

Genesis 38

- 1) What son of Jacob does this chapter discuss? What is significant about his lineage?
- 2) What was the nationality of Judah's wife?
 - a. How did this marriage violate the example of his fathers in obtaining wives?
 - b. Were Judah's sons, Er and Onan, of good character?
 - c. What did God do to Er and Onan?
 - d. What concern did Judah have for Shelah, and what lesson does this teach about the influence of godless mothers and wicked siblings?
 - e. What plans did Judah have for Shelah?

This story proves that the Levirate law was practiced prior to the Law of Moses (Deut. 25:5-10): Explain the Levirate law:
 - f. For what purpose did the Sadducees cite the Levirate law (Matt. 22:23-28)?
- 3) Who was Tamar, and how did she deceive Judah?
 - a. Why did Tamar so deceive Judah?
 - b. When did Judah command to be done with Tamar once he discovered she was pregnant?
 - c. Upon learning the truth, what did Judah admit that suggested that Tamar's actions were more honorable than his?
- 4) What is said about Judah that implies repentance on his part?
- 5) Why did the midwife tie a thread on the hand of one child as it was being born?
- 6) What was significant about Perez? (hint: Matthew 1:3)