

Genesis Study—Tamar and Joseph/Potiphar

Genesis 38 39

1. *Adullam* is 20 miles west of _____
Later David would hide there from Saul and defeat _____ in this area.
2. *There he met a Canaanite woman, the daughter of Shua, and he married her...*
We can already see the corruptive effects the _____ are going to have on Israel. God later has a plan to bring them away from this area. It was a _____
3. **What was the sin of vss. 6-10?** We do not know what Er's sin was but it was so bad that God moved to judge him _____
4. **Go in to your brother's wife and marry her, and raise up an heir to your brother:**
According to the custom of _____ (later codified into law in Deuteronomy 25:5-10), if a man died before providing sons to his wife, it was the duty of his _____ to marry her and to give her sons. The child was considered the son of the brother who died (Onan knew that the heir would not be his) because the living brother was only acting in his place. This practice is common among clan type people who forbid marriage outside their own and inheritance is strongly preserved. It would also help her to have sons to provide for her so she wouldn't be destitute. Many have labeled this sin erroneously as _____ or some other sexual sin. The key to this sin was _____ from selfishness and greed. He used her for sex without _____
5. *Then Judah told Tamar... But Judah didn't really intend to do...*
_____ for this family. He had no compassion for her to take care of her. Just wanted to get rid of her.
Tamar seduces Judah. Just when you think you've seen it all.
 - > Judah is withholding the third son, Shelah. We can kind of understand that but didn't need to _____
 - > Tamar did not want to face what would be a very difficult existence in that culture or in any culture: life without _____
 - > Tamar didn't have the option of just finding another man to marry. She was under the _____ of her father-in-law Judah, and he had _____. He determined whom and when she could marry.
 - > Tamar, acted shrewdly and vindicated herself against the charge of harlotry. She makes the logical appeal of noting that the _____ is just as guilty as she.
 - > Judah could see through to the real issue. He was at fault for not providing for Tamar a son through his last son Shelah.

6. *Therefore his name was called Perez . . . his name was called Zerah*

Matthew 1:3 and Luke 3:33 each list _____ as an ancestor of _____. God took the son of this ungodly situation and put him in the family line of the Messiah, despite the fact that neither Judah or Tamar were examples of godliness.

7. ***Now when Joseph arrived in Egypt ... Potiphar, a member of the personal staff of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. Potiphar was the captain of the palace guard.***

“Potiphar” means “_____.”

Contrast with Joseph who was devoted to the _____!

He was the captain of Pharaoh’s “secret service.” It is strongly possible that he was also a _____, which obviously casts a different light on what was about to happen. Also, Potiphar doesn’t seem to have any _____?

8. *The Lord was with Joseph and blessed him greatly as he served...*

Joseph could have _____ and _____ but instead he _____ as best as he was able! How do we do in less than best situations of life? Also, Potiphar could see this happening. What a testimony when people can see _____ on our lives! What blessings? Things increased, Ran smoothly, Joseph blessed w/ admin skills, Total Trust

9. ***Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance:*** Joseph’s appearance is of special note. The Bible only calls two other men beautiful: _____ (1 Samuel 16:12) and _____ (2 Sam14:25).

10. ***It would be a great sin against God. Compare to Psalm 51:1-5***

11. **Gleanings from temptation and resisting.**

- ***Potiphar’s wife began to desire him*** Egyptian morals different. If eunuch then not God’s plan for _____
- ***She kept putting pressure on him day after day (11 years?)*** see 1 Corinthians 10:13

Joseph’s actions in dealing with temptation

1. *Joseph let his _____ be known* (Genesis 39:3)
2. *Joseph kept _____*
3. *Joseph was careful to never be _____ with his temptation.*
4. *Joseph called the act what it was: _____*
5. *Joseph knew how greatly his sin would affect _____*
6. *Joseph knew that his sin was a sin against _____*
7. *Joseph just said _____*

12. ***After hearing his wife's story, Potiphar was furious! What seems to be missing?***

13. Joseph was _____ when Pharaoh promoted him (Genesis 41:46), and had been in prison for two years before that (Genesis 41:1). So, he was in Potiphar's house for _____. It took 11 years for the _____ of God's blessing to be accomplished in Joseph's life.

14. Joseph's silence before his accusers is a beautiful picture of _____!

(Is. 53:7 & Matt. 27:13-14).

15. *The chief jailer had no more worries after that, because Joseph took care of everything. The Lord was with him, making everything run smoothly and successfully.*

The normal sentence for such a high crime would have normally been _____
but God has other plans.