

The Book of Ruth – 2026

RUTH 3 & 4 – “THE ROMANCE OF REDEMPTION – LOVE’S REQUEST & REWARD”

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➤ **Having completed our vs-by-vs study of the Gospel of Matthew and before we get to our study of the book of Acts, we’ve spent a few weeks studying through a wonderful Old Testament book that beautifully illustrates the Redemptive plan of God...**

- That book is **The Book of Ruth**
 - A study of the **Book of Ruth** gives us great insight into the concepts of Harvest and REDEMPTION...
 - We’re talking about redemption and what it meant not only for Naomi and Ruth, but for us as well!
 - This sweet story is an OT foreshadowing of how Jesus came to deliver us from the predicament of our own sin as OUR Kinsman-Redeemer!

Before we get into the text, let’s review...

Review

➤ **This is a TRUE story that occurred sometime between the death of Joshua and the ministry of Samuel the Prophet during that *tumultuous era* of the book of **Judges****

- This is a book of strength, hope and redemption in a time of relative truth not so different from today!
- For it was a time when everyone “**did what was right in their own eyes**”

Judges 21:25

- **It is the story of Ruth... **The Romance of Redemption!****

- **It can easily be divided** into a 4-Scene Drama...

Scene 1 = **Ch. 1** – *set in Moab* **Love's Resolve** Scene 2 = **Ch. 2** – *fields of Boaz* **Response**

Scene 3 = **Ch. 3** – *threshing floor* **Request** Scene 4 = **Ch. 4** - *the city council (gates)* **Reward**

- The Major Participants thus far...
 - **Naomi** (wife of Elimelech RIP)
 - **Ruth** (widow of Mahlon-4:10)
 - **Boaz** (near kinsman)

➤ We began with **Ch. 1 = Act 1** – *set in Moab...* **Love's Resolve**

- **Elimelech and his family** left the House of Bread (Bethlehem) and Praise (Judah) because there was no bread OR praise...
- After the men died, Ruth and Naomi discovered that **there was food again** in the house Bread (not praise yet)
- This was all because **God was orchestrating** something WAY bigger than Ruth and Naomi... He was preparing a great **Plan of Redemption**

➤ **Ch. 2 = Act 2** – *set in the fields of Boaz in Bethlehem...* **Love's Response**

- After returning in bitterness (Mara), **Naomi** (pleasant) sent **Ruth** to GLEAN
 - **God** brought her providentially to **the fields of Boaz** who took quick notice of her and *the Romance of Redemption* began
 - **Boaz** graciously provided her with physical protection, a LARGE portion of gleanings, and they even shared their first meal together
 - Boaz was also a **Kinsman** who could **REDEEM** *the land* of Elimelech as well as *his lineage* and thus is a Prophetic Model of Christ
- **When Ruth returned to Naomi**, she was shocked to see a bucketful of grain for two people as she was beginning to be transformed by GRACE

➤ **ACT 3: set at the Threshing Floor... Love's Request – 3:1-18**

Vs 1-2a

1 Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, should I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you? 2 Is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you were?”

- **As Boaz and his men continued to harvest their crops and Ruth continued to glean, there would've been plenty of opportunity for interaction...**
 - **I'm certain that Boaz** continued to show her excessive favor
 - It's highly likely that the two took advantage of any opportunity to spend time together or even be NEAR one another
 - No doubt, they had dinner together with regularity as they grew to know one another more intimately [RUTH – BOAZ pic]
 - **This would not have afforded** them the freedom to “date” in the modern sense of the term...
 - They were not able to spend time alone as a couple
 - They spent their time together in the midst of a larger group
 - **For the singles among us**, there is much in the modern system of “dating” that actually works CONTRARY to forming healthy, lasting relationships
 - The secular system that we (and especially our children) have inherited most often forms negative habits in spousal preparation.

