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Genesis Chapter 38 Judah's Mishaps

As we get into Genesis chapter 38, we're going to see that Judah, Jacob's fourth son, is going to wind up making some of the same mistakes that Esau made early on in his life. But as we journey through the life and times of Judah, I want us to remember what we talked about last week when we talked about God's divine providence.

Just as we said last week, our Father in heaven often times is busy working in the background of our lives while we're completely oblivious to what is happening. Often times Yahovah will be leading and guiding the hearts and minds of his people to do things unbeknownst to us, that will ultimately lead us to fulfill his purpose. And just as the story of Joseph was very clearly full of our Father's divine Providence... so too will we find the story of Judah full of our Father's divine Providence.

And so, I want you to keep that in mind as we read through the 38th chapter of the book of Genesis as we watch the hand of our Father in heaven working in the life of Judah.

So, without any further ado, let's turn to Genesis chapter 38 and let's read it so that we can know both what it does say, as well as what it does not say. Genesis chapter 38:

Gen 38:1 It happened at that time that Judah went down from his brothers and turned aside to a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah.

Gen 38:2 There Judah saw the daughter of a certain Canaanite whose name was Shua. He took her and went in to her;

Gen 38:3 and she conceived and bore a son, and he called his name Er.

Gen 38:4 She conceived again and bore a son, and she called his name Onan.

Gen 38:5 Yet again she bore a son, and she called his name Shelah. Judah was in Chezib when she bore him.

Gen 38:6 And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name was Tamar.

Gen 38:7 But Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD put him to death.

Gen 38:8 Then Judah said to Onan, "Go in to your brother's wife and perform the duty of a brother-in-law to her, and raise up offspring for your brother."

Gen 38:9 But Onan knew that the offspring would not be his. So whenever he went in to his brother's wife he would waste the semen on the ground, so as not to give offspring to his brother.

Gen 38:10 And what he did was wicked in the sight of the LORD, and he put him to death also.

Gen 38:11 Then Judah said to Tamar his daughter-in-law, "Remain a widow in your father's house, till Shelah my son grows up"—for he feared that he would die, like his brothers. So Tamar went and remained in her father's house.

Gen 38:12 In the course of time the wife of Judah, Shua's daughter, died. When Judah was comforted, he went up to Timnah to his sheepshearers, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.

Gen 38:13 And when Tamar was told, "Your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep,"

Gen 38:14 she took off her widow's garments and covered herself with a veil, wrapping herself up, and sat at the entrance to Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah. For she saw that Shelah was grown up, and she had not been given to him in marriage.

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

Gen 38:16 He turned to her at the roadside and said, "Come, let me come in to you," for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. She said, "What will you give me, that you may come in to me?"

Gen 38:17 He answered, "I will send you a young goat from the flock." And she said, "If you give me a pledge, until you send it—"

Gen 38:18 He said, "What pledge shall I give you?" She replied, "Your signet and your cord and your staff that is in your hand." So he gave them to her and went in to her, and she conceived by him.

Gen 38:19 Then she arose and went away, and taking off her veil she put on the garments of her widowhood.

Gen 38:20 When Judah sent the young goat by his friend the Adullamite to take back the pledge from the woman's hand, he did not find her.

Gen 38:21 And he asked the men of the place, "Where is the cult prostitute who was at Enaim at the roadside?" And they said, "No cult prostitute has been here."

Gen 38:22 So he returned to Judah and said, "I have not found her. Also, the men of the place said, 'No cult prostitute has been here.'"

Gen 38:23 And Judah replied, "Let her keep the things as her own, or we shall be laughed at. You see, I sent this young goat, and you did not find her."

Gen 38:24 About three months later Judah was told, "Tamar your daughter-in-law has been immoral. Moreover, she is pregnant by immorality." And Judah said, "Bring her out, and let her be burned."

Gen 38:25 As she was being brought out, she sent word to her father-in-law, "By the man to whom these belong, I am pregnant." And she said, "Please identify whose these are, the signet and the cord and the staff."

Gen 38:26 Then Judah identified them and said, "She is more righteous than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah." And he did not know her again.

Gen 38:27 When the time of her labor came, there were twins in her womb.

Gen 38:28 And when she was in labor, one put out a hand, and the midwife took and tied a scarlet thread on his hand, saying, "This one came out first."

Gen 38:29 But as he drew back his hand, behold, his brother came out. And she said, "What a breach you have made for yourself!" Therefore his name was called Perez.

Gen 38:30 Afterward his brother came out with the scarlet thread on his hand, and his name was called Zerah.

Now, just as always when we read through the Bible, we often times miss the most important parts of the chapter when we don't take the time to slow down and truly study the chapter. And I say that because I think that you're going to see the difference between reading the Scripture and studying the Scripture. As I have said before, there is a stark difference between simply reading our Bibles and actually studying our Bibles.

If we were to leave this chapter right now, and continue on to the next chapter without first studying, and asking for the discernment to understand it properly, we would miss a surmountable amount of valuable information that can be gleaned from this very chapter.

And so once again, I'd like to slow down and take the time to actually study what is in this Scripture and I want you to contrast what you know right now about Genesis chapter 38 after reading it... Versus what you're going to know in about 45 minutes when were done studying it.

Stop and think for just a minute what you know about Genesis chapter 38 right now. Take the time think about that for just a moment. What did you just glean from chapter 38 just now when you read it?

And then I want you to think at the end of this study about what you know about Genesis chapter 38 after we get done taking the time to study it. Because I would submit to you my friends that there will be a huge difference between what you know right now sitting here at this point in time about Genesis 38... and what you will know about it within just about 45 minutes of study.

I promise you there will be a very stark difference between what you know now just reading it, and what you'd will know later after even just a short amount of time studying it. And I say all of that to help us understand that reading our scripture should never be treated as a race to get through it. There are literally hundreds of "read the bible in 30 days" programs out there that give people a false sense of thinking that they know something after speed reading through their bibles, and this is a tragedy in itself. It's not about how fast you read it... it's about what you gain from understanding it, and that understanding only comes from the Ruach Hakodesh of Yahovah.

Moving forward... one of the things that Genesis chapter 38 illustrates is the danger that Israel as God separated people faced if they remained among the Canaanite's. Mixing the bloodline of the covenant promise of Yahovah against the will of Yahovah was never a wise idea. Even when the Israelites were in bondage in Egypt, the Israelites were kept separate because the Egyptians despised them.

So, even while the Israelites were in Egypt for 400 years, God's people were able to develop

into a nation without losing their identity, and this once again goes hand-in-hand with the divine Providence that we see all throughout the 66 books of our Bibles.

Something else that is tectonically important for us to understand, is that both Judah and his Adullamite friend thought that Tamera was a temple prostitute. If we look at Genesis chapter 38 verse 21 in the English standard version it says that they thought that she was a “cult prostitute”. But if we look at the King James version it simply uses the word “*harlot*”, which is actually the Hebrew word “*qedeshah*” which means “*female temple prostitute*”.

The Canaanite’s had adopted prostitution as a worship practice symbolizing fertility. And this prostitution worship was connected with a pagan temple and to the false God Baal. This gives us some insight into how far off the rails that Judah had actually gone in his walk with God.

What’s important to understand is that most of the mystery Babylon-based religions adopted sacred sex as part of their religious practices. And even still to this very day, there is a movement within the fringes of Satanism, and the new spiritualist, and the New Age movements around the world, that reaches around the globe including even here in the United States... to reintroduce this form of sexual worship to false gods back into our culture, and into our societies. And we’re seeing more and more of that being splashed across our television screens, computers, I phones, I pads, and I pods to this very day. It’s even being reintroduced into the airwaves of radio and audio signals through the demonic underpinnings of today’s music industry. And so, we would be wise to be on the lookout for this demonically inspired idea to incorporate sex with worship into the modern world that our children will be forced to grow up in.

Their rituals include the act of combining the erotic with the sacred, and this is exactly why we see the act of not only pedophilia, but the act of rape and adultery running rampant in the Roman Catholic Church. These mystery Babylon-based religions are all the same. A Satanist is a Satanist. You’re either worshiping the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob... or you’re worshiping his adversary. You’re either with him or you’re against him. And I just wanted to interject that into what was going on in the mindset of Judah and his buddy the Adullamite. Judah obviously didn’t care if Tamera was a temple prostitute or not, and this is striking when we stop to think about where Judah was in his walk with Yahovah.

What’s important to remember is that Judah was Jacobs fourth son. And it’s important to remember that Judah was the son of Leah one of the two legal wives of Jacob. Jacob’s first four sons were all born to Leah. Something else that’s very important to understand is that it was Judah who perpetrated the selling of his brother Joseph into slavery back in chapter 37. And I want us to stop and think about that for just a moment.

