

Parallels and differences between Genesis 38 and 39

PARALLELS

Female characters seeking sex with a man in an inappropriate context

Both women use deception around clothes

Men's identifying objects left in the woman's control

DIFFERENCES

Mrs Potiphar has a powerful man behind her authority

Tamar has no man at all

Tamar's actions *subvert* the status quo

Joseph's actions *maintain* the status quo

Joseph's robe *reveals* identity

Tamar's veil *conceals* identity