

Judah Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

What do we learn about the way of the LORD when we see that Judah was chosen to be the ancestor of the Messiah?

Regardless of the offenses committed by Joseph, does it seem that the 10 older brothers acted almost like a mob?

Does it excuse them because the LORD used it for good?

How do you suppose Jacob felt about his sons' slaughter of the Shechemites for the rape of their sister?

Would you expect that Judah would be ostracized for fathering a child by his daughter-in-law?

What does it teach us about the ways of the LORD that an "illegitimate child" would become an ancestor of the Promised One?

How could Jacob have blessed Judah as he did?

The LORD has made himself known as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. What does this tell us about the nature of the LORD?

If the LORD chose to have a relationship with you on the basis of your own merit, what would your chances be?

When we recognize the marvel that Jesus Christ came to earth, lived a perfect life, suffered and died for you and me, what is our reasonable response?