

**~TAMAR 1 (179)**  
**(Ta'mar) [Palm Tree]**

- Daughter-in-law of Jacob's son Judah. **Tamar** married Judah's first son Er, but Yehowah put Er to death for his wickedness, leaving **Tamar** a widow.
- She was then given Onan, but Yehowah put him to death for failure to perform brother-in-law marriage, and **Tamar** still remained a childless widow.
- Judah procrastinated in giving her his third son. **Tamar** concealed her identity and disguised herself as a prostitute in order to get Judah himself to have relations with her, cleverly taking his seal ring, cord, and rod as security.
- When Judah learned that **Tamar** was pregnant, he at first commanded that she be burned after being stoned.
- And it must occur that the one picked with the thing devoted to destruction will be burned with fire, he and all that belongs to him, because he has overstepped the covenant of Yehowah and because he has committed a disgraceful folly in Israel. (**Joshua 7:15**)
- Then Joshua said; Why have you brought ostracism upon us? Yehowah will bring ostracism upon you on this day. With that all Israel went pelting him with stones, after which they burned them with fire. Thus they stoned them with stones. (**Joshua 7:25**)
- But on learning that through her maneuvering to get an heir he had become the father, Judah exclaimed, She is more righteous than I am. In the difficult birth that followed, **Tamar** produced twins, Perez and Zerah.
- In time Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name was **Tamar**. (**Genesis 38:6**)
- But Er, Judah's firstborn, proved to be bad in the eyes of Yehowah, hence Yehowah put him to death. (**Genesis 38:7**)

- In view of that Judah said to Onan; Have relations with your brother's wife and perform brother-in-law marriage with her and raise up offspring for your brother. ([Genesis 38:8](#))
- But Onan knew that the offspring would not become his, and it occurred that when he did have relations with his brother's wife he wasted his semen on the earth so as not to give offspring to his brother. ([Genesis 38:9](#))
- Now what he did was bad in the eyes of Yehowah, hence he put him also to death. ([Genesis 38:10](#))
- So Judah said to **Tamar** his daughter-in-Law; Dwell as a widow in the house of your father until Shelah my son grows up. For he said to himself; He too may die like his brothers. Accordingly **Tamar** went and continued to dwell at her own father's house. ([Genesis 38:11](#))
- Thus the days became many and the daughter of Shua, Judah's wife, died, and Judah kept the period of mourning. After that he went up to the shearers of his sheep, he and Hirah his companion the Adullamite, to Timnah. ([Genesis 38:12](#))
- Then it was told to **Tamar**; Here your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep. ([Genesis 38:13](#))
- With that she removed the garments of her widowhood from her and covered herself with a shawl and veiled herself and sat down at the entrance of Enaim, which is along the road to Timnah. For she saw that Shelah had grown up and yet she had not been given as a wife to him. ([Genesis 38:14](#))
- When Judah caught sight of her, he at once took her for a harlot, because she had covered her face. ([Genesis 38:15](#))
- So he turned aside to her by the road and said; Allow me, please, to have relations with you. For he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. However, she said; What will you give me that you may have relations with me? ([Genesis 38:16](#))
- To this he said; I myself shall send a kid of the goats from the herd. But she said; Will you give a security until you send it? ([Genesis 38:17](#))

- And he continued; What is the security that I shall give you? To which she said; Your seal ring and your cord and your rod that is in your hand. Then he gave them to her and had relations with her, so that she became pregnant by him. (**Genesis 38:18**)
- After that she got up and went and removed her shawl off her and clothed herself with the garments of her widowhood. (**Genesis 38:19**)
- And Judah proceeded to send the kid of the goats by the hand of his companion the Adullamite in order to get back the security from the hand of the woman, but he never found her. (**Genesis 38:20**)
- And he went inquiring of the men of her place, saying; Where is that temple prostitute in Enaim along the road? But they kept saying; No temple prostitute has ever been in this place. (**Genesis 38:21**)
- Finally he returned to Judah and said; I never found her and, besides, the men of the place said; No temple prostitute has ever been in this place. (**Genesis 38:22**)
- So Judah said; Let her take them for herself, in order, that we may not fall into contempt. At any rate, I have sent this kid, but you, you never found her. (**Genesis 38:23**)
- However, about three months later it happened that it was told to Judah; **Tamar** your daughter-in-law has played the harlot, and here she is also pregnant by her harlotry. At that Judah said, bring her out and let her be burned. (**Genesis 38:24**)
- As she was being brought out she herself sent to her father-in-law, saying; By the man to whom these belong I am pregnant. And she added; Examine, please, to whom these belong, the seal ring and the cord and the rod. (**Genesis 38:25**)
- Then Judah examined them and said; She is more righteous than I am, for the reason that I did not give her to Shelah my son. And he had no further intercourse with her after that. (**Genesis 38:26**)
- Now it developed that in the time of her giving birth, why, here there were twins in her belly. (**Genesis 38:27**)

- Further, it turned out that when she was giving birth one extended his hand, and the midwife at once took and tied a scarlet piece about his hand, saying; This one came out first. (**Genesis 38:28**)
- Finally it developed that as soon as he drew back his hand, why, here his brother came out, so that she exclaimed! What do you mean by this, that you have produced a perineal rupture for yourself? Hence his name was called Perez. (**Genesis 38:29**)
- And afterward his brother upon whose hand the scarlet piece was came out and his name came to be called Zerah. (**Genesis 38:30**)
- The Messianic lineage is traced through her son Perez.
- And may your house become like the house of Perez, whom **Tamar** bore to Judah, from the offspring that Yehowah will give you out of this young woman. (**Ruth 4:12**)
- Now these are the generations of Perez. Perez became father to Hezron. (**Ruth 4:18**)
- And Hezron became father to Ram, and Ram became father to Amminadab. (**Ruth 4:19**)
- And Amminadab became father to Nahshon, and Nahshon became father to Salmon. (**Ruth 4:20**)
- And Salmon became father to Boaz, and Boaz became father to Obed. (**Ruth 4:21**)
- And Obed became father to Jesse, and Jesse became father to David. (**Ruth 4:22**)
- And **Tamar** his daughter-in-law it was that bore to him Perez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah were five. (**1 Chronicles 2:4**)
- Judah became father to Perez and to Zerah by **Tamar**. Perez became father to Hezron. Hezron became father to Ram. (**Matthew 1:3**)