

## ONE STORY | ONE SAVIOR - UNIT 1 | LESSON 06d

### The Pentateuch – The Promise Given Through the Royal Gift Covenant

#### God is a PROMISE Making God




God 1) **CREATES** a place where 2) He will **MEET** with his People 3) for their **JOY**. 4) His People reject Him. 5) God binds Himself through **PROMISE (i.e. The Royal Gift Covenant)** to 6) **RESCUE** His people from their sin and 7) **RESTORE** them to Himself for their **JOY**.

## “Judah”

### God’s Purity Foreshadowed in a Failure

## Genesis 38

Gen. 29:35 “And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, “This time I will praise the LORD.” Therefore she called his name Judah. Then she ceased bearing.”

	<p>THE HEAD - To Know how the Bible records the Words and Works of Jesus as the final and fullest revelation from God.</p> <p>Q – After looking at this Lesson, “Has anything changed concerning your thinking?” What do you now know that you might not have known?</p>
	<p>THE HEART - To Choose the Bible as our final and fullest authority / record that is to be loved and followed.</p> <p>Q – After looking at this Lesson, “How does it make you feel?” What emotional response does this truth solicit / produce in you?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For example: “<sup>22</sup>love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control [Gal. 5:22, 23 NLT].</li> </ul>
	<p>THE HAND - To Pray we will obey all that God has said.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q – After looking at this Lesson, “What might you begin to do differently?” Is there something because of what you know that you might need to start doing or perhaps even stop doing?</li> </ul>

## EMPHASIS

The Promise made to Adam and his offspring would be centralized through Abraham and his offspring, the Jews.

From among the 12 sons of Jacob, one would come who would bear the Seed Promise. Jacob’s son Judah.

Despite Judah’s moral failure, God wins and brings about the continued furtherance of His promise.

What we look at as an impossible situation, God sees the soil from which will sprout His Seed Promise.

## LITERARY CONTEXT

Chapter 37 = Joseph sold into slavery

Chapter 39 = Joseph and Potiphar's wife

## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Same time frame as chapters 37-39 (see 38:1)

## BIBLICAL CONTEXT

Judah listed in Jesus' genealogy (Matt. 1:3; Luke 3:33).

## STRUCTURE

- I. Judah's Family (Gen. 38:1-11)
- II. Judah's Fornication (Gen. 38:12-19)
- III. Judah's Folly (Gen. 38:20-26)
- IV. Jesus' Family (Gen. 38:27-30)

This firstborn was named Perez, while the next son, the one with the scarlet thread, was named Zerah. As later genealogies will prove, this firstborn son, Perez, was to be the son of Judah who would carry on the messianic line until the time of David, and ultimately, of Jesus (cf. Ruth 4:12; Matthew 1:3).

## JESUS IN THE TEXT

Just as with Jacob, so also with Judah. God continues to preserve His Seed through the line of Judah, despite his moral failures. God chooses to use flawed and broken people. God is bigger than our failures.

## APPLICATION

God is faithful to His promises even when you and I fail. His faithfulness is not excuse for our failure, but God is always working despite our wickedness, weakness, and warring spirit.

God has put in play a place where we can be reminded of His promises and where we can find protection and security from the onslaught of the world, the flesh, and the devil. It is called the church.

## VISUALS

## MEMORY VERSE

Genesis 29:35

And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "This time I will praise the LORD." Therefore **she called his name Judah**. Then she ceased bearing.

## RESOURCES