

Genesis 38:24-26 – וישב VaYeshev – December 13, 2025

24 וַיְהִי כַּמִּשְׁלָשׁ חֳדָשִׁים וַיֵּגֵד לַיהוּדָה לֵאמֹר זָנְתָה תָמָר כַּלְתִּי וְגַם הֵנָּה הָרָה לְזִנוּנִים
וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוּדָה הוֹצִיאוּהָ וְתִשְׂרֹף:

25 הוּא מוֹצֵאת וְהִיא שְׁלָחָה אֶל־חַמִּיהָ לֵאמֹר לְאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר־אַלָּה לִּי אָנֹכִי הָרָה
וְתֹאמַר הַכֶּר־נָא לְמִי הַחֲתָמָת וְהַפְתִּילִים וְהַמָּטָה הָאֵלֶּה:

26 וַיִּכַּר יְהוּדָה וַיֹּאמֶר צְדָקָה מֵאֵנִי כִּי־עַל־כֵּן לֹא־נָתַתִּיהָ לְשָׁלָה בְנִי וְלֹא־יָסַף עוֹד לְדַעְתָּהּ:

²⁴ About three months later, Judah was told, “Your daughter-in-law Tamar has been a prostitute—look, she’s even pregnant by prostitution.” “Bring her out!” Judah said, “and let her be burned.” ²⁵ As she was being brought out, she sent word to her father-in-law saying, “I’m pregnant by the man to whom these things belong.” Then she said, “Do you recognize whose these are—the seal, the cords and the staff?”

²⁶ Then Judah recognized them and said, “She is more righteous than I, since I didn’t give her to my son Shelah.” He was not intimate with her again.