Why would Judah have been so quick to get rid of his brother Joseph? I want us to think about that for just a moment. And the reason that I want us to think about that is because it gives us even more insight into the nature and the mindset of Judah.

The reason that Judah may have wanted to get rid of his brother Joseph is because he probably saw himself as being a possible candidate for the firstborn blessing and the family birthright, and all the wealth and the authority that went along with it.

We have to remember that Jacob had decided that Reuben (even though he was Jacobs firstborn son) would not receive the firstborn blessing because Reuben had slept with Jacob's concubine Bilah. So even though Reuben was Jacobs firstborn, he automatically disqualified himself as having the right of the firstborn.

And we have to remember that Simeon and Levi, the next in line for the birthright, were also deemed unworthy to inherit the firstborn blessing that Reuben forfeited because they were the two sons that led the raid on Shechem when they killed all the males in Shechem in revenge for raping their sister Dinah.

And so, it would be understandable that Judah who was the fourth in line would become the inheritor of the firstborn blessing. The only problem with that concept was that Joseph had already been given a coat of many colors by his father and was openly favored by his father Jacob. And so, it must have been playing on Judah's mind that his father Jacob may actually give the firstborn blessing and the birthright to Joseph instead of Judah even though Judah would have been the next in line by birth.

What's ironic in all of this, is the early tussle that seems to be going on between Judah and Joseph, which would extend even on up through their descendants. We have to remember that it would be these two brothers, both Judah and Joseph, that would wind up being the two dominant tribes of Israel: Judah and Ephraim.

Now some of you are probably thinking "well how did Ephraim get into the picture?" As we'll soon see in the next few chapters, Ephraim, an Egyptian born son of Joseph, who was born from Joseph's Egyptian wife, would effectively replace Joseph as a tribe of Israel.

Jacob actually winds up adopting Ephraim and his brother Manasse away from Joseph, for the purpose of replacing Reuben. And centuries after that, Judah and Ephraim would indeed become the two dominant Israelite kingdoms that were created after the split of the nation of Israel when it was under King David and King Solomon.

Both the southern kingdom of Judah and the northern kingdom of Ephraim would wind up warring against each other up until Assyria finally conquers the northern kingdom of Ephraim and scattered those 10 tribes throughout the far reaches of Asia.

And so, the scuffle that we see going on between Judah and Joseph reaches on up throughout history even to today.

If we read Ezekiel chapter 37 we'll find what is known as the "Dead Bones Prophecy", where Ezekiel chapter 37 tells us that Yahovah would raise up the house of Israel from the dead and bring them back into their own land. But... if we read through Ezekiel chapter 37 very carefully, we'll find in Ezekiel chapter 37 versus 11 that it says and I quote, that "*these bones are the whole house of Israel*". So, in other words, the people that Yahovah is raising up from the grave is not just the house of Judah. It's the whole house of Israel.

And if we read through Ezekiel chapter 37 we're also told that our Father in heaven is going to take the two sticks of Israel, (which include both the southern kingdom of Judah, and the northern kingdom of Ephraim), and that he is going to put them back together as one stick in the Father's hand.

What's interesting to make note of here is that there will be a healing between Judah and Ephraim, and that they will be, a single nation once again. Our Father in heaven promises us that he will raise up the dead dried-up bones of the house of Israel, and that he will bring them back into his promised land.

Now I just want to make a point here before we continue on. Many people will point to Ezekiel chapter 37 and the dried-up bones Prophecy as only pertaining to the house of Judah... but that's not what the Scripture says. If you read the context of the Scripture in both Ezekiel 36 and 37, you'll find that the context is about the whole house of Israel... and not just the tribe of Judah.

Ezekiel 37 is talking about bringing all 12 tribes of Israel back into the promised land. Not just Judah. And I think that's extremely important for us to make note of, but nevertheless, I think it's also important to understand where this rivalry between Judah and Ephraim actually started. And as we have clearly seen here in the book of Genesis, this rivalry between Judah and Ephraim began clear back in Genesis chapter 37.

Something else that we need to make note of is that the names of the places that we find here in Genesis chapter 38 like... Adullam, Chezib, Timnah, and Enam, these are all places that are located within the tribal territory of Judah, and we'll see that as we walk through our Scriptures. And so, I think it's important to understand that Genesis chapter 38 helps to show Judah's rise to prominence and it makes territorial connections that will be common even in the life of the future King David as we move forward in our studies.

