

RUTH: THERE IS A REDEEMER
Ruth 4:1-17 (NIV)

1. Boaz redeemed Ruth as a KINSMAN-REDEEMER.

Meanwhile Boaz went up to the town gate and sat down there just as the guardian-redeemer he had mentioned came along. Boaz said, "Come over here, my friend, and sit down." So he went over and sat down. ²Boaz took ten of the elders of the town and said, "Sit here," and they did so. ³Then he said to the guardian-redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from Moab, is selling the piece of land that belonged to our relative Elimelek. ⁴I thought I should bring the matter to your attention and suggest that you buy it in the presence of these seated here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, do so. But if you will not, tell me, so I will know. For no one has the right to do it except you, and I am next in line." "I will redeem it," he said. ⁵Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the land from Naomi, you also acquire the Ruth the Moabite, the dead man's widow, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property." ⁶At this, the guardian-redeemer said, "I cannot redeem it because I might endanger my own estate. You redeem it yourself. I cannot do it." ⁷(Now in earlier times in Israel, for the redemption and transfer of property to become final, one party took off his sandal and gave it to the other. This was the method of legalizing transactions in Israel.) ⁸So the guardian-redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it yourself." And he removed his sandal. ⁹Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses that I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelek, Kilion and Mahlon. ¹⁰I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, Mahlon's widow, as my wife, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property, so that his name will not disappear from among his family or from his hometown. Today you are witnesses!"

Ruth 4:1-10 (NIV)

2. Ruth redeemed Naomi through a SON.

Then the women said to Naomi, "Praise be to the Lord, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! ¹⁵He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth." ¹⁶Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him. ¹⁷The women living there said, "Naomi has a son!" And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Ruth 4:14-17 (NIV)

3. God redeemed us through His SON who is our KINSMAN-REDEEMER.

He predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸that he lavished on us.

Ephesians 1:5-8 (NIV)