

**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 ?