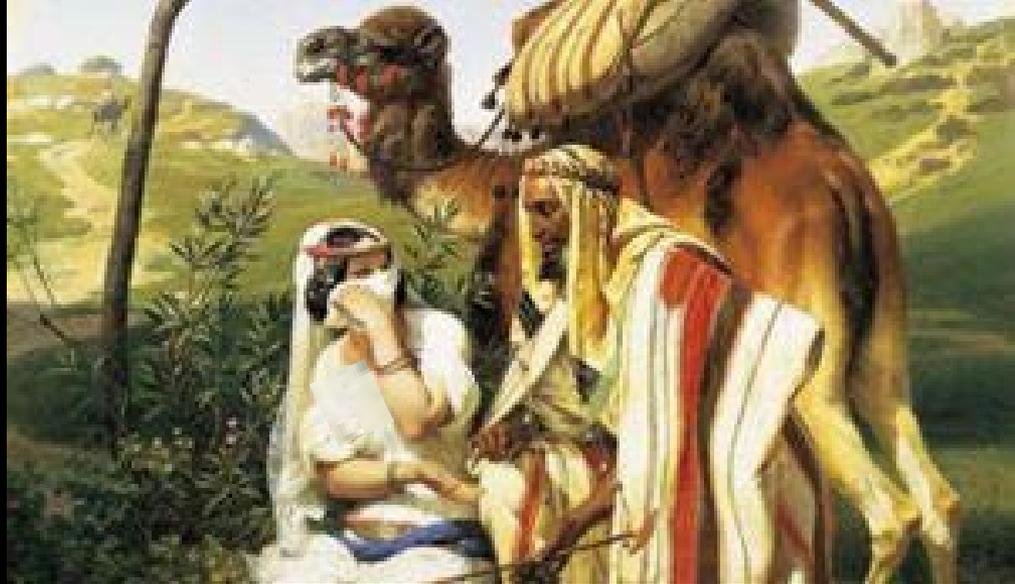


THE REASON FOR JOSEPH



GENESIS 38

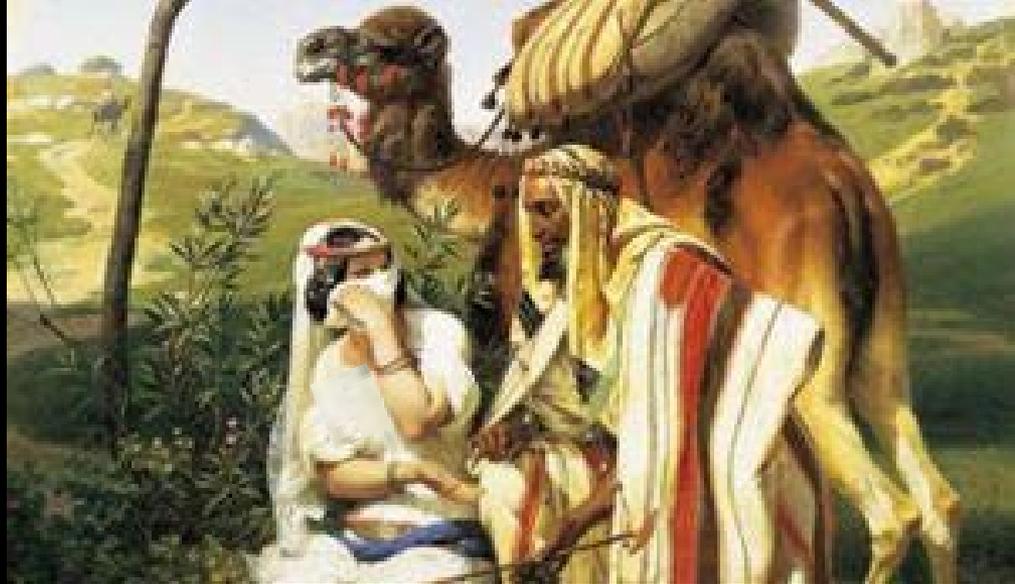
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- How did God display His sovereign will in birth of Perez?
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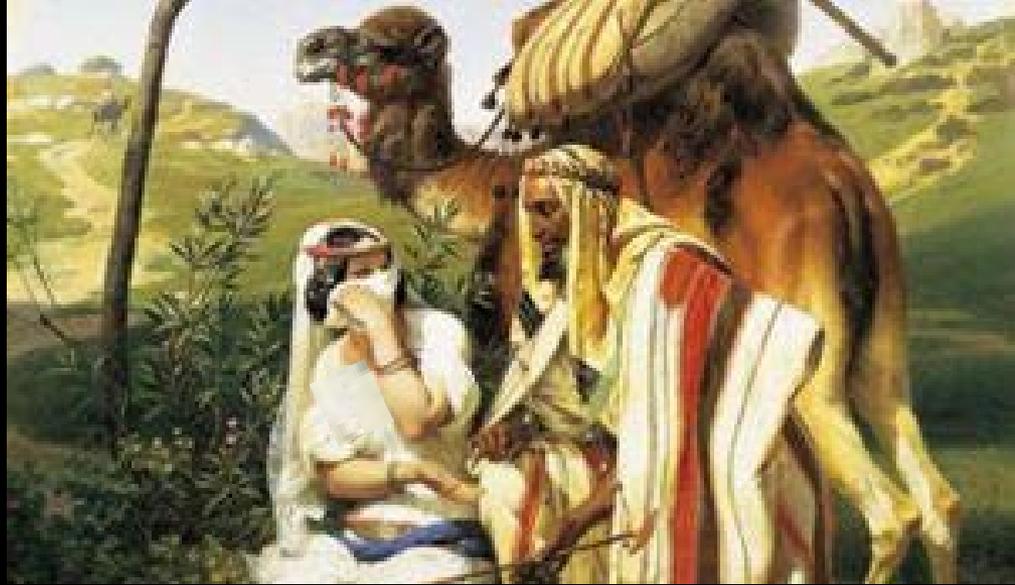
I. God chose to insert the family of Judah in the Joseph story.

