

## Tamar and Amnon Bible Study

Read the story of Tamar and Amnon in 2 Samuel 13:1-22 together. Fill in the blanks and discuss the following questions.

Verse 1 says Amnon \_\_\_\_\_ with Tamar.

Verse 2 says Amnon made himself ill because he was unable to \_\_\_\_\_.

What was Amnon's plan to get what he wanted?

Whether Tamar found Amnon attractive or not, what was her response to his request that she have sex with him?

What did Tamar want after Amnon had raped her?

What did Amnon do to Tamar after raping her?

Is being "in love" the same thing as loving someone?

Why did Amnon hate Tamar after he raped her?

### SUMMARY

Amnon wanted consumer sex. He used lies and tricks to get what he wanted from Tamar, having no intention to make any sort of commitment to a loving relationship with her. He did not love her, even though he was "in love." He put no boundaries at all on his sexual desires. If we trust that God is good, we will do our best to honour His plan for our sexuality by setting boundaries on our thoughts and actions.

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### Answers to questions (for parent)

Verse 1 says Amnon \_\_\_\_\_ with Tamar. (*fell in love*)

Verse 2 says Amnon made himself ill because he was unable to \_\_\_\_\_. (*do anything to her*)

What was Amnon's plan to get what he wanted? (*telling lies, using tricks*)

Whether Tamar found Amnon attractive or not, what was her response to his request that she have sex with him? (*let's get married first*)

What did Tamar want after Amnon had raped her? (*a marriage commitment*)

What did Amnon do to Tamar after raping her? (*he sent her away*)

Is being "in love" the same thing as loving someone? (*definitely not!*)

Why did Amnon hate Tamar after he raped her? (*he didn't actually love her*)