



THE HEBREW KEY

תמר

#4 – Tamar & Her Coat of Many Colors

Genesis 37:3

Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a **coat of many colors**.

כתנת פסים

(ke'tonet passim)

2 Samuel 13:18

Now [Tamar] was wearing a **coat of many colors**, for thus were the virgin daughters of the king dressed. So his servant put her out and bolted the door after her.

JOSEPH

(Genesis 37-50)

Ketonet passim

Handsome (39.6)

Betrayed by Brothers (37.28)

Object of Lust (39.7)

“Lie with me!” (39.7)

Father Grieves (37.34)

Father believes his son
is dead (37.33)

“He mourned his son” (37:34)

TAMAR

(2 Samuel 13)

Ketonet passim

Beautiful (1)

Betrayed by Brother (6-15)

Object of Lust (2)

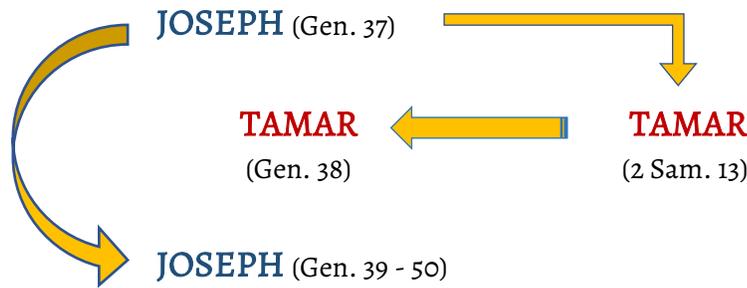
“Lie with me!” (11)

Father Grieves (31)

Father believes all his
sons are dead (30)

“He mourned his son” (37)

↑ **ויתאבל על בנו** ↑
(2x in Bible)



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The meaning of Tamar [תמר] is 'the end of bitterness'.

☞ Magid of Mezeritch (1704-1772)

1 Chronicles 3:1 ...

Now these were the sons of David who were born to him in Hebron...

1 Chronicles 3:9

All these were David's sons, besides the sons of the concubines, and Tamar was their sister.

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2 Samuel 13:10-19 Then Amnon said to Tamar, "Bring the food into the chamber, that I may eat from your hand." And Tamar took the cakes she had made and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother. ¹¹ But when she brought them near him to eat, he took hold of her and said to her, "Come, lie with me, my sister." ¹² She answered him, "No, my brother, do not violate me, for such a thing is not done in Israel; do not do this outrageous thing. ¹³ As for me, where could I carry my shame? And as for you, you would be as one of the outrageous fools in Israel. Now therefore, please speak to the king, for he will not withhold me from you." ¹⁴ But he would not listen to her, and being stronger than she, he violated her and lay with her. ¹⁵ Then Amnon hated her with very great hatred, so that the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, "Get up! Go!" ¹⁶ But she said to him, "No, my brother, for this wrong in sending me away is greater than the other that you did to me." But he would not listen to her. ¹⁷ He called the young man who served him and said, "Put this woman out of my presence and bolt the door after her." ¹⁸ Now she was wearing a long robe with sleeves, for thus were the virgin daughters of the king dressed. So his servant put her out and bolted the door after her. ¹⁹ And Tamar put ashes on her head and tore the long robe that she wore. And she laid her hand on her head and went away, crying aloud as she went.

Exodus 15:27 Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees [תמר, *tamar*], and they encamped there by the water.

Deuteronomy 34:3 the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm[תמר, *tamar*], as far as Zoar.

Judges 4:4-5 And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, judged Israel at that time. She used to sit under the palm [תמר, *tamar*] of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the people of Israel came up to her for judgment.

Psalms 92:12 The righteous flourish like the palm tree [תמר, *tamar*] and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Matthew 1:3 and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram...