

Genesis 38
Judah and Tamar

The Story: Genesis 38:1-6

- All takes place in future land of Judah
- Marry a Canaanite (Deut. 7:3-4)
- Three boys grow to manhood

The Story: Genesis 38:7-10

- Judah loses two sons
- Offspring for a brother (Deut. 25:5-6)

The Story: Genesis 38:11

- Lies to Tamar to protect third son

The Story: Genesis 38:12-18

- Judah engages in prostitution
- Tamar exploits it

The Story: Genesis 38:24

- Judah expresses moral indignation
- Tamar reveals his hypocrisy

The Story: Genesis 38:27-30

- Twin boys are born
- Perez is in the line of Christ
- Perez' name becomes a blessing (Ruth 4:12)

What Can We Learn?

Hypocrisy is Ugly and Easy

Hypocrisy – behavior that contradicts what one claims to believe

-Merriam Webster

“But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. . .Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites!”

-Matthew 23:3,13

“Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.”

-Luke 12:1-2

-God Offers A Solution

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

-Psalm 139:23-24

God Redeems and Blesses Life

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him;”

-Genesis 1:27

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

-Jeremiah 1:5

“Whoever sheds the blood a man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man.”

-Genesis 9:6