

“Judah and Tamar”

Genesis 38

Introduction

Genesis 37:26–28, 31–35

Big Idea: When he had done even more evil than his fathers, Judah was arrested by God’s sovereign grace.

I. The Account in This Text

- a. Judah turns aside to the Canaanites. (verses 1–5)

Genesis 3:6; 6:1–2; 34:1–2

- b. Judah delays and ignores Tamar’s rights. (verses 6–11)

- c. Tamar manipulates Judah’s depravity to get justice. (verses 12–23)

- d. Judah is caught in his hypocrisy toward Tamar. (verses 24–26)

- e. God’s surprising plan is again revealed in the birth of twins. (verses 27–30)

Ruth 1:1–5; 4:9–12, 18–22; Matthew 1:1–6, 17; Genesis 49:9–10 [NASB]

II. The Applications of This Text

- a. Abhor your treachery against God’s grace.

- b. Surrender your self-righteous hypocrisy.

Romans 2:1–3, 21–25; Psalm 139:19–24

- c. Extol God’s almighty grace.

Jeremiah 31:31–34; Ezekiel 16:62–63; 36:22–29a, 31–32; John 3:5–16; Ephesians 2:4–10