As we walk through our Fathers Torah we'll eventually see the house of Israel moving into the land of Canaan and dividing up the land of Canaan into 12 distinct districts, one for each one of the 12 tribes of Israel. And so, once again what we're getting here is the foundational information that we need to help us understand the bigger picture that won't become clear for several centuries after Genesis chapter 38.

THE CANNENITE WOMAN:

Now I want to pause here for just a moment and I want to talk a little bit about this Canaanite woman that Judah marries. Marrying a Canaanite woman is not a smart move on Judah's part. Judah is clearly not keeping in lockstep with Yahovah's unfolding plan when he decides to marry a Canaanite woman outside of the family tribe like Esau did.

We can clearly see that Judah left his brothers, and he knew full well that marriage to a Canaanite woman was not something that was supposed to be done among Israelites at that time.

This unnamed Canaanite woman produces three sons for Judah, but none of these three sons should have been suitable to carry on the line of the covenant promise, because all three of the sons were Canaanite by blood. Judah seems to be either completely ignorant of this fact, or he's simply decided to do what he wants to do instead of what God wants him to do.

We have to remember that Judah's uncle Esau had been passed over for the firstborn blessing at least in part, because he decided to marry a Canaanite woman. And so, I want us to stop right here for just a moment and think about this for a second. The first thing that I want us to think about is how does this reflect in our own lives?

How often do we claim faith in our Messiah, and in the unfolding plan of his Father, and yet disconnect our faith from our lives in the things we choose to do on a daily basis? How many times a week do we cast our eyes upon things that we have no business even giving the time of day to? How many times have we allowed our children to watch a movie, or play game that no Christian should ever be involved with? How many times have we looked at someone of the opposite sex who was a little too attractive, and let our minds run wild?

How many relationships have we been in that we should have never been in? There's an important lesson in what we see Judah doing while seemingly unaware of the mistakes that he's making. What's important to realize is that the troubles and the sorrows that this kind of behavior inevitably brings to us. And were going to see Judah experience these troubles and these sorrows as we move forward.

As the three sons of Judah mature into young men, the firstborn son Er was given a wife that was selected by his father and his wife's name was Tamar (which means "Palm tree"). But we're told that Judah son Er, had a life that was pretty short-lived because Er was evil, and because Er was evil Yahovah took his life. This left his wife Tamar a son-less widow.

Onan, the second son of Judah was then instructed to go in and to take his brothers widow Tamar as his wife. Now before we go any farther I want us to understand that this is not just some ancient Hebrew tradition that's going on here. I want us to turn to Deuteronomy chapter 25 verse five:

Deu 25:5 *“If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the dead man shall not be married outside the family to a stranger. Her husband's brother shall go in to her and take her as his wife and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her.*

Deu 25:6 *And the first son whom she bears shall succeed to the name of his dead brother, that his name may not be blotted out of Israel.*

Deu 25:7 *And if the man does not wish to take his brother's wife, then his brother's wife shall go up to the gate to the elders and say, ‘My husband's brother refuses to perpetuate his brother's name in Israel; he will not perform the duty of a husband's brother to me.’*

Deu 25:8 *Then the elders of his city shall call him and speak to him, and if he persists, saying, ‘I do not wish to take her,’*

Deu 25:9 *then his brother's wife shall go up to him in the presence of the elders and pull his sandal off his foot and spit in his face. And she shall answer and say, ‘So shall it be done to the man who does not build up his brother's house.’*

Deu 25:10 *And the name of his house shall be called in Israel, ‘The house of him who had his sandal pulled off.’*

It's important to understand that the bloodline of the man's family was indeed to continue on at all costs especially if the man was part of the house of Israel. If a man refused this responsibility to take care of his brother's wife in such a way, it was commanded that she humiliated him in public so that all would know that this man refused to build up his brother's house. And this was something that was extremely shameful for a man to do.

Nevertheless, Onan Er's brother had decided that he was not going to further his brother's house. We have to remember, if Tamar was to become pregnant with Onan's son... this could have caused Onan to have to share the birthright with Tamar's son. We have to remember that Er, was the firstborn, and that Onan was the second born. And so, if Er,s wife Tamar were to give birth to a son that was sired by Onan... Tamar's son would not be seen as Onan's son. He would be seen as his brother's son, and this could mean that Onan may not wind up with any of the family birthright.

