

## Parallels between Judah in Genesis 38 and Joseph in Genesis 37, 39-48

PARALLEL	JUDAH	JOSEPH
Each have two sons that are the focus for the future	Perez and Zerah	Manasseh and Ephraim
Each marries a local native	Shua the Canaanite	Asenath the Egyptian
Sons engage in struggle for firstborn status	Zerah comes out first	Joseph switches Jacob's hand from Ephraim to Manasseh
Each undergoes a major character transformation	From sexual conspirator to family speaker	From selfish child to family "savior"
Chastity/unchastity	Judah's unchastity is <i>truly</i> symbolized by clothing	Joseph's unchastity is <i>falsely</i> symbolized by clothing