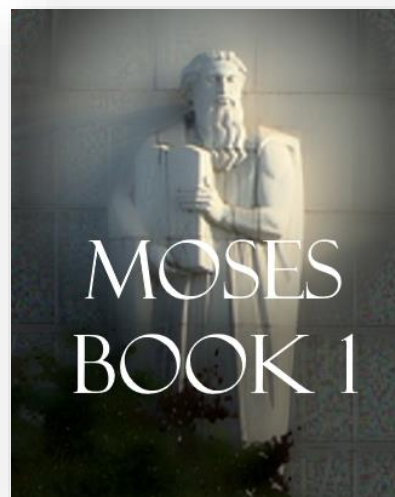


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Now and to the end of his first book, Moses writes about the History of Joseph in Egypt. This chapter gives us an account of Judah and his family; and such an account it is that one would wonder, that of all Jacob's sons, our Lord should spring out of Judah. If we were to form a character of him by this story; we would not say, Judah, you are he whom your brother's will praise. But God will show that His choice is of grace and not of merit – Matthew Henry.



¹ And it happened at that time, that Judah went down from his brothers, and turned in near a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah.

² And there Judah saw a daughter of a certain Canaanite whose name was Shuah / this verse is strange, why did Judah need to take a wife from the descendants of Canaan who were cursed by Noah? who knows; and isn't it strange that we do not learn the name of his wife; nonetheless he did; and he took her, and went in to her.

³ So she conceived, and bore a son; and he called his name Er.

⁴ And she conceived again, and bore a son; and she called his name Onan.

⁵ And she yet again conceived, and bore a son; and called his name Shelah: and he was at Chezib, when she bore him.

⁶ And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, whose name was Tamar.

⁷ But Er, the firstborn of Judah, was wicked in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD killed him.

⁸ And Judah said to Onan, Go in to the wife of your brother, and marry her, and raise up an heir to your brother.

⁹ But Onan knew that the offspring would not be his; and it happened, when he went in to the wife of his brother, that he spilled it on the ground, lest that he should give an offspring to his brother.

¹⁰ And what he did displeased the LORD: therefore He killed him also.

¹¹ And Judah said to Tamar his daughter-in-law, Remain a widow at the house of your father, till Shelah my son is grown:

for he said, Lest perhaps he die also, as his brothers did.

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And Tamar went and dwelt in the house of her father.

¹² And in the course of time the daughter of Shuah, the wife of Judah died; and Judah was comforted / which is really awkward sounding, isn't it?, and went up to the shearers of sheep, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite in Timnah.

¹³ And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold your father-in-law goes up to Timnah to shear his sheep.

¹⁴ So she took off her garments of widowhood from her, and covered herself with a vail, and wrapped herself, and sat in the entrance of Enaim, which is on the way to Timnah; for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given to him to wife.

¹⁵ When Judah saw her, he thought she was a harlot; because she had covered her face.

¹⁶ And he turned to her by the way, and said, Come now, Please, let me come into you; (for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law.) And she said, What will you give me, that you may come in to me?

¹⁷ And he said, I will send you a young goat from the flock. And she said, Only if you will give me a pledge, until you send it.

¹⁸ And he asked, What pledge will I give you? And she said, Your signet ring, and your silk cord, and your staff that is in your hand. And he gave them to her, and entered into her, and she conceived by him.

¹⁹ So she arose, and went away, and took off her vail from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood.

²⁰ And Judah sent the young goat by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive his pledge from the hand of the woman: but he did not find her.

²¹ Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where is the harlot, that was in Enaim by the roadside? And they said, There was no harlot in this place.

²² So he returned to Judah, and said, I cannot find her; and the men of the place said, there was no harlot in this place.

²³ And Judah said, Let her take them for herself, lest we are shamed / more than anything, Judah feared the public exposure, and then sought to justify himself adding:

Indeed, I sent this young goat, and you have not found her.

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²⁴ And it happened about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar your daughter-in-law **has played the harlot** / literally, she was zaw-naw-ing around; but she wasn't playing; and also, behold, she is pregnant by fornication.

And Judah said, Bring her out, and let her be burned.

²⁵ When she was brought out, she sent to her father-in-law, saying, By the man, whose these are, I am with child: and she said, Discern, please, whose are these, the signet ring, and silk cord, and staff.

²⁶ So Judah acknowledged them, and said, She is more righteous than I; because upon thus I did not give her to Shelah my son. And never more did he know her again.

²⁷ And it happened in the time of her giving birth, that behold, twins were in her womb.

²⁸ And it happened, when she was giving birth, that one put out his hand: and the midwife took and tied on his hand a **scarlet thread**, saying, This one came out first.

²⁹ And it happened, as he withdrew his hand, that behold, his brother came out: and she said, How have you broken forth? upon you is this breach: therefore his name was called **Perez**.

³⁰ And afterward came out his brother, who had on his hand the **scarlet thread**: and his name was called **Zarah** / these are the two royal lines, even listed in the genealogy of Jesus; of these two royal lineages – Perez was with Moses when they exited Egypt, Zarah already had taken boats to Santorini and founded the Greek City-states as well as regions all the way to Zaragoza on the Iberian Peninsula; [Ezekiel tells us more about these two royal families](#).

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