

## ~BAAL-TAMAR (36)

(Ba'al-ta'mar) [Owner of the Palm Tree]

- A site near Gibeah where Israelite fighting men drew up in formation against the tribe of Benjamin in a costly battle provoked by a revolting sex crime. Some of Israel's forces were massed at **Baal-tamar**, while others were placed as an ambush against the Benjamites.
- And the men did not want to listen to him. Hence the man took hold of his concubine and brought her forth to them outside, and they began to have intercourse with her, and kept on abusing her all night long until the morning, after which they sent her off at the ascending of the dawn. (**Judges 19:25**)
- Then the woman came as it was turning to morning, and fell down at the entrance of the man's house where her master was, until daylight. (**Judges 19:26**)
- Later her master rose up in the morning and opened the doors of the house and went out to get on his way, and, look! The woman, his concubine, fallen at the entrance of the house with her hands upon the threshold! (**Judges 19:27**)
- So he said to her; Rise up, and let us go. But there was no one answering. At that the man took her upon the ass and rose up and went to his place. (**Judges 19:28**)
- And all the men of Israel rose up from their places and went drawing up in formation at **Baal-tamar**, while those of Israel in ambush were making a charge out of their places in the vicinity of Gibeah. (**Judges 20:33**)
- The location of **Baal-tamar** is uncertain.