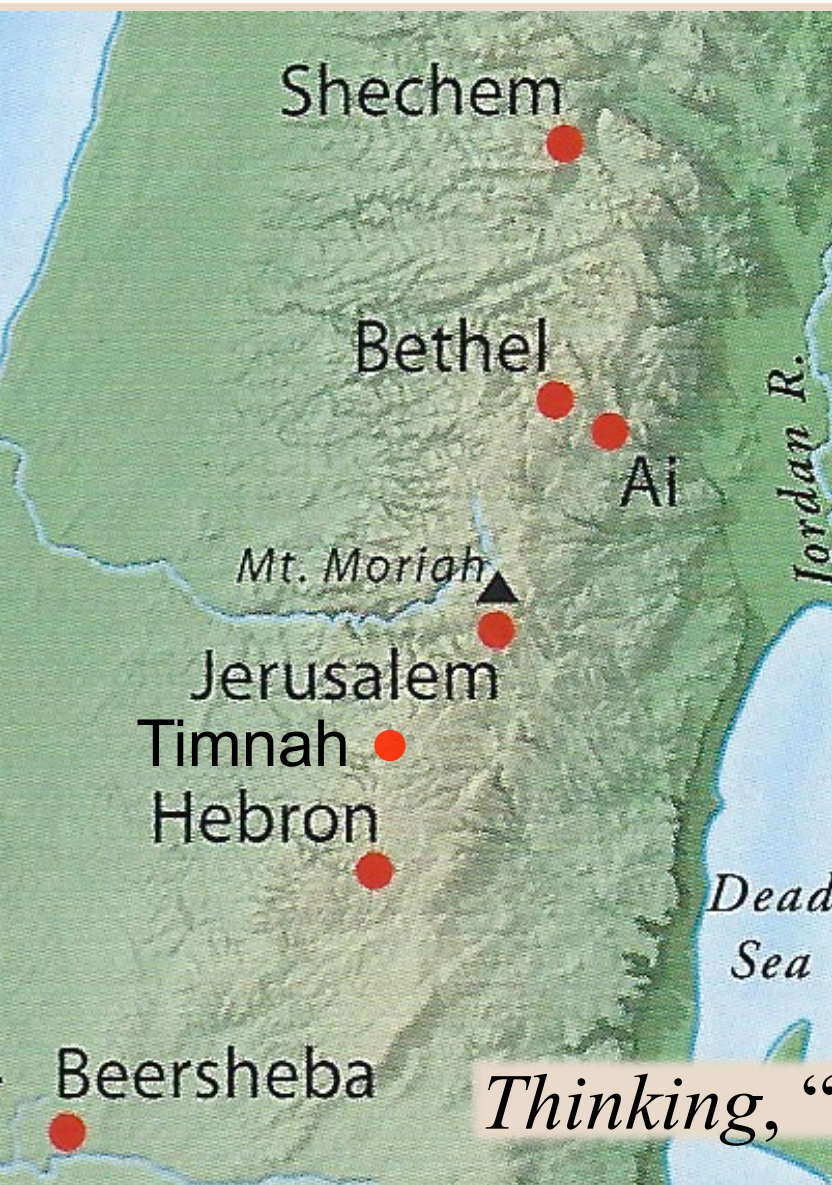




Genesis 38-39

Judah In Canaan
Joseph In Egypt

Is Chapter 38 Really An Interruption?
A Sidetrack?



8:3 Judah “Went down”

Jacob: “I will go down...”

Joseph: “was taken down...”

