

January 25/Day 25

Genesis 38

Verses 1-5

- This chapter starts with "...at that time...". How do you know at what time?
- Yesterday we saw Joseph was 17 years old when he was sold into Egypt. He is the 11th son, so the other sons of Jacob/Israel are grown men.
- Judah was the fourth-born, so he was a good bit older than Joseph.
- From what people group did Judah take a wife?

Verses 6-11

- What was the name of Judah's daughter-in-law, Er's wife?
- What happened to Er?
- We could do a whole study on this principle alone, but just from the text, what is the duty of the brother-in-law if the brother dies? What is the purpose of this?
- What did Onan do that displeased God? What happened to him?
- What did Judah say for Tamar do? Why?

Verses 12-19

- Where did Judah go when his wife died? Who heard he was coming?
- Had Judah kept his promise and given Shelah to her?
- How did Tamar dress that Judah did not recognize her?
- Was prostitution a part of God's plan? How should Judah have behaved after his wife died?
- Why did Tamar ask for Judah's seal, his cord, and his staff?

Verses 20-23

- In verse 21, what had Judah assumed Tamar was?
- Note there was not yet a temple for God, but there were temples for false gods. Their subjects often prayed to false gods for fertile fields and fertile bodies. This was the purpose of providing temple prostitutes, orgies, and ceremonial sex.
- Judah tried to make good on his pledge but couldn't find the prostitute. Why?

Verses 24-26

- What was Judah told about Tamar three months later? Was it true? Was it the whole story?
- Notice Judah's indignance. What does he want done to her?
- A signet ring is used with sealing wax to stamp a document and put your seal on it. It is where we get our word, signature. What does this tell us about the beginning?
- What did Judah realize when she presented his items?

- Did Tamar act righteously by tricking him, yet what does he say?

Verses 27-30

- Perez means “to breach” or “to burst forth”.
- Zerah means “glowing”.

Genesis 39

Verses 1-6a

- Meanwhile, where is Joseph?
- Who is Potiphar?
- Who was with Joseph and what did He cause Joseph to become?
- How did Potiphar feel about Joseph? Why?
- How much authority did Potiphar give Joseph, a slave?
- What did God do for Potiphar’s house on account of Joseph?
- Can others be blessed through us?

Verses 6b-18

- What are we told about Joseph’s appearance?
- How did Potiphar’s wife look at Joseph? What did she ask of him?
- How did Joseph respond? What did he call the deed she asked of him? Who would Joseph be sinning against, Potiphar or God?
- How persistent was Potiphar’s wife?
- What happened when she grabbed him by his garment?
- Of what did Potiphar’s wife accuse Joseph? This is a lie? Why would she do this?
- Has anyone ever lied about you?

Verses 19-23

- What emotion did Potiphar experience when his wife spoke against Joseph?
- Where did he take Joseph?
- What did God do to Joseph in jail?
- How did the chief jailer treat him?
- What did the LORD cause everything Joseph did to do?

Genesis 40

Verses 1-8

- “Then it came about after these things...” After what things?

- Who did Pharaoh have thrown into jail? Who was in charge of them? How long were they there?
- Why were the men sad after their night of dreaming?

Verses 9-15

- Who was able to interpret the dream?
- Was it a pleasant interpretation?
- What did he ask of the man?
- What did he tell the man about his plight?

Verses 16-19

- Who was able to interpret the dream?
- Was it a pleasant interpretation?

Verses 20-23

- What special day was the third day?
- Were Joseph's interpretations correct?
- According to verse 8 above, where did he get his insight?
- When the chief cupbearer was restored to his position, did he remember to speak favorably to Pharaoh about Joseph?

See you tomorrow.