

A Broken Family

Read the Whole Text: Genesis 38

Core Verses: Gen. 38:24-26

About three months later Judah was told, "Your daughter-in-law Tamar is guilty of prostitution, and as a result she is now pregnant."

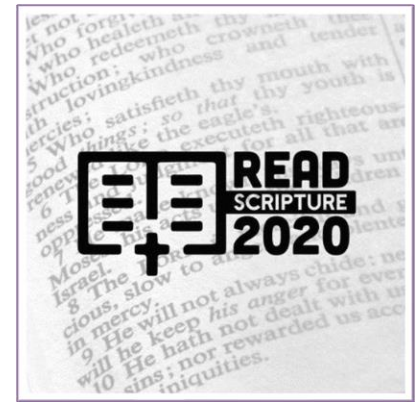
Judah said, "Bring her out and have her burned to death!"

25 As she was being brought out, she sent a message to her father-in-law. "I am pregnant by the man who owns these," she said. And she added, "See if you recognize whose seal and cord and staff these are."

26 Judah recognized them and said, "She is more righteous than I, since I wouldn't give her to my son Shelah."

February Memory Verse:

"Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments."-Deuteronomy 7:9



Origins Overview

Genre: Torah/Pentateuch

Narrative Story (originally oral)

Context

The Story of God's People

Author

Moses and Early Israelite community (~15th cent. BC)

Additional Resources

Watch:

"How to Read the Bible: Character"

And/Or

"How to read the Bible: Plot"

Podcasts from:

Thebiblebinge.com

"Episode 4: Judah and Tamar"

Questions for Reflection During the Week

Read the selected text above from Genesis 38 three times:

What do you notice in the text above?

Are there key words?

Who are the main characters?

What do the characters do?

What do you learn about God from this text?

What do you learn about the world?

What do you learn about humans?

Space for Sunday Notes:



Side Study:

Read John 8:1-11

How does Jesus avoid the trap set for him?

What does his response imply about the law? About God?

How does Jesus in effect put himself in the firing line from which he has just rescued the woman?

How might this encounter with Jesus have changed the woman's life?

In what ways does intentionally living each day by the forgiveness Jesus gives change our lives?

What does this text teach us about who God is? Who humans are?

How will you live differently because of this text?