...About 20-30 (?) years pass

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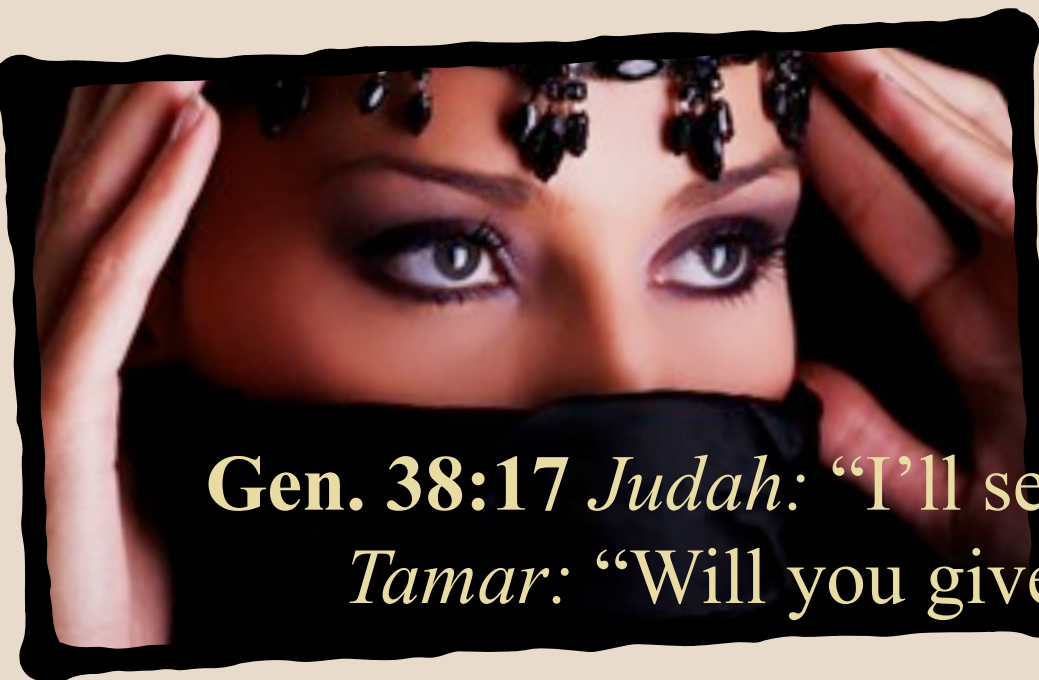
... the LORD put him to death

38:10 ONAN:

... So He put him to death also

Gen. 38:11 Judah said to Tamar, “Live as a widow in your father’s house until Shelah grows up (*Go Away!*)

Thinking, “He may die too, **just like his brothers**”



Gen. 38:15 Judah saw her,
he thought she was a prostitute,
... she had covered her face.

Gen. 38:17 *Judah:* “I’ll send you a young goat...”

Tamar: “Will you give me something as a pledge ...?”

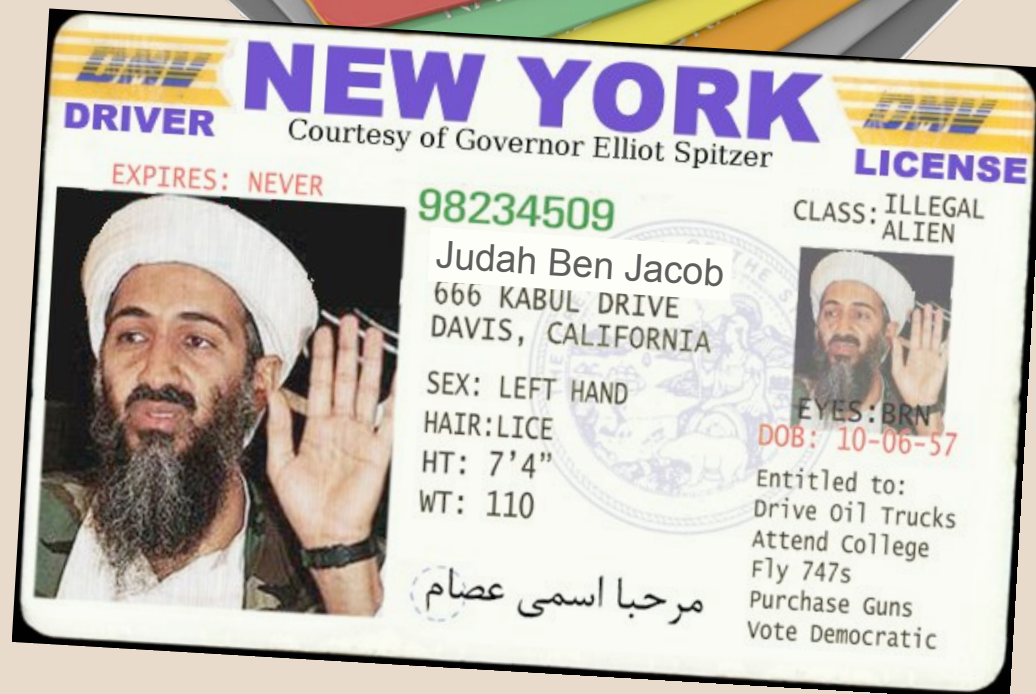
Gen. 38:18 *Judah:* “What should I give you?”

