

¹And it came to pass at that time, that Judah went down from his brethren, and turned in to a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah.²And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite, whose name was Shuah; and he took her, and went in unto her.³And she conceived, and bare a son; and he called his name Er.⁴And she conceived again, and bare a son; and she called his name Onan.⁵And she yet again conceived, and bare a son; and called his name Shelah: and he was at Chezib, when she bare him.⁶And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, whose name was Tamar.⁷And Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD slew him.⁸And Judah said unto Onan, Go in unto thy brother's wife, and marry her, and raise up seed to thy brother.⁹And Onan knew that the seed should not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brother's wife, that he spilled it on the ground, lest that he should give seed to his brother.¹⁰And the thing which he did displeased the LORD: wherefore he slew him also.¹¹Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter in law, Remain a widow at thy father's house, till Shelah my son be grown: for he said, Lest peradventure he die also, as his brethren did. And Tamar went and dwelt in her father's house.¹²And in process of time the daughter of Shuah Judah's wife died; and Judah was comforted, and went up unto his sheepshearers to Timnath, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.¹³And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold thy father in law goeth up to Timnath to shear his sheep.¹⁴And she put her widow's garments

¹وَحَدَّثَ فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ أَنَّ يَهُودَا تَزَلَّ مِنْ عِنْدِ إِخْوَتِهِ، وَقَالَ إِلَى رَجُلٍ عَدْلَامِيٍّ اسْمُهُ حِيرَةُ.²وَتَبَطَّرَ يَهُودَا هُنَاكَ ابْنَةً لِرَجُلٍ كَنْعَانِيٍّ اسْمُهُ شُوعُ، فَأَخَذَهَا وَدَخَلَ عَلَيْهَا³فَحَبَلَتْ وَوَلَدَتْ ابْنًا وَدَعَا اسْمَهُ عِيرًا.⁴ثُمَّ حَبَلَتْ أَيْضًا وَوَلَدَتْ ابْنًا وَدَعَتْ اسْمَهُ أُونَانَ.⁵ثُمَّ عَادَتْ قَوْلَدَتْ أَيْضًا ابْنًا وَدَعَتْ اسْمَهُ شَيْلَةَ. وَكَانَ فِي كَرِبَتْ حِينَ وَلَدَتْهُ.⁶وَأَخَذَ يَهُودَا زَوْجَةً لِعِيرٍ بِكَرِهِ اسْمُهَا تَامَارُ. وَكَانَ عِيرُ يَكْبُرُ يَهُودَا شَرِيرًا فِي عَيْنِي الرَّبِّ، فَأَمَاتَهُ الرَّبُّ.⁸فَقَالَ يَهُودَا لِأُونَانَ، ادْخُلْ عَلَى امْرَأَةِ أَخِيكَ وَتَزَوَّجْ بِهَا، وَأَقِمْ نَسْلًا لِأَخِيكَ.⁹فَعَلِمَ أُونَانُ أَنَّ النِّسْلَ لَا يَكُونُ لَهُ. فَكَانَ إِذْ دَخَلَ عَلَى امْرَأَةِ أَخِيهِ أَنَّهُ أَفْسَدَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ، لِكَيْ لَا يُعْطِيَ نَسْلًا لِأَخِيهِ.¹⁰فَقَبَّحَ فِي عَيْنِي الرَّبِّ مَا فَعَلَهُ، فَأَمَاتَهُ أَيْضًا.¹¹فَقَالَ يَهُودَا لِتَامَارَ كَتِّبِي، أَفْعِدِي أَرْمَلَةً فِي بَيْتِ أَبِيكَ حَتَّى يَكْبُرَ شَيْلَةُ ابْنِي. لِأَنَّهُ قَالَ، لَعَلَّهُ يَمُوتُ هُوَ أَيْضًا كَأَخَوَيْهِ. فَصَنَتْ تَامَارُ وَقَعَدَتْ فِي بَيْتِ أَبِيهَا.¹²وَلَمَّا طَالَ الزَّمَانُ مَاتَتْ ابْنَتُهُ شُوعُ امْرَأَةُ يَهُودَا. ثُمَّ تَعَرَّى يَهُودَا قَصِيعًا إِلَى جُرَّارِ عَنَمِهِ إِلَى يَمَنَةِ، هُوَ وَحِيرَةُ صَاحِبَةُ الْعَدْلَامِيِّ.¹³فَأُخْبِرَتْ تَامَارُ، هُوَذَا خَمُوكَ صَاعِدٌ إِلَى يَمَنَةِ لِيَجُزَّ عَنَمَهُ.¹⁴فَخَلَعَتْ عَنْهَا ثِيَابَ تَرْمُلِهَا، وَتَعَطَّتْ يَرْفُوعًا وَتَلَقَّعَتْ، وَجَلَسَتْ فِي مَذْخَلِ عَيْنَايِمَ الَّتِي عَلَى طَرِيقِ يَمَنَةِ لِأَنَّهَا رَأَتْ أَنَّ شَيْلَةَ قَدْ كَبُرَ وَهِيَ لَمْ تُعْطَ لَهُ زَوْجَةً.¹⁵فَتَطَرَّهَا يَهُودَا وَحَسِبَهَا زَانِيَةً، لِأَنَّهَا كَانَتْ قَدْ عَطَّتْ وَجْهَهَا.¹⁶فَقَالَ إِنَّهَا عَلَى الطَّرِيقِ وَقَالَ، هَاتِي أَدْخُلِي عَلَيَّ. لِأَنَّهُ لَمْ يَعْلَمْ أَنَّهَا كَتَبَتْ، فَقَالَتْ، مَاذَا تُعْطِينِي لِكَيْ تَدْخُلَ عَلَيَّ.¹⁷فَقَالَ، إِنِّي أُرْسِلُ جَدِّي مِعْرَى مِنَ الْعَنَمِ. فَقَالَتْ، هَلْ تُعْطِينِي رَهْنًا حَتَّى تُرْسِلَهُ.¹⁸فَقَالَ، مَا الرِّهْنُ الَّذِي أُعْطِيكَ. فَقَالَتْ، حَاتِمُكَ وَعِصَابَتُكَ وَعَصَاكَ الَّتِي فِي يَدِكَ. فَأَعْطَاهَا وَدَخَلَ عَلَيْهَا. فَحَبَلَتْ مِنْهُ.¹⁹ثُمَّ قَامَتْ وَمَصَّتْ وَخَلَعَتْ عَنْهَا بُرْقُعَهَا وَلَبِسَتْ ثِيَابَ تَرْمُلِهَا.²⁰فَأَرْسَلَ يَهُودَا جَدِّي الْمِعْرَى بِدِ صَاحِبِهِ الْعَدْلَامِيِّ لِيَأْخُذَ الرِّهْنَ مِنْ يَدِ الْمَرْأَةِ، فَلَمْ يَجِدْهَا. فَسَأَلَ أَهْلَ مَكَانِهَا، أَبْنَ الرَّائِيَةِ الَّتِي كَانَتْ فِي عَيْنَايِمَ عَلَى الطَّرِيقِ. فَقَالُوا، لَمْ تَكُنْ هَهُنَا زَانِيَةً.²²فَرَجَعَ إِلَى يَهُودَا وَقَالَ، لَمْ أَجِدْهَا. وَأَهْلُ الْمَكَانِ أَيْضًا قَالُوا، لَمْ تَكُنْ هَهُنَا زَانِيَةً.²³فَقَالَ يَهُودَا، لِيَأْخُذْ لِنَفْسِهَا، لِيَلَّا تُصِيرَ إِهَابَةً. إِنِّي قَدْ أُرْسَلْتُ هَذَا الْجَدِّي وَأَنْتَ لَمْ تَجِدْهَا.²⁴وَلَمَّا كَانَ نَحْوُ ثَلَاثَةِ أَشْهُرٍ أُخْبِرَ يَهُودَا وَقِيلَ لَهُ، قَدْ زَنَتْ تَامَارُ كُنْتُكَ. وَهَا هِيَ حُبْلَى أَيْضًا مِنْ الزَّانَا. فَقَالَ يَهُودَا،

