



It's Time To Break Through!

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Genesis 38:27-30

I. Background Context

- Tamar gives birth to twins
- The midwife ties a scarlet thread on the first hand
- The baby pulls his hand back
- Another child breaks through first

II. Understanding the Names

- **Zerah:** “Brightness,” “Dawning,” or “Scarlet.”
- **Perez:** “Breach,” “Breakthrough,” or “Bursting forth.”

III. The Significance of Birth Order

--Deuteronomy 21:17

The firstborn son received:

- leadership authority
- a double inheritance
- family responsibility
- significant legal and cultural privilege

Scripture repeatedly shows that God's purposes are not limited by birth order.

IV. The Symbolism of the Scarlet Thread

Joshua 2:18 | Isaiah 1:18

Scarlet in Scripture often symbolizes:

- covenant
- redemption
- sacrifice

The thread marked Zerah, but destiny followed Perez.

Human systems attempt to define order, but God determines destiny.

V. Biblical Principles of Breakthrough

A. Breakthrough Often Occurs in Constrained Spaces

--Psalm 18:19

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B. Breakthrough Defies Human Expectations

--Isaiah 55:8–9

C. Breakthrough Requires Persistence

--Matthew 11:12

D. Breakthrough Reveals God's Sovereign Purpose

--Ruth 4:18–22 | Matthew 1:3

VI. Activating your Breakthrough

- **faith**
- **obedience**
- **perseverance**
- **trust in God's timing**

A. Trust in God's Sovereignty

--Romans 8:28

God works through complicated situations.

B. Faith in God's Timing

--Ecclesiastes 3:11

God brings things forth at the right time.

C. Persistence in Faith

--Galatians 6:9

Do not grow weary in doing good.

D. Confidence in God's Purpose

--Jeremiah 29:11

God's plan is not easily disrupted.

VII. Reflection Questions

- 1. What obstacles often prevent believers from experiencing breakthrough?**
- 2. How does the story of Perez challenge traditional assumptions about destiny?**
- 3. In what ways does God use unexpected situations to accomplish His purposes?**

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