

<i>Book</i> {one of five}	סֵפֶר
<i>In the beginning</i> {name of book one}	בְּרֵאשִׁית
<i>And he settled</i> {chapter title}	וַיֵּשֶׁב
<i>Chapter</i> {number:}	פָּרָק
38	לח
<i>Verse</i> {number:}	פְּסוּק
25	כה
{Tamar, having been informed of her transgression and being held against her will, was told she was to be put to death by way of fire. While} <i>she</i> {was}	הוּא
<i>being taken out</i> {to be burned, she had the presence of mind to regain her composure, implore her captors to delay the execution and was permitted to send a message to Yehudah (Judah).}	מוֹצֵאת
<i>And she</i> {, Tamar, having written a message meant for Yehudah's eyes only,}	וְהִיא
<i>she sent</i> {for a messenger to deliver her message and Yehudah's personal possessions,}	שָׁלְחָה
<i>to</i> {Yehudah,}	אֶל
<i>her father-in-law</i> {. The yet-to-be-read message has Tamar}	חַמִּיהָ
<i>saying</i> {to Yehudah: The items accompanying this message belong}	לְאָמַר
<i>to</i> {the} <i>man</i>	לְאִישׁ
<i>who</i> {impregnated me. The owner of}	אֲשֶׁר
<i>these</i> {items belong}	אֵלֶּה
<i>to him</i> {with whom}	לוֹ
<i>I</i> {had intimate relations and became}	אֲנֹכִי
<i>pregnant</i> {. Tamar's message continues:}	הָרָה
<i>And she said</i> {to Yehudah: I pray that you, upon seeing these personal items, will}	וְתֹאמַר
<i>recognize</i> {them as being your own.}	הִכָּר
<i>Please</i> {acknowledge}	נָא
<i>to whom</i>	לְמִי
<i>the seal</i>	הַחֲתָמַת
<i>and the cloak</i>	וְהַפְתִּילִים
<i>and the staff</i> {belong. May Yehudah, upon receipt of my message, own up to the fact that}	וְהַמָּטָה
<i>the</i> {items; that is,} <i>these</i> {items are Yehudah's personal items which he had given to me as collateral; items which would have been returned to him upon my receipt of payment for my sexual favors.}	הָאֵלֶּה: