

(Genesis 38)
“Faith & Obedience”

NOTE TAKERS...

- I've titled this message: **“Deception, Sex, & Lies”**
 - (Genesis 38) NKJV

*Localized chapter...

- That I will try to bring some practical application out of it.

~ INTRO ~

ONE OF THE MAIN PURPOSES OF (Genesis)...

- Is to record the **origin & development** of the twelve tribes of Israel.
 - These are the 12-sons of Jacob we've been talking about.

TODAY...

- We come to a pause... in the main storyline of (Gen.).
 - And our attention is turned to *Judah* (the 4th son)...
 - (Gen. 29:35).

LET'S BEGIN...

- By remembering what we've read about *Judah*.

FIRST...

- In (Gen 37:26-27) *Judah* suggested that they sell their brother Joseph...
 - To slave traders = [Human traffickers.]
- (Deut. 24:7) NKJV
 - Tells us *Judah's* actions were worthy of death.

AS THE STORY GOES ON...

- *Judah* leaves the family...
 - And marries a woman outside the faith (covenant).

READ (vv.1-5)

SO... THE DRAMA WITH *JOSEPH* HAS PASSED...

- And *Judah* left the family...
 - AND went to *Adullam* – about 20-miles southwest of Jerusalem.
 - *Adullam* = “Hiding Place”

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(v.1) Adullam / (v.5) Kezib / (v.12) Timnah



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THE NORTH SIDE OF THIS AREA...

- Connects TO... the [Valley of Elah](#).
 - Where the battle of David & Goliath happened...
 - (1 Sam 17).

HERE’S WHAT WE CAN LEARN TODAY:

IDEA #1 – DON’T AVOID GOD’S PROTECTION:

READ (vv.6-10)

- Throughout the pages of the Bible...
 - God desires to preserve & protect His people.

B.I.B.L.E.

Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth.

- AND marriage is one of those areas God speaks into.

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- Because it impacts our daily delight the most!

FROM THE O.T. TO THE N.T.

- **Israel** & the **Church** are warned about intermarrying.
 - (1 Cor. 7:39) NKJV & (2 Cor 6:14-15) NLT

PLEASE TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY MY FRIENDS!

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY MARRIED...

- OR have come to faith after marriage...
 - Be hopeful that God will sustain you & save your spouse.
 - (1 Cor. 7:12-16) NLT = stay on mission!!!

OK... AS THE STORY CONTINUES...

- *Judah* got involved to help his son get married...
 - But God was not pleased with *Er* (oldest son).
 - Because he was a wicked man...
 - AND God ended his life early.

THEN THE NEXT BROTHER (*Onan*)...

- Was obligated under the *levirate law of marriage*...
 - To take his brother's wife and provide offspring in his name.

READ (Deut. 25:5-10) NLT

- *Onan* repeatedly... took the sexual pleasure from his brothers widow...
 - But avoided the responsibility of giving offspring.

AND FOR THIS...

- God took his life too.

YOU KNOW THE CRAZY THING IS...

- We still see this in the scripture today.
 - When people continue to tempt God as Christians...
 - By knowingly & intentionally sinning against Him...
 - **READ (1 Cor. 11:29-30) NLT**

HERE'S ANOTHER LESSON FOR US:

- If you're knowingly & intentionally living in rebellion to God...

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- It’s a good idea to reconsider and stop!!!

IDEA #2 – CONSEQUENCES OF DECEPTION:

READ (vv.11-26)

GOING BACK TO JACOB (Israel)...

- He deceived his dad – **Isaac** (Gen. 27);
 - Jacob was then deceived by his father in law **Laban** (Gen. 29);
 - Then Jacob’s son (**Judah**) deceived him (Gen. 37:31);

Here in (Gen. 38:11). **Judah** deceives **Tamar**

- And then **Tamar** deceived **Judah**. (vv.14-16)

HERE’S THE POINT:

- If WE don’t put to death the deeds of our flesh...
 - We will continue to experience the pitfalls of the flesh.

(Rom 8:5-6) NLT

~ IN CLOSING ~

HERE’S HOW WE CONNECT THIS STORY...

- To the New Testament:

(Matt 1:1-3) *[Joseph’s line to Abraham]

- Judah is mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus.

(Luke 3:33-34) *[Mary’s line to Adam]

- Mary’s line is in reverse order.

THE LION FROM THE TRIBE OF JUDAH WILL WIN...

- Because He became a Lamb that takes away the sin of the world.
 - (John 1:29) NKJV
 - (Rev. 5:5) NKJV

JESUS’ DEATH & RESURRECTION...

- Are for our protection...
 - And there’s an eternal order (kingdom) coming...
 - Where Jesus rules & reigns!