DAILY READING

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JUDAH AND TAMAR

38 At that time Judah left his brothers and settled near an Adullamite named Hirah. **2** There Judah saw the daughter of a Canaanite named Shua; he took her as a wife and slept with her. **3** She conceived and gave birth to a son, and he named him Er. **4** She conceived again, gave birth to a son, and named him Onan. **5** She gave birth to another son and named him Shelah. It was at Chezib that she gave birth to him.

6 Judah got a wife for Er, his firstborn, and her name was Tamar. **7** Now Er, Judah's firstborn, was evil in the Lord's sight, and the Lord put him to death. **8** Then Judah said to Onan, "Sleep with your brother's wife. Perform your duty as her brother-in-law and produce offspring for your brother." **9** But Onan knew that the offspring would not be his, so whenever he slept with his brother's wife, he released his semen on the ground so that he would not produce offspring for his brother.

10 What he did was evil in the Lord's sight, so he put him to death also.

11 Then Judah said to his daughter-in-law Tamar, "Remain a widow in your father's house until my son Shelah grows up." For he thought, "He might die too, like his brothers." So Tamar went to live in her father's house.