



GOD IS GREATER THAN OUR IMMORALITY

Genesis 38

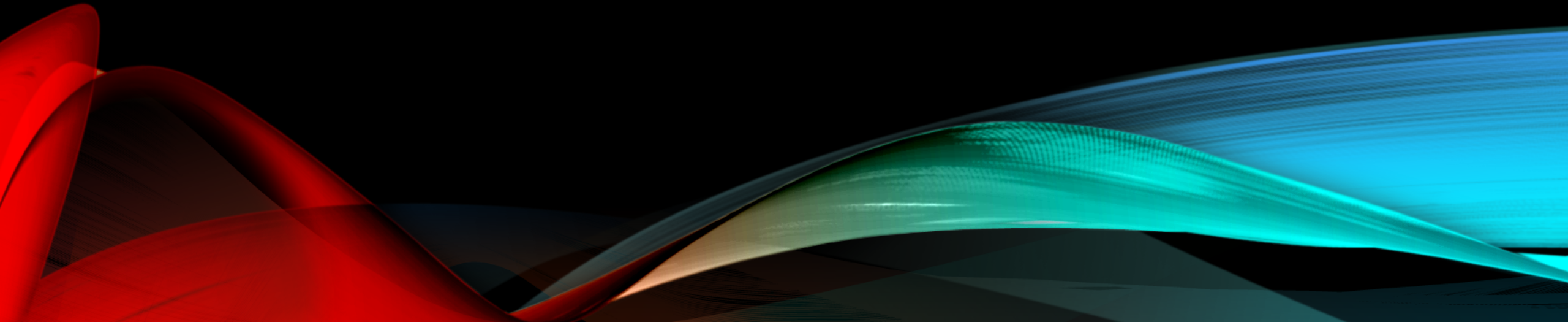
JUDAH VS JOSEPH

Judah (Gen 38)	Joseph (Gen 39)
Judah responds to seduction from Tamar	Joseph rejects seduction from Potiphar's wife
Results in family expansion	Results in prison
Tamar keeps his cloak, seal and staff	Potiphar's wife keeps his cloak

I. WE PUT OUR FAMILIES AT RISK WHEN WE DEFY GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS (1-5)

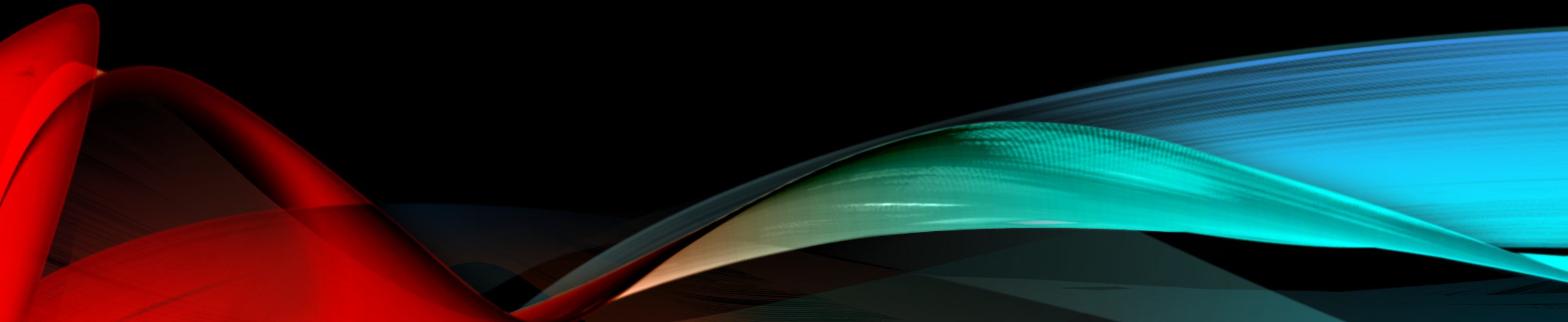
- Wanting To Go Where We Want To Go In Defiance Of God (1)
- Wanting To Do What We Want To Do In Defiance Of God (2-5)

