

2021-2022 PW/Horizons Bible Study

What My Grandmothers Taught Me
Lessons from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus

Levirate Law: was an attempt to protect single women and widows from poverty. Women could not be ignored or cast out of the tribal family simply because they had not produced a male child. Their husband's brothers had a duty to support the widow and to see that she received a portion of her dead husband's inheritance.

Lesson Two Discussion Questions:

1. What interests you most about the story of Tamar and Judah?
2. What questions arise for you in the text?
3. What was Judah's responsibility to Tamar and to his own family?
4. In the story, who speaks and who listens? Who acts?
5. What was Judah's confession when the truth was revealed?
6. What is God's interaction with the main characters?
7. Why do you think the story was so important to ancient Jewish people?
8. Are the characteristics and actions of the people in the story still present in the world? How is the story relevant to modern life?
9. What can we learn from Tamar's story?
10. Read Matthew 1:1-3. How were Tamar and Judah remembered in the New Testament? How did this fulfill Jacob's blessing?