

Ruth 4

Announcements:

- [Dave Jamerson Video](#) and encouragement...
- Tell the [\\$20,000 blessing last week!](#) **Closing TOMORROW, still more needs...** (open house!)

Please open to **Ruth chapter 4** (need a Bible ...?)

- Last time: **City Council... p'loni almoni... Seal the deal... (Boaz fully covered!)**
- This time: **Be Fruitful/Multiply! Family trees:** Royals & rogues... Statesman & scallywags...

Message Title: **Genealogical Glory** (six syllables!)

- **A Blessing is Given** (verses 11-12)
- **A Son is Born** (verses 13-16)
- **A King is Coming** (verses 17-22)

A **truly happy ending**, [beyond](#) what Naomi, Ruth, or even Boaz could have ever imagined ([Eph 3:20](#))

A Blessing is Given (verses 11-12)

V. 11 - And all the **people who were at the gate**, (including) the elders

- Reminder context from last week... **gate... elders...** (the sandal came off!)

V. 11 - Said, "**We are witnesses.**"

- Official stuff... **Legal testimony!** ...binding themselves to this (not to bear false witness)
 - Similarly: You and I have been **empowered** to do the same thing! ([Acts 1:8](#))

Now, a beautiful **prayer of blessing** upon this new household... (fruit, favor, and a future!)

A prayer for **Ruth**...

V. 11 - "**[May] The Lord make** the woman [**Ruth**] who is coming to your house..."

V. 11 - "Like **Rachel and Leah**, the two who built the house of Israel"

- In their prayer they looked back to **Rachel and Leah**... who "**built the house of Israel**"
 - **Two moms of the twelve tribes of Israel.** (wives of Jacob) ([Genesis 29-30](#))
- **Lineage... heritage... covenant family...** (now, Matt 16 = [oikodomeo](#))
- **This is a prayer for children from Ruth's womb who will carry on the family name...**

A prayer for **Boaz**...

V. 11 - "And may you prosper in **Ephrathah** and [may your name] be famous in **Bethlehem.**"

- (calls back to chapter 1)
 - **Ephrathah** (ephrath) = "place of fruitfulness"
 - **Bethlehem** (beit lechem) = "house of bread/food"
 - **Judah** (yehuda) = "celebrated, praised; praise YHWH"
- Being immediately prayed over Boaz as a blessing... (little did he know...)
- This is **messianic language** pointing to the [fruitful land of praise and provision!](#)

A prayer for **their family**...

V. 12 - "May your house be **like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah**"

- **Okay, this one's a little dicey**, but still **contributes to the lineage of Judah!** (Genesis 38)
 - One of Judah's sons (*Er*) died. *Other sons failed to honor. Judah held back Shelah...*
 - **Tamar took things into her own hands...** (deception, harlotry) *descriptive/prescriptive*
 - *(all of us have some family we don't like to discuss) If you go back far enough...*
 - **God has a way of redeeming our mess!**
- **The point?** The focus is *not Tamar*, but **Perez**, the **lineage of Judah being carried on!**
- Perez is the ancestor of the **Bethlehemite/Ephrathite clan of Judah. 1 Chronicles 2...**

V. 12 - "Because of **the offspring which the Lord will give you** from this young woman"

- Love for children... **(to be cherished)**
- **Psalm 127:3-5, ESV** - "Behold, **children are a heritage from the Lord**, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!"
- A **community blessing** full of anticipatory hope!
 - **Offspring = SEED: Genesis 3:15: seed of the woman. Messianic Anticipation!**
 - **Unto us a Son is born...**

A Son is Born (verses 13-16)

V. 13 - So Boaz took Ruth and **she became his wife**; and when he went in to her

- **At least nine months are covered** in that one verse! **That was fast!** Not sure how long they were married before conceiving... (big deal for widdle Ruthie!)
 - (1) **Nachriyah** = a foreigner (2:10)
 - (2) **Shifhah** = a lower servant (2:13)
 - (3) **Amah** = a maidservant (3:9)
 - (4) **Ishah** = a wife (4:13)

V. 13 - **The Lord gave her conception**, and she bore a son. - **normal stuff!**

- **The Lord gave** (**Yehova Nathan = emphatic**) = **divine providence**. (i.e. *Sarai and Mary*, etc)
- Previously married for 10 years to Mahlon... **but now God's timing...** (**He knows, friends**)

Ruth has a baby; Naomi now has a grandson!

V. 14 - Then the women said to Naomi, "**Blessed be the Lord...**" - **praising and rejoicing!**

- **Fitting: Naomi rightfully returned**, and **the Lord graciously blessed!**
- **The women = Great friends here...**
- **Romans 12:15** - "Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep."
- **Bless God!** And here's why...

V. 14 - "Who has not left you this day **without a close relative (redeemer)**"

- Interesting... **redeemer Goel threaded through**, but **now attributed to the son!**
 - **The Son is the redeemer! Hallelujah!** For Naomi and the family line...

V. 14 - "And **may his (this child's) name be famous** in Israel!"

- **Um yeah! more than you could have ever imagined...** (David... **Son of David...**)

- V. 15 - "And may he be to you a **restorer of life** and a **nourisher of your old age**" *Two blessings!*
- **Restorer of Life (shub)** = "restore, bring back, repair, renew, refresh + nephesh (life)"
 - *Psalm 23:3* - He **restores/refreshes** my soul...
 - **Nourishers of old age (kul)** = "sustain, maintain, contain, support, supply" + sheva (grey hair)
 - *Psalm 55:22* - "Cast your burden on the Lord, and **He shall sustain (kul) you**; He shall **never permit the righteous to be moved(shaken)!**" - just like *1 Peter 5:7*: **cast your cares!**
 - Naomi is **no longer going to be Mara!** Nor... **empty! - bitter becomes blessed!** (*Rom 8:28*)
 - *John 16:22* - "...you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and **your joy no one will take from you!**" - grief, bitterness, lament **does not have the final word!**

- V. 15 - "Your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who is **better to you than seven sons**, has borne him."
- The *women of the town* are telling Naomi **how blessed she is to have Ruth**.
 - In a day and age when **sons were valued higher than daughters** (sadly) **this is saying a lot!**
 - *Not just one*, but **seven**. (*completion number*) This is **super mega blessedness!**
 - Just as *Boaz has shown chesed* to them as a family; *Ruth has been showing chesed* to Naomi.

- V. 16 - Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her bosom, and **[Naomi] became a nurse to him.**"
- *Reads as if* Naomi **received the Son as her own**. *At minimum* she **stepped in as a caretaker**.

And now we see how this **little seed grows into glory!**

A King is Coming (verses 17-18)

The story zooms out... Not just one household... **Something much bigger is going on!**

- V. 17 - "**There is a son born to Naomi.**" (Naomi has a son again!)
- Remember, this family is **of the tribe of Judah**...
 - *Genesis 49:10, NIV* - "**The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his.**"
 - *2 Samuel 7:11-13*- "The Lord tells you that He will make you a house. "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, **and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever...**" (*Solomon immediately, but Messiah, ultimately...*)
- V. 17 - Also the neighbor women (**unusual!**) gave him a name... they **called his name Obed**.
- **Obed** = "Serving" (from 'abad = to serve) | "Servant of the Lord (Obadiah)" - **A Goel does this!**
 - **Obed** is a **symbol of redemption and resurrection!** The **Son came to serve!** (*Mark 10:45*)
- V. 17 - He [Obed] is the father of Jesse, **the father of David**.
- *1 Samuel 17:12* - "Now David was the **son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehem Judah**"
 - The *book of Ruth* is **a bridge between Joshua, Judges and the kingdom (1 Samuel)**
 - This is the **main linking point** the *narrator seeks to make* and then **shows the lineage**...

Vv. 18-21 - Now **this is the genealogy**.... (*1 Chronicles 2* = *parallel genealogy*, but more in depth)

- (1) Of Perez..., (2) Perez begot Hezron, (3) Hezron begot Ram, (4) Ram begot Amminadab, (5) Amminadab begot Nahshon, (6) Nahshon begot Salmon, (7) Salmon begot (trout, ha just kidding!) Boaz, (8) Boaz begot Obed, (9) Obed begot Jesse, (10) and Jesse begot David...
- Notice the text *back tracks a little* for us to **prove the line of Judah!**
- *Matthew 1:1-17* - "...the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot **Judah** and his brothers. Judah begot (1) **Perez and Zerah by Tamar**, Perez begot (2) **Hezron**, and Hezron begot (3) **Ram**. Ram begot (4) **Amminadab**, Amminadab begot (5) **Nahshon**, and Nahshon begot (6) **Salmon**. Salmon begot (7) **Boaz by Rahab**, Boaz begot (8) **Obed by Ruth**, Obed begot (9) **Jesse**, and Jesse begot (10) **David the king**... [skipping ahead] ...begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was **born Jesus who is called Christ**..."
 - Tamar, Rahab **and Ruth!** are all listed here... **Tamar and Rahab, Really? Incredible!**
 - **Abounding grace, friends!** (Our Lord came from **a very human background**)
 - Born on the **other side of the tracks** in a **sketchy part of town**...
 - *Isaiah 53:2, CSB* - "He had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him..."
 - **He came to save the average struggling Joe!**
 - **7 - redemption complete, 8 = new beginnings, 9/10 - an everlasting kingdom...**
 - This little boy is a **verified kinsman redeemer!**

Luke 2:1-5 - "Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, **to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David**, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. And she brought forth her firstborn Son..."