(Genesis 38:1-6)



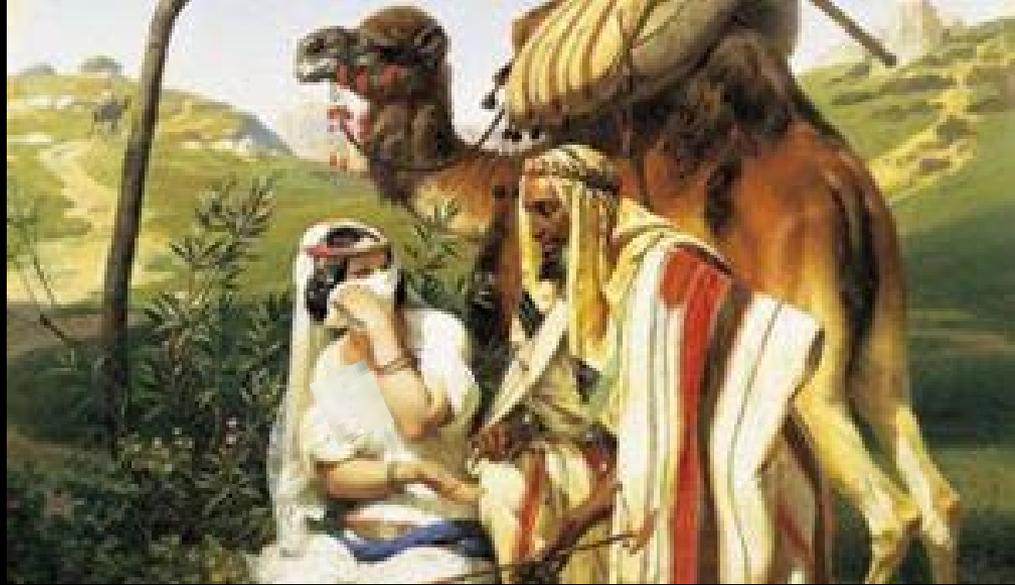
- **Why jump from telling us about Joseph being sold as a slave to Judah's family?**
- **How is this more central to the story than the story of Joseph?**

**II. Judah's story
was tarnished by
two sinful sons
(v.7-11).**



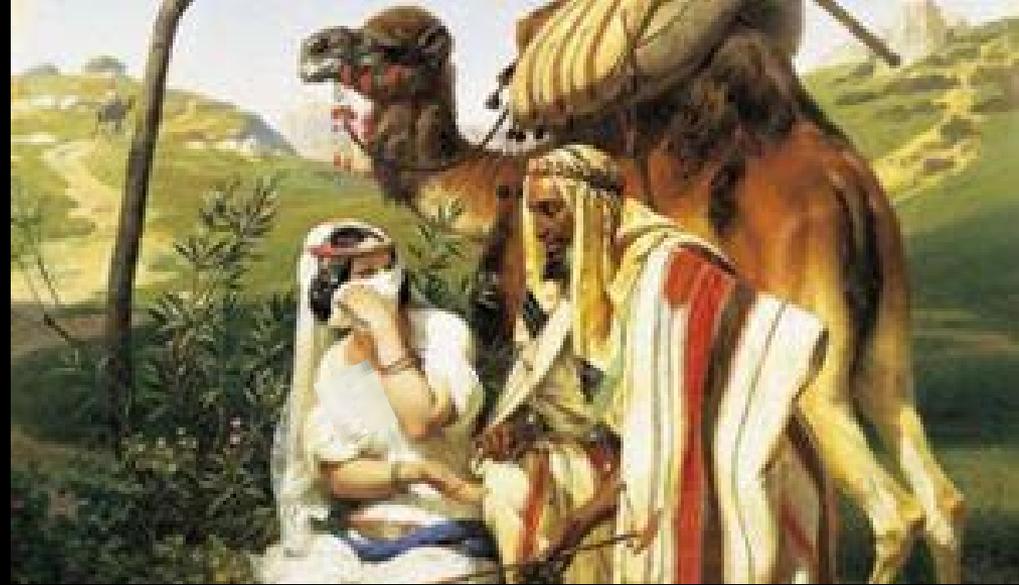
- **What was the rule of 'levirate marriage?'**
- **How does the selfishness of sin dishonor the reputation of a family?**

