

Tamar Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

What does the fact that her parents were Canaanites tell us about the origin of the people of Israel?

Is it possible that the LORD used the consequences of a sinful act in the eternal plan to bring the Messiah into the world?

Does Scripture give us a satisfying answer about why the LORD put Er and Onan to death for their acts?

Should we expect all our questions to be satisfied?

Can the LORD be judged by human beings?

Would Tamar justifiably consider herself “damaged goods”?

What is the lesson?

Do you know anyone who considers themselves “damaged goods”?

Have you ever written someone off because of what they have done or what has been done to them?

Do we usually think the meaning of Isaiah 55:8 to be just that God’s thoughts are complex and mysterious? (“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways.”)

Taking into account the story of Tamar, what is another application of this verse?

Are you amazed that the LORD loves you?

How does that make it easier for us to love others?