We have to remember what happened when Jacob adopted Joseph's sons Manasseh and Ephraim... of course we don't see that for a few more chapters, but it was commonplace as we've already seen, for the father to give the family birthright to someone else besides the actual firstborn son. And so, there should be no doubt in our minds what was going through the mind of Onan, when he decided that he didn't want to impregnate his brother's wife Tamar.

Greed and selfishness were major contributors to why Onan didn't want to give Tamar his brothers wife a son.

What's important to be clear about here, is that because Onan blatantly disregarded the

commandment of Yahovah, and was so selfish and callous, Yahovah also took his life.

We should see flares going up and hear sirens going off all around what happens here in the 38th chapter of the book of Genesis, because it's a direct reflection of what happens to man when he blatantly disregards the commandment of his Father in heaven.

As priests... we ourselves must be well educated in knowing and understanding what the commandments of our Father in heaven are. And not only do we need to know and understand what the commandments of our Father in heaven are... we need to abide by them stringently.

My friends it does us no good to read and to study, and to ask, and pray for discernment, and then when we are given the truth... not to do the truth. It's not just about teaching and preaching, and reading and studying, and digging... it's about doing, it's about walking it out, it's about abiding in him. And Onan had no intention of doing what his father told him to do.

And I know that a lot of people will say "well you know brother... Deuteronomy is four books after Genesis. So maybe Onan didn't know any better". But I would submit to you my friends it makes no difference where the actual commandment was written in our cannon.

The laws of Yahovah were not just given to man at Mt. Sinai. The laws of Yahovah were given at creation. Otherwise, how would Noah know what animals were clean and what animals were not clean? How would Adam and Eve have been able to sin? According to our Scripture the biblical definition of "sin" is the transgression of the law (and you can find that in first John chapter 3 verse four for those of you who don't already know that). So, if the law did not exist during the days of Adam and Eve... how then did Adam transgress a law that did not exist?

How did Cain and Abel know to sacrifice things to Yahovah? How would Cain have known that it was a sin to kill his brother Abel?

And so, you see my friends there should be no doubt in our minds that Onan knew full well what he was doing when he denied his brother's wife Tamar a child. There should be no doubt in our minds that Onan knew full well that he was intentionally committing a sin against Yahovah when he so selfishly went in to enjoy the company of Tamar, and then decided to so selfishly spill his seed on the ground denying her a son.

There is a whole teaching that we have already done on intentional sin. When we intentionally break the laws of Yahovah... knowing full well that we are commanded not to do something... and we decide to intentionally go ahead and do it anyway... there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins. And we can get into Hebrews chapter 10, and chapter 6, and do a whole topical study just on intentional sin itself... which we have already done by the way... but for time's sake we're going to go ahead and continue on. But... if you'd like more information on intentional sin... you can visit our YouTube channel and search for our video teaching entitled "*Willful and Intentional Sin... Is It Forgiven According to Scripture?*", And that video teaching will help to

give you a little bit more clarification concerning the dangers of willful and intentional sin according to our God breathed Scriptures. Something that every modern-day Christian should be well acquainted with.

Moving forward, according to our Father in heaven it should have been the duty of Judah's third son Shelah, to marry the twice widowed Tamar, but Judah had decided that his third son Shelah was too young to marry at that point. So, Judah sent Tamar to go home and live with her own father until Shelah was old enough to marry her. The problem is that Judah never really intended to allow his son Shelah to marry Tamar. And so, the plot thickens.

As time passes of course Shelah, Judah's third son matures into a man old enough to marry. But Judah never does give his son Shelah to Tamar. And so, Tamar takes things into her own hands and decides that she's going to present herself as a temple prostitute while disguising herself so that Judah himself winds up doing the job that his sons seemed to not be able to complete.

Now there are several things here that I want us to know and to understand. According to the ancient Rabbis historical documentation... Tamar was a Semite woman. In other words, she was a descendent of Shem in the sanctified line of righteousness. Up until this point Judah had produced three different sons by a Canaanite woman. Two of them had already died because of their wickedness in the eyes of Yahovah. The third son that would have carried on the line of Judah never got the opportunity because Judah refused to let him marry Tamar.

The result is that Judah himself unwittingly made Tamar pregnant. And so, once again through Yahovah's divine Providence... the promised line of Abraham would indeed remain in the true chosen bloodline of Yahovah. Yahovah was not going to allow the bloodline of a Canaanite woman to infiltrate the promised covenant line of Abraham.

