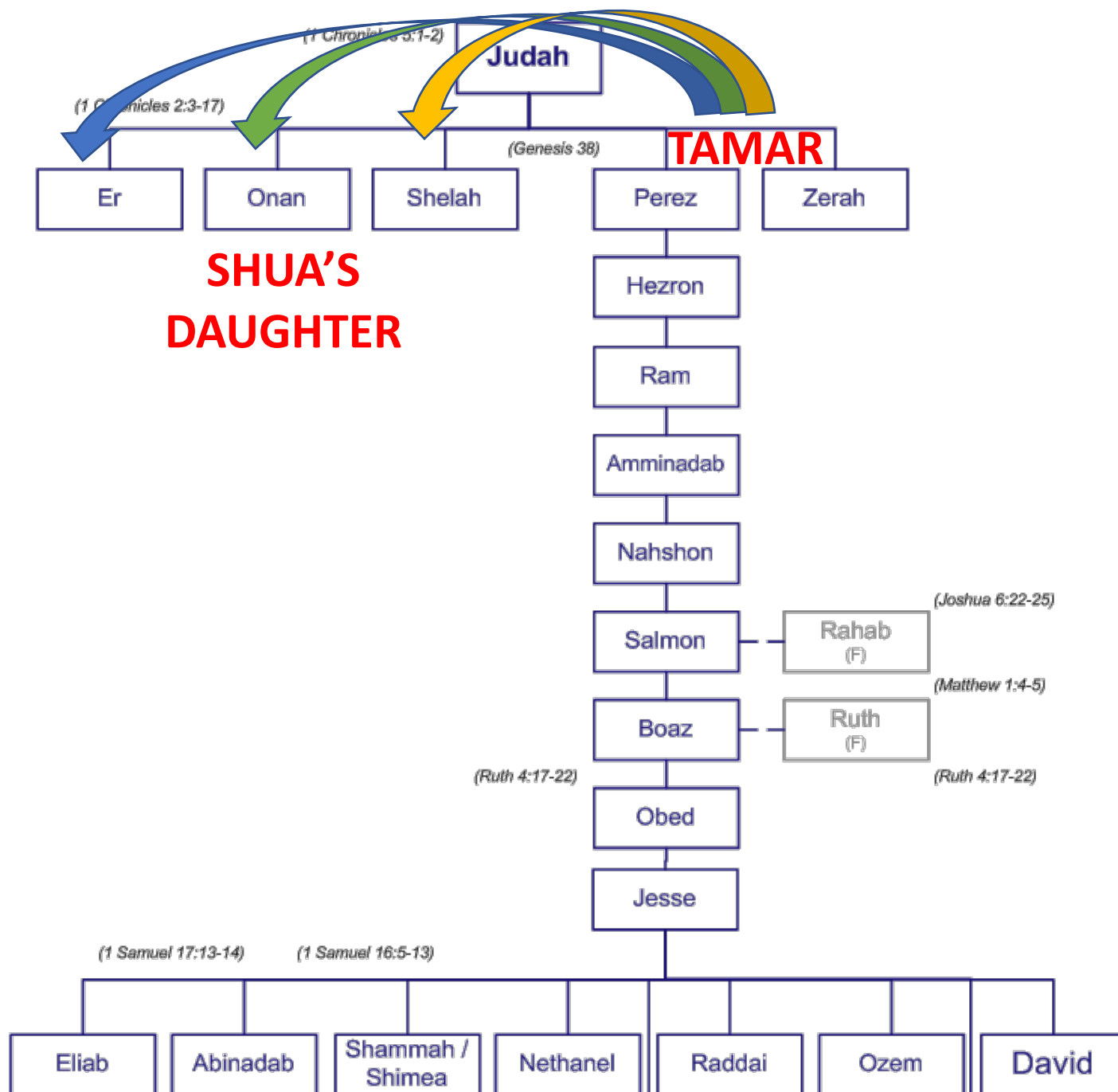
Deut. 23:2,3 No one of illegitimate birth shall enter the assembly of the LORD; none of his descendants, even to the tenth generation, shall enter the assembly of the LORD. No Ammonite or Moabite shall enter the assembly of the LORD; none of their descendants, even to the tenth generation, shall ever enter the assembly of the LORD

