



א וַיְהִי בַּעֲת הַהוּא וַיֵּרֶד יְהוּדָה מֵאֵת אָחִיו וַיֵּט עַד-אִישׁ
 עַדְלָמִי וּשְׁמוֹ חִירָה: ב וַיֵּרָא-שָׁם יְהוּדָה בֶּת-אִישׁ כְּנַעֲנִי
 וּשְׁמוֹ שׁוּעַ וַיִּקְחָהּ וַיָּבֵא אֵלֶיהָ: ג וַתַּהַר וַתֵּלֶד בֶּן וַיִּקְרָא
 אֶת-שְׁמוֹ עֵר: ד וַתַּהַר עוֹד וַתֵּלֶד בֶּן וַתִּקְרָא אֶת-שְׁמוֹ
 אוֹנָן: ה וַתִּסֹּף עוֹד וַתֵּלֶד בֶּן וַתִּקְרָא אֶת-שְׁמוֹ שִׁלָּה וְהָיָה
 בְּכַזִּיב בְּלִדְתָּהּ אֹתוֹ: ו וַיִּקַּח יְהוּדָה אִשָּׁה לְעֵר בְּכוֹרוֹ
 וּשְׁמָהּ תָמָר: ז וַיְהִי עֵר בְּכוֹר יְהוּדָה רַע בְּעֵינַי יְהוָה
 וַיִּמְתְּהוּ יְהוָה: ח וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוּדָה לְאוֹנָן בֵּא אֵל-אִשְׁתְּ אַחֶיךָ
 וַיְבִים אֹתָהּ וְהָקָם זֶרַע לְאַחֶיךָ: ט וַיֵּדַע אוֹנָן כִּי לֹא לוֹ
 יִהְיֶה הַזֶּרַע וְהָיָה אִם-בָּא אֵל-אִשְׁתְּ אָחִיו וּשְׁחַת אֶרְצָה
 לְבַלְתִּי נִתֵּן-זֶרַע לְאַחֶיו: י וַיִּרַע בְּעֵינַי יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה
 וַיִּמָּת גַּם-אֹתוֹ: יא וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוּדָה לְתָמָר כַּלְתּוֹ שְׁבִי
 אֶלְמָנָה בֵּית-אָבִיךָ עַד-יִגְדַּל שִׁלָּה בְּנִי כִי אֹמַר פֶּן-יָמוּת
 גַּם-הוּא כְּאָחִיו וַתֵּלֶךְ תָמָר וַתֵּשֶׁב בַּיִת אָבִיהָ: יב וַיֵּרְבוּ
 הַיָּמִים וַתָּמָת בֶּת-שׁוּעַ אִשְׁתְּ-יְהוּדָה וַיִּנָּחַם יְהוּדָה וַיַּעַל
 עַל-גִּזְזֵי צֹאנוֹ הוּא וְחִירָה רַעְהוּ הִעֲדָלְמִי תִמְנָתָה:
 יג וַיִּגַּד לְתָמָר לֵאמֹר הִנֵּה חָמִיךָ עָלָה תִמְנָתָה לְגֹז צֹאנוֹ:

וַתִּסַּר בְּגָדֶי אֱלֻמְנוּתָהּ מֵעַלֶּיהָ וַתַּכֶּסּ בַּצַּעֲיִף וַתִּתְעַלֶּף
וַתֵּשֶׁב בַּפֶּתַח עֵינַיִם אֲשֶׁר עַל־דֶּרֶךְ תִּמְנַתָּה כִּי רָאִתָּהּ
כִּי־גָדַל שִׁלְהָ וְהוּא לֹא־נִתְּנָה לוֹ לְאִשָּׁה: טו וַיִּרְאֶה יְהוּדָה
וַיִּחַשְׁבֶּה לְזוֹנָה כִּי כִסְתָה פָּנֶיהָ: טז וַיֵּט אֵלֶיהָ אֶל־הַדֶּרֶךְ
וַיֹּאמֶר הֲבָה נָא אָבוֹא אֵלֶיךָ כִּי לֹא יָדַע כִּי כָלְתוּ הוּא
וַתֹּאמֶר מַה־תִּתֶּן־לִי כִּי תָבוֹא אֵלַי: יז וַיֹּאמֶר אָנֹכִי אֲשַׁלַּח
גְּדֵי־עֲזִים מִן־הַצֹּאֵן וַתֹּאמֶר אִם־תִּתֶּן עֲרֵבוֹן עַד שְׁלַחְךָ:
יח וַיֹּאמֶר מָה הָעֲרֵבוֹן אֲשֶׁר אֶתֶּן־לְךָ וַתֹּאמֶר חֲתָמְךָ
וּפְתִילְךָ וּמִטְףֶךָ אֲשֶׁר בְּיָדְךָ וַיִּתֶּן־לָהּ וַיָּבֹא אֵלֶיהָ וַתַּהַר
לוֹ: יט וַתִּקֶּם וַתִּלְךָ וַתִּסַּר צַעֲיָפָה מֵעַלֶּיהָ וַתִּלְבַּשׁ בְּגָדֵי
אֱלֻמְנוּתָהּ: כ וַיִּשְׁלַח יְהוּדָה אֶת־גְּדֵי הָעֲזִים בְּיַד רַעְהוּ
הַעֲדָלְמִי לִקְחַת הָעֲרֵבוֹן מִיַּד הָאִשָּׁה וְלֹא מָצְאָהּ:
כא וַיִּשְׁאַל אֶת־אֲנָשֵׁי מְקוֹמָהּ לֵאמֹר אַיֵּה הַקְּדוּשָׁה הוּא
בְּעֵינַיִם עַל־הַדֶּרֶךְ וַיֹּאמְרוּ לֹא־הִיְתָה בָּזָה קְדוּשָׁה:
כב וַיָּשֶׁב אֶל־יְהוּדָה וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא מָצְאתִיהָ וְגַם אֲנָשֵׁי
הַמָּקוֹם אָמְרוּ לֹא־הִיְתָה בָּזָה קְדוּשָׁה: כג וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוּדָה
תִּקַּח־לָהּ פֶּן נִהְיֶה לָּבוֹז הִנֵּה שְׁלַחְתִּי הַגְּדֵי הַזֶּה וְאַתָּה
לֹא מָצְאתָהּ: כד וַיְהִי | כְּמִשְׁלַשׁ חֳדָשִׁים וַיִּגַּד לִיְהוּדָה
לֵאמֹר זָנַתָּה תָמַר כָּלְתֶךָ וְגַם הִנֵּה הָרָה לְזָנוּנַיִם וַיֹּאמֶר
יְהוּדָה הוֹצִיאֶנָּה וְתִשְׂרָף: כה הוּא מוֹצֵאת וְהִיא שְׁלַחָה
אֶל־חַמִּיהָ לֵאמֹר לְאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר־אָלַהּ לוֹ אָנֹכִי הָרָה וַתֹּאמֶר

