

**JUDAH'S SINFUL MESS!**  
**A WARNING FOR US CONCERNING WORLDLY COMPROMISE**  
**Genesis 38:1-30**

**I. WORLDLY COMPROMISE LEADS TO SINFUL CORRUPTION AND PAINFUL CONSEQUENCES: Judah's clear steps of compromise pave the way for his self-corruption and the painful and ugly consequences (1-26)**

**A. Judah leaves God's people, befriends a pagan, marries a Canaanite (1-5)**

**B. Judah's line is seemingly in jeopardy because of his evil sons and his sinful superstition (6-11)**

1. Judah takes a wife (Tamar) for his firstborn but his son (Er) is killed by the Lord (6-7)
2. Judah commands his second son (Onan) to do his family duty but he selfishly does evil and is also killed by the Lord (8-10)
3. Judah superstitiously for fear sends Tamar away to supposedly wait for his youngest son Shelah to grow up (11)

**C. Judah's unrighteousness is further manifest through Tamar's sinful strategy and action to obtain her rightful heir (12-23)**

1. Judah's wife dies and he and pagan friend go up to the sheepshearers at Timnah (12)
2. After some time, Tamar takes matters into her own hands and based on Judah's sinful character and compromise, she sets him up to father an heir (13-19)
3. Judah sends his pagan friend to pay the cult prostitute but she is not found (20-23)

**D. Judah hypocritical response after hearing of Tamar's pregnancy and his subsequent response after it is revealed he is the father, further manifests his sinfulness (24-26)**

**II. WE ARE REASSURED THAT THE LORD WILL ACCOMPLISH HIS PURPOSES IN SPITE OF MAN'S SIN: In spite of the evil and sin of Er, Onan, Judah and Tamar, Perez is born and from his line the Messiah would come (27-30, Ruth 4, Matt 1)**