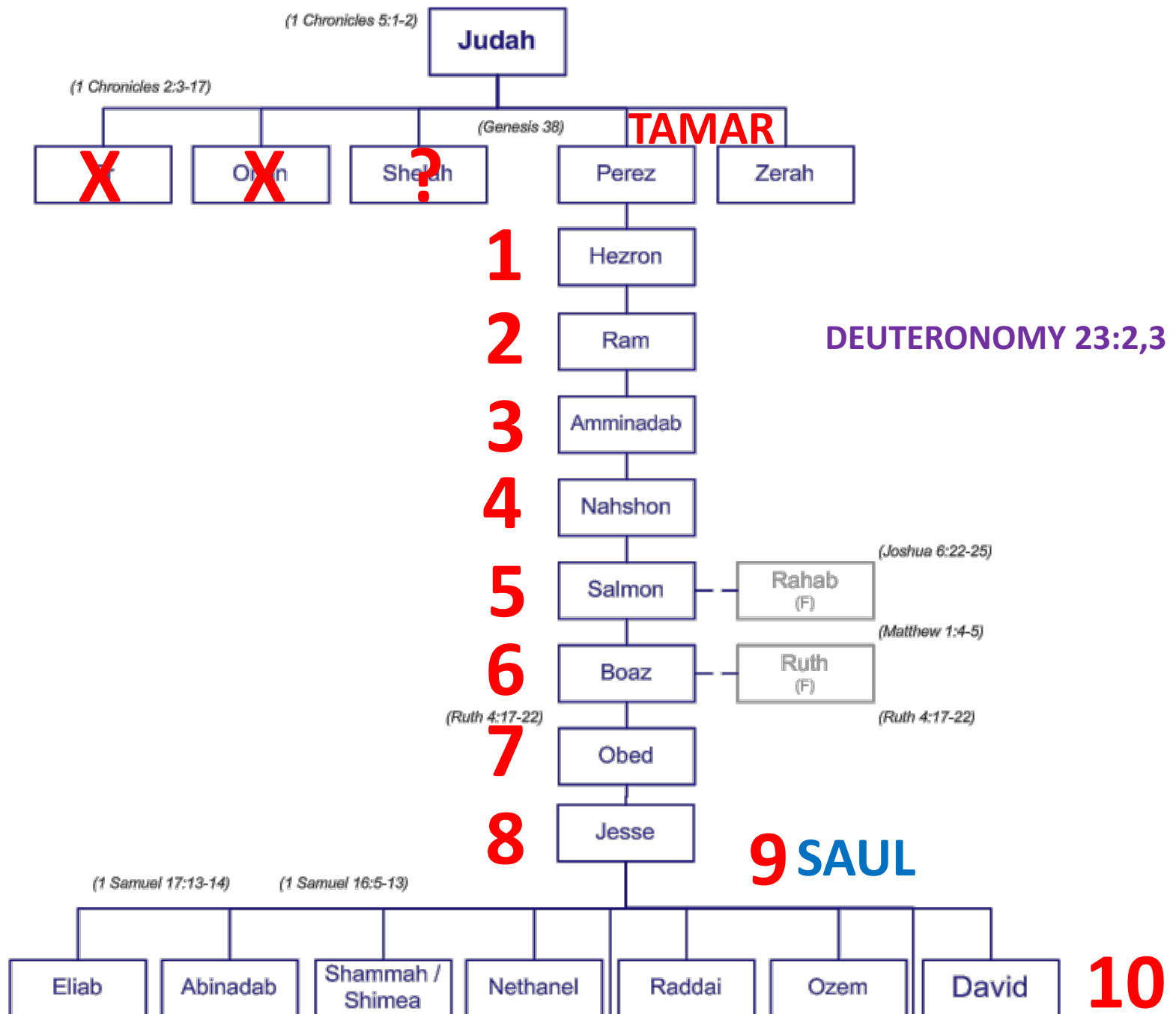
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GENEALOGY OF ABRAHAM









24 Now it was about three months later that Judah was informed, “Your daughter-in-law Tamar has played the harlot, and behold, she is also with child by harlotry.” Then Judah said, “Bring her out and let her be burned!”

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25 It was while she was being brought out that she sent to her father-in-law, saying, “I am with child by the man to whom these things belong.” And she said, “Please examine and see, whose signet ring and cords and staff are these?”

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**26 Judah recognized them, and said,
“She is more righteous than I,
inasmuch as I did not give her to my
son Shelah.” And he did not have
relations with her again.**

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Judah's Wrong Judgments 24-26

- Judah was ready to judge Tamar
- Judah ignored his sin
- Judah was revealed as hypocrite!
- Judah began recovery -

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**“Faith is to rest, not in the best of
God’s servants, but in his unchanging
Word.” Harry Ironside**

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Right Places – Right Choices!

- Right Places are important! David – Ruth
- Right Choices are important! Samson
- Hypocrisy will be seen – exposed!
- Begin with admit – believe – confess!
- A – B – C = Repentance!

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“God is looking for broken men who have judged themselves in the light of the cross of Christ. When he wants anything done, he takes up men who have come to the end of themselves, whose confidence is not in themselves but in God.”

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