Once again, we must always remember that all throughout the Scriptures our Father and his only begotten Son in both the Old, and the New Testaments, were consistently electing, dividing, and separating. They elected, divided, and separated specific people to carry out not only the very bloodline of Abraham... but the very bloodline of Abraham's seed, who is.. Yeshua Hamashiach, and who's bloodline we x-gentiles have all been grafted into. And the God ordained divine Providence of Yahovah himself once again has played out in this very significant and important story of the life of Judah.

The line of the covenant promise was continuously chosen by Yahovah, the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. And it's important for us to understand the spiritual implications of what's going on here in the book of Genesis. And not only in the book of Genesis... but throughout all of the 66 books of the Bible.

The son of Tamar, Perez... would once again be elected, divided, and separated by Yahovah to be the one to continue on with the all-important line of the covenant promise first given to Abraham. Perez became the head of the leading clan in Judah and the ancestor of David, and

ultimately of our Messiah.

Once again, this is just another story that is jampacked with the divine Providence of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob in the lives of his people. Judah had no idea that neither his firstborn, or his second born, or even his third born sons would carry on the covenant promise of Abraham. Judah wasn't paying attention, but Yahovah was. Judah was doing what Judah wanted to do, but Yahovah's divine providence in the end, would cause Judah to do exactly what Yahovah wanted him to do. The divine Providence of our Father in heaven should never be underestimated, nor should it be taken lightly.

Something else very important that I want us to see is that although Judah's decisions were often times somewhat foolish... God's relationship to him remained the same. Just because Judah was making some foolish mistakes on his part, did not mean that Yahovah would allow Judah's foolish mistakes to alter his unfolding plan for the house of Israel. Once again, the divine Providence of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob was clearly at work in the life of Judah.

How many times has divine Providence happened in our lives? As we come to the close of Genesis chapter 38 I want us to ponder that question. As we look back on our lives I want us to ask ourselves how we got here in the first place. How did we even come to the faith in the first place? What drove us here? As we look back in our lives, how difficult is it for us to see the divine Providence of our Father in heaven working in our lives to get us right here where we are today?

I would submit to you my friends that if you sat down and thought about it for any real length of time... that you too would be able to see the divine Providence, and the invisible hand of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob working in your life. And I would also submit to you... that the divine Providence of our Father in heaven... has only just begun to work in our lives.

No matter what man does to us, no matter what man does to our bodies, or to our belongings, or even to our children... he can not touch our souls... he can not rob us of the free gift of salvation that we have been given unless we give it to him. We must always remember that the divine providence of Yahovah only goes to far. Our Father has given us free will to freely decide who it is that we will serve, and just like the old Bob Dylan song says... "Your gonna serve somebody... it may be the devil, or it may be the Lord... but you're gonna serve somebody".

In the end it would be wise to remember my friends that if we have chosen wisely who to serve... we are not alone, and the cross that we bear, we do not bear alone. The persecutions that we endure, the hardships, and the trials, and the tribulations of life that we endure, we do not endure alone. Our Father in heaven did not rescue Noah from the flood. He brought him through it. Our Father in heaven did not rescue the Israelites from the plagues of Egypt... he

brought them through it. Our Father in heaven did not rescue the Israelites from the Red Sea... he brought them through it. And our Father in heaven will not rescue us from the tribulations of life... he will indeed bring us through it.

In the end my friends, we will need the divine Providence of our Father in heaven as the days go by. Our children and our children's children will need the divine Providence of Yahovah in the coming days. And there should be no doubt in our minds that the very act of our Fathers divine Providence is well-established within the hearts and the minds of his people who know and understand how he operates, and how he works in our lives.

In the name of Yeshua Hamashiach, may we give thanks for the divine Providence of our Father in heaven. And may he help us to recognize it when we see it.

Now, before we go, ask yourself how much more you know about Genesis chapter 38 then you did about 45 minutes ago? How useful was it for you to not only read the 38th chapter of Genesis... but to take the time to study the 38th chapter of Genesis? How much more knowledge do you have now then you had 45 minutes ago?

And so, then the question now begs... what will you do with it?

Once gain I'm Pastor Scott Velain with Holy Impact Ministries.com and I'd like to once again ask you to please, please, please, take what you've heard here today to your prayer closet, and bow your head and bend your knee, and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem and ask if what you've heard here today be true... or not?

Ask, seek, and knock and the door will be opened to you. And if you will do that... you and I will walk hand in hand through gates of his soon coming kingdom.