

~SHELAH (87)

(She'lah)

[Hebrew, *She-lah'*, possibly, petition]

- The third son of Judah by his Canaanite wife.
- The sons of Judah were Er and Onan and **Shelah**. The three were born to him from Shuas daughter, the Canaanitess. And Er the firstborn of Judah came to be bad in the eyes of Yehowah, so that he put him to death. (**1 Chronicles 2:3**)
- Tamar should have been given in levirate marriage to **Shelah** but was not.
- Now in the meantime it came about that when Judah went down from his brothers he pitched his tent near a man, an Adulamite, and his name was Hirah. (**Genesis 38:1**)
- And there Judah got to see a daughter of a certain Canaanite, and his name was Shua. So he took her and had relations with her. (**Genesis 38:2**)
- And she became pregnant. Later she bore a son and he called his name Er. (**Genesis 38:3**)
- Again she became pregnant. In time she bore a son and called his name Onan. (**Genesis 38:4**)
- Yet another time she went on to bear a son and then called his name **Shelah**. Now he happened to be in Achzib at the time she bore him. (**Genesis 38:5**)
- So Judah said to Tamar his daughter-in-law; Dwell as a widow in the house of your father until **Shelah** my son grows up. For he said to himself; He too may die like his brothers. Accordingly Tamar went and continued to dwell at her own father's house. (**Genesis 38:11**)
- Thus the days became many and the daughter of Shua, Judah's wife, died, and Judah kept the period of mourning. After that he went up to the shearers of his sheep, he and Hirah his companion the Adullamite, to Timnah. (**Genesis 38:12**)

- Then it was told to Tamar; Here your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep. (**Genesis 38:13**)
- With that she removed the garments of her widowhood from her and covered herself with a shawl and veiled herself and sat down at the entrance of Enaim, which is along the road to Timnah. For she saw that **Shelah** had grown up and yet she had not been given as a wife to him. (**Genesis 38:14**)
- Then Judah examined them and said; She is more righteous than I am, for the reason that I did not give her to **Shelah** my son. And he had no further intercourse with her after that. (**Genesis 38:26**)
- **Shelah's** descendants, some of whom, with their places of settlement, are listed by name, formed the tribal family of **Shelanites**. Some of these returned from Babylonian exile.
- And the sons of Judah came to be, by their families: Of **Shelah** the family of the **Shelanites**, of Perez the family of the Perezites, of Zerah the family of the Zerahites. (**Numbers 26:20**)
- The sons of **Shelah** the son of Judah were Er the father of Lecah and Laadah the father of Mareshah and the families of the house of the workers of fine fabric of the house of Ashbea. (**1 Chronicles 4:21**)
- And Jokim and the men of Cozeba and Joash and Saraph, who became owners of Moabite wives, and Jashubi-lehem. And the sayings are of old tradition. (**1 Chronicles 4:22**)
- They were the potters and the inhabitants of Netaim and Gederah. It was with the king in his work that they dwelt there. (**1 Chronicles 4:23**)
- And of the **Shilonites**, Asaiah the firstborn and his sons. (**1 Chronicles 9:5**)
- And Maaseiah the son of Baruch the son of Colhozeh the son of Hazaiah the son of Adaiah the son of Joiarib the son of Zechariah the son of the Shelanite. (**Nehemiah 11:5**)