



## CHAPTER FOUR ~ Lost to Legacy

Turn in your Bibles to Genesis 38:8.

*"Now Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name was \_\_\_\_\_."*

Let's set the stage by discussing \_\_\_\_\_.

Judah was the \_\_\_\_\_ son born to \_\_\_\_\_ and his first wife, \_\_\_\_\_.

He eventually became a leader of one of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel.

You may have heard some of the tales of Judah:

- Judah convinced his brothers to spare \_\_\_\_\_ life and instead sell him into \_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis 37)
- Judah brought \_\_\_\_\_ to Egypt to see \_\_\_\_\_, thus reuniting the family of \_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis 43)
- Eventually, the tribe of Judah led the other tribes on their march toward \_\_\_\_\_.
- The tribe of Judah was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the tribes, and included an estimated \_\_\_\_\_ +/- people (according to the census).

We pick up our story when he stopped in Addulam. The Bible tells us that there  
Judah \_\_\_\_\_, known only as the daughter of Shua.

Notes on this:

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Judah's wife \_\_\_\_\_ and bore a \_\_\_\_\_ to Judah. And they  
named him \_\_\_\_\_. Then she conceived again, and gave birth to \_\_\_\_\_  
who they named \_\_\_\_\_. They conceived a third time, giving birth to a  
\_\_\_\_\_ named Shelah. (Genesis 38:2-5)

Judah arranged marriages for his sons. For his firstborn, as we are told in verse 6,  
he \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ to a girl named Tamar.

Read verse 7. Judah's firstborn son was so \_\_\_\_\_ that God \_\_\_\_\_.

Read verse 8. Judah instructed his \_\_\_\_\_, Onan to \_\_\_\_\_  
the widow Tamar and \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_.

This practice is called a "levirate marriage". Notes on this:

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Read Genesis 38:9. Notes on this:

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Let's see what happened. Read Genesis 38:10.

Two sons of Judah were \_\_\_\_\_ by the Lord, one for unspecified \_\_\_\_\_, the other for deliberately \_\_\_\_\_ against his \_\_\_\_\_.

Read Genesis 38:11. Notes on this:

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Back to Tamar... She took her father-in-law's \_\_\_\_\_. She went to her father's house to \_\_\_\_\_ for her \_\_\_\_\_ to be of age to marry.

Read Genesis 38:12. It had been a \_\_\_\_\_ amount of time. It was time to \_\_\_\_\_.

Read verse 13. Notes on this:

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Read Genesis 38:14-19. Notes on this:

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Cultic prostitution, which was acceptable by many pagan cultures including the Canaanites, was when a \_\_\_\_\_ would position herself by the \_\_\_\_\_ gate and wait to be \_\_\_\_\_. This act was a symbol of hope for \_\_\_\_\_.

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She wanted his \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ it came on, and his \_\_\_\_\_, also known as his \_\_\_\_\_.

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When she asked for those \_\_\_\_\_, she was asking for \_\_\_\_\_ items that were clearly \_\_\_\_\_.

Read Genesis 38:20-23. Notes on this:

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Read Genesis 38:24.

Judah, who was guilty of the \_\_\_\_\_ he was accusing her of, was ready to \_\_\_\_\_ her for her \_\_\_\_\_.

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Read verses 25-26.

As soon as Judah saw \_\_\_\_\_ Tamar \_\_\_\_\_, he rescinded her \_\_\_\_\_.

Even though her \_\_\_\_\_ scheme was immediately made clear, Judah \_\_\_\_\_ his part and took \_\_\_\_\_ for his actions.

Read Genesis 38:27.

She had \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ was named \_\_\_\_\_, which means "breach" or "pushing through" (reference

verses 28-29). The second \_\_\_\_\_ was named \_\_\_\_\_, which means "brightness" (verse 30).

Judah did not have \_\_\_\_\_ with Tamar again (v.26).

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Tamar's \_\_\_\_\_ came through the birth of those two boys. There isn't much more written in the Bible about Tamar, but she is mentioned in the \_\_\_\_\_. Turn with me to \_\_\_\_\_.

Tamar is listed in the genealogy line of \_\_\_\_\_.

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No matter what you are facing today, I hope it pales in comparison to what Tamar faced. If God can look past all of the muck of Tamar's life and use her for His glory, as a branch in Jesus' earthly family tree... well then, God can certainly redeem and use you.

Romans 8:28 says:

*"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."*