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End Times Warning in Genesis 38

In Genesis 38, Onan, the second son of Judah, is killed by God for "spilling his seed". Interestingly, God had previously passed the same judgement on Onan's brother, Er, Judah's first born, but Scripture never gives a reason or explanation. I think it's very possible that Er's sin was the same as Onan's and here are my nine reasons for making that determination.

First of all, I don't believe that God would punish someone, without ever providing an explanation. For example, no father would punish his son without telling him why. The son would ask, "why are you punishing me, dad?" but would the father reply, "I'm not going to tell you, but don't do it again?" Therefore, I think it's reasonable to assume the answer is already expressed in the storyline and it will not be difficult to figure out precisely why God killed Er.

The second reason I believe God left out an explanation is because He would be repeating Himself if Er's lesson were identical to the lesson of Onan. The Bible would not need to repeat the exact same narrative if Er's sin was also the spilling of his seed upon the ground.

The third reason is because the phraseology is almost identical. The Bible says that "Er did wicked in the sight of the Lord" and that "Onan did evil in the sight of the Lord". If the sins were different I am sure Scripture would explain why Er was killed just as it explains God's judgement on Onan.

Fourthly, I believe Er's sin is the same as Onan's, because it continues a pattern in the book of Genesis since Onan and

Er's punishment represents God's third judgment upon mankind. The first judgment was when the Lord destroyed the world by means of the flood. The sin at Noah's time was that the daughters of men had intercourse with demons. Today we refer to that as incubus or if it is men with demons we call it succubus and yes, those sins are even possible today. The second judgment upon mankind in Genesis was Sodom and Gomorrah, again for a sexual sin, in that case, men having sex with other men. So, it should not be surprising that God's third judgment upon mankind was also for sexual sins, the sins of masturbation and contraception, such as Onan spilling his seed upon the ground. It only seems logical that Er would fit into the same pattern of judgement: the great flood, Sodom and Gomorrah, Er and Onan.

I believe the fifth reason that God does not openly explain the sin of Er, is because God does not like to talk about sexual sins, even though they displease Him a great deal. The sin of Onan, the sin of wasting his seed, is only mentioned once in the entire Bible. Also, when the Bible talks about sex, euphemisms are very often employed. For example, Adam "knew" Eve. Now this does not mean Adam said, "Hi Eve, how are you?" We all know what "knew" means. The same with Onan spilling his seed on the ground; we all know what the Bible is talking about.

The sixth reason I believe that Er's sin is the same as Onan is because chapter 38 is all about sexual sins. Thus, we have incest, where Tamar had sex with her own father in law, Judah and we have prostitution, because Judah looks upon Tamar as a prostitute. The whole chapter of 38 in the Book of Genesis is a warning from God to mankind about sexual sins, and the worst of these is contraception! How do we know contraception and masturbation are among the

worst? Because God did not kill Judah and Tamar for their sins of incest and prostitution.

The seventh reason I believe Er's sin was the same as Onan is because Judah refused to give his third son Shela to Tamar, and the text reads, "unless the same thing happened to him". In other words, Judah also saw a pattern in this chapter. He is afraid that Shela will die just like both Er and Onan.

The eighth reason I believe that Er's sin is the same as Onan, is because Er and Tamar had no children. And it's for that reason Judah wants Onan to go into Tamar: to raise up children in his brother's name. Now, it's possible that Er was sterile. However, we certainly know that Tamar was not sterile. Tamar has intercourse once with Judah and conceives twins, two children for one intercourse. The chapter makes it very clear that Tamar is not sterile.

And the ninth and final reason I believe that Er's sin is the same as Onan, is because this story is very likely a prophecy for the end times. Jesus said the end times would be "as in the days of Noah" (Luke 17:26) and "as in the days of Lot" (Luke 17:29), and I believe that we can now add; it will be "as in the days of Er and Onan". All three of these incidents in Genesis had to do with sexual aberration, and there's no doubt that our decadent western culture is saturated with sex, most prominently, contraception and masturbation.

In 1917, the Blessed Mother told the three shepherd children at Fatima, that more people go to hell for sins of the flesh than for any other kind of sin. God's very first commandment to mankind was "be fruitful, increase and multiply" (Genesis 1:22, 28). Children are gifts from the Holy Spirit. It is even

possible that the sexual sins we have been talking about, are those sins against the Holy Spirit, which cannot be forgiven. Could it be that sexual sins are a type of "blasphemy"? Certainly, God considers all of these sins much more serious, than we take them today.

And please don't try to tell me that the sin of Onan was "disobedience". God did NOT punish Onan for breaking the Levitical law of raising up children in his brother's name. How do we know? Because Shelah also broke that same law and was not punished. In fact, Judah broke that same law and also was not punished. Judah even admits his guilt in Genesis 38:26. Besides, the punishment prescribed by that law was that the woman could spit in the man's face.

In conclusion, we need to recognize the powerful attraction and prevalence of sexual sins in these end times. However, we are not clueless as to the solution. We must imitate Noah. Noah was taken out of harm's way, much like the Rapture, because he was "perfect in his generations" (Genesis 6:9). As I stated in one of my videos, "if you use condoms, you will not be raptured"!