הַכָּר־נָא לְמִי הַחֲתָמַת וְהַפְתִּילִים וְהַמָּטָה הָאֵלֶּה: כו וַיֵּכֶר
יְהוּדָה וַיֹּאמֶר צְדָקָה מִמֶּנִּי כִּי־עַל־כֵּן לֹא־נִתְּתִיהָ לְשִׁלָּה
בְּנֵי וְלֹא־יִסַּף עוֹד לְדַעְתָּהּ: כז וַיְהִי בָעֵת לְדָתָהּ וְהִנֵּה
תְּאוּמִים בְּבִטְנָהּ: כח וַיְהִי בְלִדְתָהּ וַיִּתֶּן־יָד וַתִּקַּח
הַמִּילָדֶת וַתִּקְשֹׁר עַל־יָדוֹ שְׁנֵי לְאֹמֶר זֶה יֵצֵא רֵאשֹׁנָה:
כט וַיְהִי | כְּמִשִּׁיב יָדוֹ וְהִנֵּה יֵצֵא אַחִיו וַתֹּאמֶר מִה־פְּרִצָתָּ
עָלַיְךָ פֶּרֶץ וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ פֶּרֶץ: ל וְאַחַר יֵצֵא אַחִיו אֲשֶׁר
עַל־יָדוֹ הַשְּׁנֵי וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ זֶרַח:

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1. And it came to pass at that time, that Judah went down from his brothers, and turned in to a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah. 2. And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite, whose name was Shuah; and he took her, and went in to her. 3. And she conceived, and bore a son; and he called his name Er. 4. And she conceived again, and bore a son; and she called his name Onan. 5. And she yet again conceived, and bore a son; and called his name Shelah; and he was at Kezib, when she bore him. 6. And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, whose name was Tamar. 7. And Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of Hashem; and Hashem slew him. 8. And Judah said to Onan, Go in to your brother's wife, and marry her, and raise up seed to your brother. 9. And Onan knew that the seed should not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in to his brother's wife, that he spilled it on the ground, lest that he should give seed to his brother. 10. And the thing which he did displeased the Lord; therefore he slew him also. 11. Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter-in-law, Remain a widow at your father's house, till Shelah my son be grown; for he said, Lest perhaps he die also, as his brothers did. And Tamar went and lived in her father's house. 12. And in process of time the daughter of Shuah, Judah's wife died; and Judah was comforted, and went up to his sheep shearers to Timnath, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. 13. And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold your father-in-law goes up to Timnath to shear his sheep. 14. And she took off her widow's garments, and covered herself with a veil, and wrapped herself, and sat in an open place, which is by the way to Timnath; for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given to him for his wife. 15. When Judah saw her, he thought her to be a harlot; because she had covered her face. 16. And he turned to her by the way, and said, Come, I beg you, let me come in to you; for he knew not that she was his daughter-in-law. And she said, What will you give me, that you may come in to me? 17. And he said, I will send you a kid from the flock. And she said, Will you give me a pledge, till you send it? 18. And he said, What pledge shall I give you? And she said, Your signet, and your bracelets, and your staff that is in your hand. And he gave them to her, and came in to her, and she conceived by him. 19. And she arose, and went away, and took off her veil, and put on the garments of her widowhood. 20. And Judah sent the kid by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive his pledge from the woman's hand; but

he found her not. 21. Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where is the harlot, who was at Einayim by the way side? And they said, There was no harlot in this place. 22. And he returned to Judah, and said, I can not find her; and also the men of the place said, that there was no harlot in this place. 23. And Judah said, Let her take it to her, lest we be shamed; behold, I sent this kid, and you have not found her. 24. And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar your daughter-in-law has played the harlot; and also, behold, she is with child by harlotry. And Judah said, Bring her out, and let her be burned. 25. When she was brought out, she sent to her father-in-law, saying, By the man, whose these are, am I with child; and she said, Discern, I beg you, whose are these, the signet, and bracelets, and staff. 26. And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She has been more righteous than I; because I did not give her to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more. 27. And it came to pass in the time of her labor, that, behold, twins were in her womb. 28. And it came to pass, when she labored, that one put out his hand; and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first. 29. And it came to pass, as he drew back his hand, that, behold, his brother came out; and she said, What a breach you have made for yourself. Therefore his name was called Perez. 30. And afterward came out his brother, who had the scarlet thread upon his hand; and his name was called Zarah.