III. Tamar sinned in her attempt to take away her shame (v.12-19).



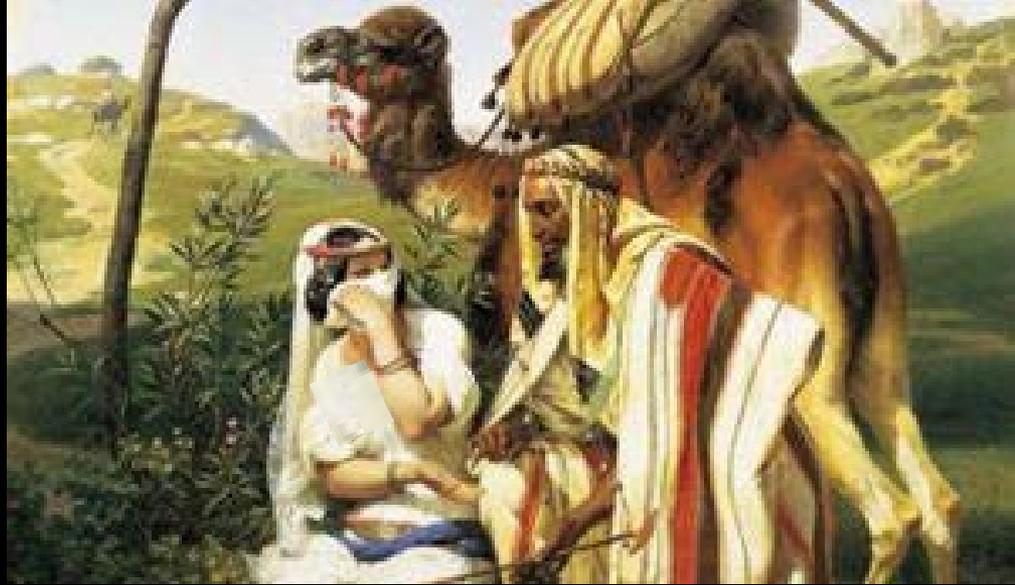
- What was wrong about the choice Tamar made?
- What was wrong about the choices Judah had been making?
- Does this give us permission to willfully sin?

IV. Judah was reminded of his sins (v.20-26).



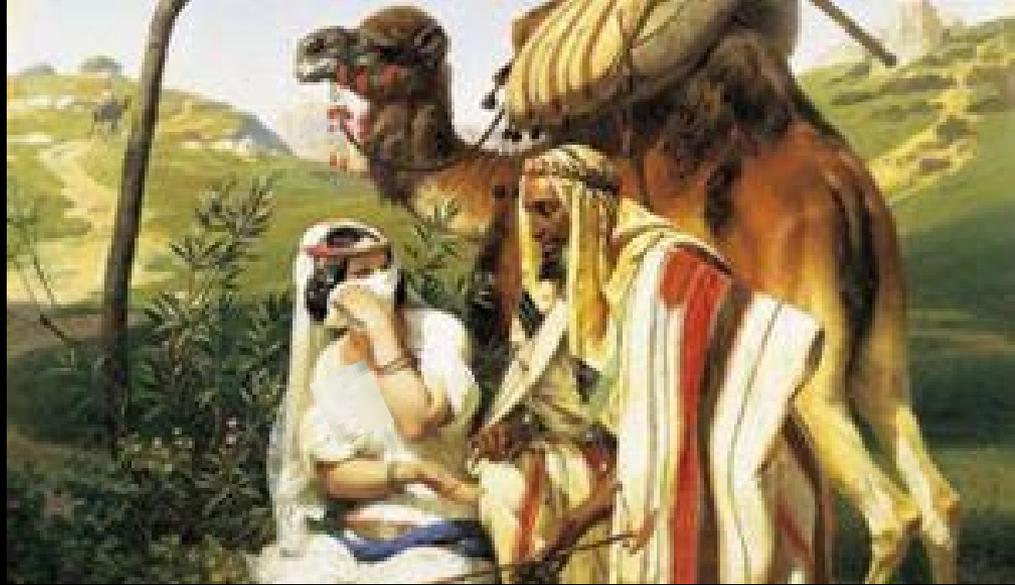
- Why would Judah be so quick to judge the sins of Tamar?
- Why shouldn't we be quick to judge the sins of others?
- What should we do when we are reminded of our sins?

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**Call to Action: To
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- How does Joseph show us the significance of a supporting role in God's eternal purpose?
- How does the story of Judah and Tamar focus our attention on Jesus?
- What choices should you make when you see that others have shown you your sin?

-How can we help?