Micah 5:2, NIV - "But you, **Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah**, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times..."

CLOSING:

From darkness to light! That's the **Book of Ruth!**

- But also... *Genesis 1:2* - dark and void... to *Rev 21/22* - a restored heavenly city!
- **A river of redemption flowing from cover to cover...**
- **Like a woven tapestry: from the back, a mess... turn it around, a masterpiece!**
- *That's been the story of Naomi and Ruth...*

Pointing now to a **broader theological application** with *Messianic truths* for "**the last days**":

- **Cosmic Spiritual Battle** for ownership of the earth, as *seen within Israel's deed practices*...
- **Garden deed** -
 - *Genesis 1:28* - "God blessed them, and God said to them, **'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth...'**"
 - Adam **was given the title deed to the whole world** - *make the world like Eden*...
 - **But sadly... (Romans 5) Adam forfeited control**... (death, sin, condemnation...)
- **Satan's Domain** -

- Luke 4:5-7, ESV - "...the devil took [Jesus] up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, 'To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for **it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will**. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours...'"
- Jesus rejects the offer but **doesn't dispute the claim of ownership/authority** at that time... indicating, for that moment, **Satan has the title deed**. It was "delivered to him..."
- **Further supported...** 2 Cor. 4:4, NLT/NIV - "**Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe...they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ.**"
- **Two Deeds** -
 - Jeremiah 32:6-12, ESV - "Jeremiah said, 'The word of the Lord came to me: Behold, Hanamel the son of Shallum your uncle will come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth' Then Hanamel my cousin came to me... and said to me, '**Buy my field... for the right of possession and redemption is yours...**' Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. And I bought the field.... I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then **I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions and the open copy**. And I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of Hanamel my cousin, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard... Take these deeds, **both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware vessel**, that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses, fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.'"
 - **God has good plans for this land!!! Concealed, future certainty...**
 - **Open "accessible" deed:** for all to see and **keep transferring** publicly...
 - **Sealed "original" copy: SEALED** and goes back to **OG family... (legal official)**
 - **Ancient times: If terms were disputed, break the jar/seal in front of witnesses...**
- **Open the Scroll!**
 - Satan may think he holds the deed to the world, but **his head has been crushed**.
 - Matthew 28:18-20, ESV - "**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me**. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And Behold I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
 - Christ has **reclaimed** the **public scroll by His Cross** - **public spectacle! But, also...**
 - Rev. 5:1-10, ESV - "I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne **a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals**. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' ...and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. And one of the elders said to me, 'weep no more; **behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered**, so that he can open the scroll...' And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw **a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain** ...and he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying, 'Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals,

for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and **they shall reign on the earth.**”

- **Only Jesus is worthy to open the scroll**, the **title deed of creation**. He is both:
 - **Lion of Judah** (royal line from Ruth 4) + **The Slain Lamb** (redeeming price of blood)
- **Christ is the legal heir** placed in **an earthen vessel** (John 1, Jer. 32)
- **A true kinsman** of the family... **took on flesh** (Heb. 2:14)
- **Paid for the rights with his own life**, and his own blood... **the last adam** (Rom 5)
- **Surrounded by heavenly witnesses** at the gate - **worthy is the lamb who was slain!** (Rev 5)

Boaz redeemed a local field in Bethlehem...

Jesus redeems all nations of this world... (every tribe and tongue!)

Boaz restored a local hurting family...

Jesus restores all creation itself... (our ultimate Goel!)

- **He has purchased His bride...**

Please with the souls of men...

- **Isaiah 54:4-6, NLT** - “Fear not; you will no longer live in shame. Don’t be afraid; there is no more disgrace for you. You will no longer remember the shame of your youth and the sorrows of widowhood. For your Creator will be your husband; the Lord of Heaven’s Armies is his name! **He is your Redeemer**, the Holy One of Israel, the God of all the earth. For the Lord has called you back from your grief—as though you were a young wife abandoned by her husband,’ says your God.”
- **Altar call...**
- **Rev. 22:17, NLT** - “The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come.’ Let anyone who hears this say, ‘Come.’ Let anyone who is thirsty come. **Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life!**”

Communion

We began in a grain field in Bethlehem... (**a moabite invited to come an eat and drink**)

We end at another table, prepared by our Redeemer... (**we BEAR WITNESS when we do...**)

- **Not because we are worthy, but because Christ is worthy!**

1 Corinthians 11:26 - “For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, **you proclaim the Lord's death until He returns.**”

PRAY