Tamar: “Your seal and cord, and the staff ...”



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Gen. 38:21 He asked the men who lived there,
“Where is the **temple** prostitute who was beside the road...?”

Gen. 38:24 About three months later ...

Judah was told, “Your daughter-in-law Tamar is guilty of prostitution (common prostitute – *NOT* a “Holy Woman”)
... now she is pregnant!”

Judah: “Bring her out and have her burned to death!

“Out Her and Burn Her!”

38:25 “I am pregnant by the man who owns these ...”

“Anyone *Recognize Them?*”

Gen. 38:26 Judah recognized them...

“She is more righteous than I, since I wouldn’t give her to my son Shelah.”

She is Righteous! I Am NOT ...



Red Loses *Again!*

Gen. 38:28-30 As she was giving birth, one child put out his hand; so the midwife took a **scarlet thread** and tied it on his wrist and said, “This one came out first.”

But when he drew back his hand, his brother came out, and she said, “So this is how you have **broken** out!” And he was named **Perez**.

Then his brother, who had the **scarlet thread** on his wrist, came out and he was given the name **Zerah**.

Matt. 1:3-6 ... to Judah were born Perez and Zerah *by Tamar*

Perez — Hezron

Hezron — Ram

Ram — Amminadab

Amminadab — Nahshon

Nahshon — Salmon

Salmon — Boaz *by Rahab*

Boaz — Obed *by Ruth*

Obed — Jesse

... to Jesse was born **David the King ...**

Gen. 39:1 Joseph had been taken down to **Egypt** ...

39:2-6 Blessing!

The Lord blessed Potiphar because of Joseph ...

Gen. 39:9 No one is greater in this house than I am.
My master has withheld nothing from me except you ...
How then could I do such a wicked thing and **sin against God?**”

*Success In Temptation
Depends More On Character
Than On Circumstances*

Character Rests On Commitment
To The Will Of God

Gen. 39:17-18 “That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me.

But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house.”

Gen. 39:19-20 When his master heard her say ...

“*This is how your slave treated me,*” he burned with anger. Joseph’s master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king’s prisoners were confined ...

Psa. 105:18-19 They bruised his feet with shackles,
his neck was put in irons,
till what he foretold came to pass,
till the word of the LORD proved him true

Psa. 105:20 The king sent and released him ...

Gen. 39:1 Joseph had been taken down to **Egypt ...**

39:2-6 Blessing!

The Lord blessed Potiphar because of Joseph ...

But, While Joseph Was In The Prison ...

Gen. 39:21-23 ...the LORD was with him,
He showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of
the prison warden ... **the warden put Joseph in charge**
The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care,
because the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success **in**
whatever he did ... (*and Joseph was faithful in all he did!*)

Gen. 39:1 Joseph had been taken down to **Egypt ...**

39:2-6 Blessing!

39:21-23 Blessing!

The Lord Can Bless A Slave -

The Lord Can Bless A Prison -

Because Of The Faithfulness Of One



Genesis 40-41

Joseph And His Dreams

Compare and Contrast The Dreams of Ch. 41
With The Dreams of Ch. 37