

THE GRACE OF GOD AND JUDAH'S SIN
Genesis 38

Romans 5:20

I. Some General Comments Concerning Chapter 38

A Why Is This Chapter Included Here?

Chapter 38...

1. shows a _____ in lifestyles between Joseph & Judah.
2. shows what happens when God's people _____ with the world —Joseph, by contrast, was taken down to the world (Egypt)— Yet "*he was _____ the world, yet not _____ the world*".
3. is the very reason that God is about to take Israel out of the world (Canaan) & _____ it in Goshen, in Egypt, for 430 years. There they will be protected & preserved from Canaanite _____. It is there God has chosen to _____ them into the _____. He will eventually call out through _____.
4. is not an _____ of the story of Joseph, but what was going on _____ while Joseph was in Egypt.

B. What is This Chapter About?

1. It is a _____ of the problems & dysfunction within Jacob's family illustrated in _____ life.
2. It is about the grace of God _____ over the sin of Israel & its people. For through the descendants of Judah & others mentioned in chp 38, the _____ would come.
3. It demonstrates the character _____ between Judah & Joseph. One sinful & _____, the other godly & _____.

II. Judah's _____ (38:1-26)

A. His Move _____ From His Family _____ the World (38:1)

B. His Marriage to a _____ Woman (38:2)

C. His Failure as a _____ & Spiritual _____ in His Home (38:3-11)

1. From God's perspective, none of his children were _____ to continue Judah's _____ to the Messiah.
2. Because of Er's wickedness, Judah's first born, the Lord _____ him.
3. Onan...Judah's second son ... God also _____!
4. Judah's _____ toward Tamar & his lack of _____ is clearly seen in this chapter

D. His Failures With Tamar (38:12-23)

1. Judah has _____ to keep his _____ to Tamar concerning his son Shelah and the responsibilities concerning her. (Deut. 25:5-10; Ruth 4:1-12)
2. On the way to the festival, Judah, takes Tamar, his veiled daughter-in-law, for a _____ and asks her for a _____!
 - She asks for a pledge or promise knowing that his word is not _____, for he has not kept his _____ to her in the past!
 - What is the *significance* of her request & these items?
 - Judah was letting his passion or _____ for what he **wanted** _____ his thinking concerning what he was about to **do** - commit an immoral sinful act with a stranger!

* What is the difference between Judah & Tamar and Judah & Joseph here?

3. Judah worried more about being _____ before the town's people, than doing what _____ the Lord. He thought he was so _____ in keeping his word & sending the _____ as payment to this harlot.

E. His Pretended Virtue Is _____ (39:24-26)

1. Upon hearing that Tamar, his daughter-in-law is _____, Judah plans on making her a public _____ for her sin of harlotry. (38:24)
2. His pretended virtue is nothing short of complete _____.
3. When _____, Judah had to admit that Tamar has been more _____ than he, as he did not keep his _____ to her concerning Shelah his son.

III. Judah's _____ by Tamar (38:27-30)

1. In spite of Tamar's deceptive act, God in His grace gave her _____, of which, she & Perez (the first born) are named in the _____ of _____ in Matthew 1.

* Who else is mentioned there?
2. The birth of these twin boys further illustrates that God in His providence & care can _____ all _____ in life to fulfill his will.

* How is this illustrated here ?