

“She is more righteous than I.”

Introduction: Genesis 38 takes place while Joseph is enslaved in Egypt. It is about the dark development of the line of Judah, which will be kept safe by Joseph in the years to come. This chapter is “R” rated, yet it holds all of the ongoing themes and motifs of Genesis. It is full of biblical symbolism and theology, and it demonstrates the surprising providence of God to preserve and redeem the stumbling family of Jacob.

Chapter Outline:

I. Judah’s _____ (38:1-11)

*Key theme: _____

A. Details:

1. Judah joins _____ culture.
2. Judah’s sons are _____.
 - a) Er is put to death.
 - b) Onan wants to be the _____.
3. Judah attacks the _____.
 - a) He withholds Tamar from Shelah.

II. Judah’s _____ (38:12-23)

*Key theme: _____

A. Details:

1. Judah plays a part in Canaanite _____.
2. Tamar uses _____.
3. Judah gives away two things:
 - a) _____
 - b) _____

III. Judah's _____ (38:24-26)

*Key theme: _____

A. Details:

1. Judah acts like Reuben, Simeon, and Levi.
2. Judah is _____.
3. Judah's repentance brings _____.

IV. Judah's _____ (38:27-30)

*Key theme: _____

A. Details:

1. Judah gains 2 sons.
2. Perez triumphs over Zerah.