Covenant of Patriarch Judas
(From the Palais with Interpretation)

And Judah, the fourth son of Jacob and Leah, called his sons to him and said,

"My children, behold, before my death I will tell you my deeds, what courage there was in my chest." And I was fast in my legs and strong in body. And a multitude of warriors held my arm. And I broke down the stronghold of the city of those who disobeyed me. That is why my father Jacob saw that a strong angel helped me in courage. "He continued his sermon, saying:

"I have learned in the books of Enoch how much evil you have done lately, but beware, my children, from all fornication and covetousness. He who deprives himself of the law of God, blinds the thoughts of the soul, does not seem to have mercy on his neighbor, does not visit him in torment and illness. I lost my children because of the silver. And if it were not for the punishment of my body and the humility of my soul and the prayers of my father Jacob, I would have died without children. But the God of my father, merciful and gracious,

on me not to do so in reason. The prince blinded me and I did not understand as a man that the body is in sin and that it is decaying. And I understood my helplessness. I thought I would be undefeated. I mocked my brother Reuben because of my father's wife Vale. I boasted many times at
the door about the strength of the work of my youth, which is why the face of a beautiful woman did not meet me, but the spirit of envy rushed at me and blinded me until I liked the Canaanite Vis. Wine turned my eyes and darkened my heart with lust. And I transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and fell upon her. And the Lord gave me not to rejoice in her children.

And now, my children, do not get drunk with wine, because drunkenness distracts the mind from the truth and brings angry thought and leads the eyes to seduction, because the spirit of lewdness unites drunkenness to serve him for lust. And these two, here, turn power over to man. If, therefore, a man drinks to drunkenness, then in defiled thoughts he confuses the mind with fornication, and inflames the body to union, and becomes the cause of lust and commits sin without shame. Drunk is never ashamed. Here, I was tempted not to be ashamed of the crowd at the door, to rush in front of everyone's eyes towards my ex-daughter-in-law Tamar and commit a sin in drunkenness. I was not afraid of the Lord's commandments and I revealed the cover to all in my sin.

And now, my children, do not get drunk over the satiety of your mind. If you change the mind of the mind by drunkenness, then who will enter your mind? The spirit of transgression will make the drunk speak shamelessness, to lawlessness and not to be ashamed, but to boast of dishonesty. And he who is ridiculed and does not submit to his wickedness, will think that he speaks well. If someone, even if he was a king, spends drunkenness and indulges in fornication, then he will soon be left naked without a kingdom. The angel of the Lord showed me those who live in drunkenness. Whether he is a king or a poor woman, he
will take over. And he will take away the glory from the emperor, from the mighty power, and he will establish the poor in sad poverty. Preserve, my children, the mouth from drunkenness, because there are four evil spirits in it: the thought of evil, incitement to fornication, the abomination of gain, shameless sin.

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If someone drinks with the fear of God, if he moves away from the fear of God in joy, then shamelessness and the beginning of sin occur, and quarrels arise. And for some, anger is born. And there are transgressions of the commandments of God. And perdition arises before time, because drunkenness reveals the secrets of God and man. So I told the Canaanite woman the secrets of God, which God said would not be revealed, and the secrets of my father Jacob. And now I command you, my children. Do not get drunk, do not be greedy for silver and gold, nor look at female beauty, adorned with things. In drunkenness, I saw the Hananican woman shining in gold and I was deceived with her, because as a man I succumbed to drunkenness and watching.

And now, my children, hear me, Judas, your father, and flee from covetousness and drunkenness, because it deprives, teaches contempt, hardens the soul for all good, robs the dream, ends the journey, from which he stumbles in prayer, does not remember the blessing God, one does not listen to what the prophet says, he hates the words of the pious and wanders during the day like at night. I, overwhelmed with drunkenness, confessed the secrets of my heart and gave the scepter and the crown of my
kingdom to my daughter-in-law Tamar, because she was from Medjurečje, Aram's daughter. And I brought her to my son Ira for the wedding. And Ir was cunning and did not care for Tamar, because he was not from the land of Canaan. And the angel of the Lord slew him the third night. And he did not know her because of his mother's cunning, because he did not want to have a child with her. In the days of the bedroom, I introduced her to my other son, Vian. And he doesn't know her in leprosy. It was summer, and I threatened to get closer to her. And they sowed the seed on the ground at the command of their mother and ruined it because of cunning. I wanted to give it to the third son, Silom, but my wife Visija did not give it to me, because she was angry with Tamar because she was not a Canaanite daughter like her. And this Tamar took care of Abraham's family to give birth to a child, because then Abraham's family was special. And it was a necessity for Tamar. She sits at the door like a prostitute, adorned with wedding decorations. And my way is gone, from whence I came with a flock of my sheep. And I, getting drunk, did not know her and deceived me with her beauty. And I gave her my scepter and

the royal crown. And come closer to me. And she conceived Perez and Azar. He had two twins in his arms. And a secret appeared to you, because when Tamar was giving birth, the child from the womb asked for a hand. The midwife sitting there tied a red ribbon to the child's arm and asked her to know who was born first. Then the child hid his hand in his womb. Then another child is born, and then the one who held out his hand and marked it with
a red ribbon. And the name was given to the firstborn Fares, which means cutting, because it cuts the natural act. And the marked one, who wanted to be born first, was born after Fares and was given the name Zara, because he was a proclamation of old and new people. As they were old before the existing law, so the law is corrected by those supervised by law. Observe Abel, and Seth, and Enoch, and Enos, Noah, and Aber, and also Abraham, who forsook the father of his God, as well as Job and Melchizedek, and other prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ. But as Zara hid her hand in her womb, so the law was covered and hidden from Israel. Fares was born, and then Zara came out and a red ribbon appeared, which was marked with the blood of Christ.

But understand this, my children, that there are two spirits in man - true and beautiful, and between them is a clever thought. And he wants to adhere to the truth, and the transient to adhere to the chest of man. And everyone knows his Lord and there is no time when human deeds can be concealed, because in the chest his bones are inscribed before the Lord. And the true spirit serves both before the Lord: and he is exposed and burns with all his heart, having sinned and cannot raise his face to the judge.

And now, my children, I tell you this: The Lord has given Levi a priesthood, and entrust the kingdom to me. I was very sad, because there will be frequent wars in Israel in the last days. And you will start quarrels among yourself. And famine shall come upon you, and the sea, and captivity, and all destruction. And you will bury your children for the service of your wives. And then the Lord will remind you of mercy. And there will be salvation
for Israel in the coming of the true God. The star of Jacob will shine and the man from my tribe will rise like the sun righteously walking with people in justice and truth. And no sin will be found in him. And with him the heavens will be opened to pour out the spirit of blessing from the Holy Father. He will pour out the grace of the Spirit on you and will be his sons in righteousness and will follow his first and last commandments, because he is the offspring of the Most High God and the source in the life of every body. Then the scepter of my kingdom will be enlightened.rod of justice to the nations to judge and save all who call on his God."

And he lived to be 119 years old. And his sons carried him away, and buried him in Hebron with his fathers.

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