





MORE THAN A LIST OF NAMES

JUDAH AND TAMAR

MATTHEW 1
GENESIS 38



**1. Tracking what line
the Messiah would
come from.**

**2. Practical point of
keeping track for
inheritance purposes.**

Matthew 1:1-2

This is the genealogy of
Jesus the Messiah, the son of
David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham was the father of
Issac,
Issac was the father of
Jacob,

Jacob was the father of
Judah and his brothers,

Judah the father of
Perez and Zerah whose
mother was Tamar.

Jacob has 12 Sons

**Reuben, Simeon, Levi,
Judah, Zebulun ,
Issachar, Dan, Gad,
Asher, Naphtali,
Joseph, and Benjamin.**

Genesis 37:26

Judah said to his brothers,
“What will we gain if we kill
our brother and cover up
his blood? Come, let’s sell
him to the Ishmaelites and
not lay our hands on him.
After all he is our brother,
our own flesh and blood.”

Matthew 1:3

**Judah the father of
Perez and Zerah
whose mother was
Tamar.**

Genesis 38:2

There Judah met the daughter of a Canaanite man named Shua. He married her and made love to her; she became pregnant and gave birth to a son who was named Er. She conceived again and gave birth to a son Onan. She gave birth to still another son named Shelah.

Genesis 38:6-7

Judah got a wife for Er,
his firstborn, and her
name was Tamar. But Er,
Judah's firstborn, was
wicked in the Lord's
sight; so the Lord put
him to death.

Genesis 38:8-10

Then Judah said to Onan,
“Sleep with your brother’s
wife and fulfill your duty
to her as a brother-in-law
to raise up offspring for
your brother.”

But Onan knew that the child would not be his; so whenever he slept with his brothers wife, he spilled his semen on the ground to keep from providing offspring for his brother. What he did was wicked in the Lord's sight; so the Lord put him to death also.

1. Security Net for the Widow

**2. Keep the Name /
Line from Dying Out**

3. Inheritance Purposes

**“Onan knew that the
child would not be his.”**

Genesis 38:11

Judah then said to his daughter-in-law Tamar, “Live as a widow in your father’s household until my son Shelah grows up.”

For he thought, “He
may die too, just like
his brothers.”

So Tamar went to live
in her father’s
household.

Genesis 38:15-19

When Judah saw her, he thought she was a prostitute, for she had covered her face. Not realizing that she was his daughter-in-law, he went over to her by the roadside and said, “Come now, let me sleep with you.”

“And what will you give me
to sleep with you?” she
asked.

“I’ll send you a young goat
from my flock,” he said.

“Will you give me
something as a pledge until
you sent it?” she asked.

He said, “What pledge should I give you?”

“Your seal and it’s cord, and the staff in your hand,” she answered. So he gave them to her and slept with her, and she became pregnant by him. After she left, she took off her veil and put on her widow’s clothes again.

Genesis 38:24-26

About three months later,
Judah was told, “Your
daughter-in-law Tamar is
guilty of prostitution, and as a
result she is now pregnant.”

Judah said, “Bring her out and
have her burned to death!”

As she was being brought out, she sent a message to her father-in-law. “I am pregnant by the man who owns these,” she said. And she added, “See if you recognize whose seal and cord and staff these are.”

Judah recognized them
and said, “She is more
righteous than I, since I
wouldn’t give her my
son Shelah.”

And he did not sleep
with her again.

**Responsibility leads
to redemption and
restoration.**

Proverbs 24:12

Don't excuse yourself by saying, "Look we didn't know!" For God understands all hearts and He sees you. He who guards your soul knows you knew. He will repay all people as their actions deserve.

God chose Judah not
because he was perfect or
good.

But because in Judah the
message of the gospel could
be seen more clearly by us.

God came to redeem and
restore.