off from her, and covered her with a vail, 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 unto him to wife.¹⁵ When Judah saw her, he thought her to be an harlot; because she had covered her face.¹⁶ And he turned unto her by the way, and said, Go to, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee; (for he knew not that she was his daughter in law.) And she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me?¹⁷ And he said, I will send thee a kid from the flock. And she said, Wilt thou give me a pledge, till thou send it?¹⁸ And he said, What pledge shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet, and thy bracelets, and thy staff that is in thine hand. And he gave it her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him.¹⁹ And she arose, and went away, and laid by her vail from her, 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, that was openly by the way side? And they said, There was no harlot in this place.²² And he returned to Judah, and said, I cannot 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 thou hast not found her.²⁴ And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar thy daughter in law hath played the harlot; and also, behold, she is with child by

أَخْرَجُوهَا فَنُحِرَق. ²⁵أَمَّا هِيَ فَلَمَّا أُخْرِجَتْ أَرْسَلَتْ إِلَى حَمِيهَا قَائِلَةً، مِنَ الرَّجُلِ الَّذِي هَذِهِ لَهُ أَنَا حُبْلَى. وَقَالَتْ، حَقُّ لِمَنِ الْخَاتِمُ وَالْعَصَاةُ وَالْعَصَا هَذِهِ. ²⁶فَتَحَقَّقَهَا يَهُودَا وَقَالَ، هِيَ أَبْثَرُ مِنِّي، لِأَنِّي لَمْ أُعْطِهَا لِشَيْلَةَ ابْنِي. فَلَمْ يَعُدْ يَعْرِفُهَا أَيْضًا. ²⁷وَفِي وَفْتٍ وَلَدَتْهَا إِذَا فِي بَطْنِهَا تَوَّامَانِ. ²⁸وَكَانَ فِي وَلَدَتِهَا أَنَّ أَحَدَهُمَا أَخْرَجَ يَدًا فَأَخَذَتِ الْقَائِلَةُ وَرَبَطَتْ عَلَى يَدِهِ قِرْمِزًا، قَائِلَةً، هَذَا حَرْجِ أَوْلَا. ²⁹وَلَكِنْ حِينَ رَدَّ يَدَهُ، إِذَا أَخُوهُ قَدْ حَرَجَ. فَقَالَتْ، لِمَإِذَا افْتَحَمْتُ، عَلَيْكَ افْتِحَامٌ. قَدُعِي اسْمُهُ قَارِصَ. ³⁰وَبَعْدَ ذَلِكَ حَرَجَ أَخُوهُ الَّذِي عَلَى يَدِهِ الْقِرْمِزُ. قَدُعِي اسْمُهُ زَارَحَ.

whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt.²⁵ When she was brought forth, she sent to her father in law, saying, By the man, whose these are, am I with child: and she said, Discern, I pray thee, whose are these, the signet, and bracelets, and staff.²⁶ And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more.²⁷ And it came to pass in the time of her travail, that, behold, twins were in her womb.²⁸ And it came to pass, when she travailed, that the 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, How hast thou broken forth? this breach be upon thee: therefore his name was called Pharez.³⁰ And afterward came out his brother, that had the scarlet thread upon his hand: and his name was called Zarah.