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Shabbat Message

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Genesis 37:1-40:23

Seeds of Life Series: Torah the Seeds for Life

The Break Out Seed

Introduction

Isn't it interesting that our Messiah was the perfect sinless Son of the Living Elohim yet His family tree was not so perfect. We see prostitutes and pagans all throughout His lineage and in this Torah portion it is no different as we are going to soon see. What is the lesson we can learn here? Yehovah chooses to use imperfect people to His business of the Kingdom. Does He have to use man for Him to expand His Kingdom? Absolutely not! However because He is gracious

and merciful He wants to use us and gives us an opportunity to join Him in His Kingdom agenda.

Judah's Disobedience

Genesis 38:1-2

1. It was at a certain time that Judah went down from his brothers and camped in Adullam (David fled there).
2. When He was away from His father and brothers He noticed a Canaanite Woman whose name was Shua which can mean Savior or Deliverer.
3. He took her as a wife and slept with her. This again is the very same thing that Isaac and Rivkah were upset about with Esau. Abraham gave the same instructions.

The Watchful Seed

Genesis 38:3-7

1. Judah got a wife for his son whose name was Er which means Watchful.
2. We need to be watchful of all that is going on in this world. (1 Peter 5:8; Matthew 7:15; Romans 16:17).
3. When we do not do our covenant responsibilities we end up like Er...whose very name

means watchful.

The Vigorous Seed

Genesis 38:8-10

1. Judah then gave his son Onan to Tamar Er's wife and what happened after that?
2. Onan meant vigorous yet He did not live up to His name instead He destroyed his seed on the ground and it was evil to Yehovah that he did this.
3. The Scripture says we should be vigorous as believers and be strengthened in our faith not doing the opposite of what Onan did? Are you an Onan? (Romans 4:20; Hebrews 10:23; 1 Timothy 6:12).

The Negligent Seed

Genesis 38:9-14

1. Judah then was a widower and lonely so he went and saw a prostitute which really was Tamar and she tricked Judah because He was supposed to give Shelah his youngest son to her as husband.
2. The name Shelah means negligent because Judah was negligent in giving him to Tamar.
3. What does the Bible say about being Negligent? (Proverbs 21:5; Galatians 6:5;

Colossians 3:23; Proverbs 12:24).

The Seed that Broke Out

Genesis 38:15-30

1. Judah found out that Tamar was pregnant and eventually found out that it was his children that she was pregnant with...oops.
2. They gave him the name Perez and the second Zerah however Perez is the one I want to concentrate on. Perez is where Yeshua was descended from.
3. Perez means Break Through. Yeshua is Lord of the Break Through! (Micah 2:13: Matthew 11:12; John 10:7,9). Yeshua can break through to our lives! Do you need Him to break through in your life?

Take Away

1. Judah got a son for his daughter in law Tamar and Named Him Er which means Watchful
2. Judah's Second Son was Onan and He was also given to Tamar and His name is Vigorous.
3. Judah had a son through Tamar and name Him Perez which is where Yeshua is descended from.

Application

1. Today I will be watchful of my life as a believer.
2. I will be vigorous as a believer in the Yehovah.
3. I will praise Yehovah because Yeshua broke through to me!

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