**II. WE PLACE OURSELVES IN
JUDGMENT WHEN WE REBEL IN
SIN (6-11)**



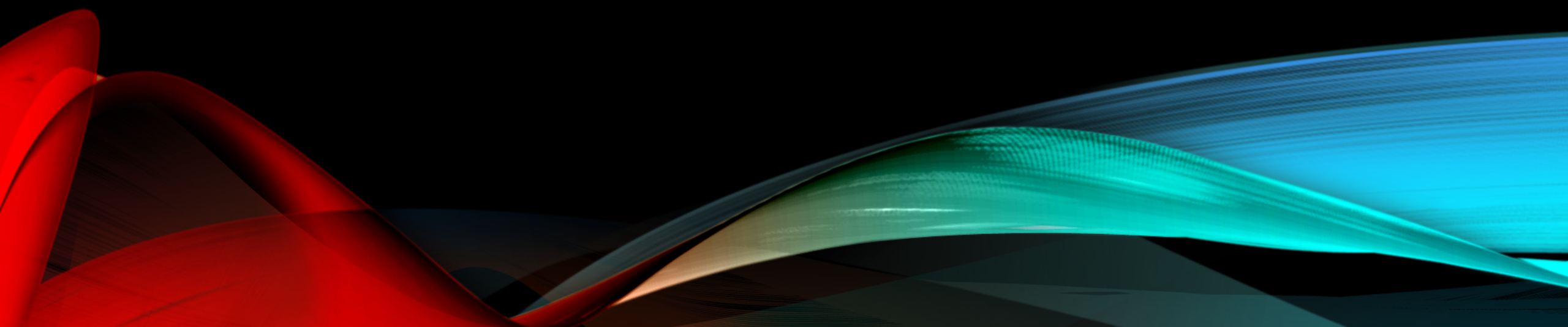
**III. WE BECOME SUSCEPTIBLE TO
IMMORALITY WHEN WE JUSTIFY SIN
INSTEAD OF FORSAKING IT**

Genesis 38:12-23



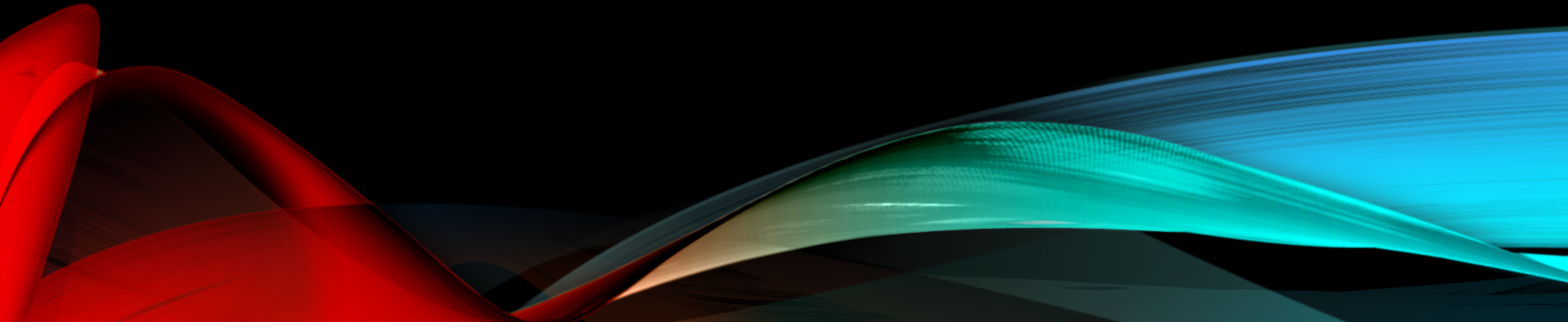
IV. WE HINDER OUR EFFECTIVENESS TO BE USED OF GOD WITH HYPOCRISY

Genesis 38:24-26



V. GOD TAKES OUR SINFUL FAILURES AND TRANSFORMS THEM TO HIS BEAUTIFUL PURPOSES

Genesis 27-30; cf. Matthew 1:1-6



MATTHEW 1:1-6

- 1 The book of the genealogy of **Jesus Christ**, the son of David, the son of Abraham. 2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, 3 and **Judah** the father of **Perez** and Zerah by **Tamar**, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, 4 and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, 5 and Salmon the father of **Boaz** by **Rahab**, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, 6 and Jesse the father of **David** the king.

CONCLUSION

- Take responsibilities for our sinful choices. Confess and be forgiven.
- Life and ministry is not over after a big sin. God is so great, He can use broken vessels.
- Realize that God is greater than our immorality.