- One of the worst habits formed is that of making and breaking casual romantic relationships when times get tough.
 - This establishes an unbiblical pattern that encourages us to simply END relationships when the going gets rough rather than working the problem and finding solutions.
 - Later, when the time of marriage comes, the same pattern is followed, to the detriment of our marriages and our society as a whole.
 - **Furthermore**, "dating" is most often shallow or superficial because you're not really getting to know the true character and attributes of the potential spouse, only a façade designed to win you over!
 - **If you find yourself** (or your kids/grandkids) in a place of singleness and seeking a spouse... *There are better ways!*
 - One way to better gauge the measure of the other person is to observe them in a group setting.
 - When you watch how they act towards others in a group setting you can see how they will eventually treat YOU after the honeymoon, rather than the dating "façade."
 - This is what Ruth and Boaz were able to do during the harvests... and it had lasting benefits.
- **Notice that Naomi said to Ruth, "should I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you?" in Vs 1**
- **The word for "rest"** was a term that spoke of security in marriage...
 - The Hebrew word here is, ironically, "*manowach*..."
 - "**Manowach is what bwings us togeva, today**..."

- Seriously, it spoke of exactly what a marriage and home should be - a place of rest and security.

➤ **Then, in verse 2, Naomi said, "Is not Boaz our relative?"**

- **She was, of course**, speaking of that special position of **Kinsman Redeemer** who had a very specific role in Hebrew culture
 - WE talked about this last time.
 - If a man died without child, there would be no one to inherit his land or carry on his lineage.
 - Any single brother (or nearest relative) was obligated to take the widow as his wife and raise up a child to **redeem the dead man's lineage** [DEUT 25]
 - The relative was also obligated to redeem the **dead man's land**, which the first male child would inherit [LEV 25]
 - These were the duties of the GOEL, or Kinsman Redeemer, the Lineage and the Land...
- **There were also certain qualifications...**
 - **A scroll** was written and sealed with the information about the family and the land with the qualifications written on the outside [REV 5]
 - He had to be the **nearest kinsman**
 - He had to be **able**... (had to have the resources)
 - He had to be **willing**... (willing to risk his own, give up the child)
 - He had to **redeem the Lineage as well as the Land**...
 - This is very important when it comes to OUR Kinsman Redeemer as he redeems the lineage (all humanity) and the land (the earth) REV 5
 - "... **when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who**

is the guarantee [down payment, engagement promise] of our inheritance until God redeems his possession, to the praise of his glory." **EPH 1:13-14**

- **Boaz was a near kinsman to Elimelech** (former husband of Naomi)...
 - He had the responsibility (opportunity in his mind. LOL>) to safeguard the land AND the lineage of Elimelech by taking Ruth's hand in marriage... MARRIAGE!
 - These provisions in the Law of Moses show how important it is to God to preserve the institution of the family, not only in Israel, but in society in general.
 - That institution is openly under attack like NEVER before. Please STAND in the gap in Prayer for the Biblical family! LOVE LIFE!
 - And fulfill YOUR responsibilities for YOURS!

Vs 2b-5

(2b) **See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. 3 Wash therefore and anoint yourself, and put on your cloak and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. 4 But when he lies down, observe the place where he lies. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do." 5 And she replied, "All that you say I will do."**

- **Naomi then gave Ruth, a Moabitess ignorant of Jewish culture, instructions on what to do next...**
 - **Her advice showed a keen insight** into the behavior of men!
 - *She told Ruth* to "**Wash**" up... (she was dirty from her gleaning).
 - *She told Ruth* to "**anoint**" herself with sweet-smelling oils.
 - ... to "**put on**" her best clothing and to "**go down**" to the threshing floor and wait patiently.

- These were all a part of making herself up in order to have the greatest appeal to the man, Boaz.
- She further added that she was to leave Boaz alone while he ate and drank so as not to bother him unnecessarily.... A wise woman!
- Notice the **NT prophetic implications**... *As the gentile Bride of Christ, we are also to wash, to anoint, to put on and to go down...*
 - However, we are to be **Washed** in the transforming water of the Word... **Eph 5:26**
 - We are to be **Anointed** by the Holy Spirit – **Acts 2**
 - We are then to "... **put on** the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires." **Romans 13:14**
 - Then, we are to **Go down** to the Threshing floor
 - The threshing floor was a prophetic type of dealing with sin in our lives through suffering.
 - **Paul** wrote that "... we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame..." **Romans 5:3-5**
 - He also wrote that "...we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day" **2 COR 4:16** [John 16:31]
- **God was working in the life of this bitter woman, transforming her as he extended his providence and Grace...**
 - **Naomi was being invited** and was at the Crisis of Faith moment...
 - She had to choose how to respond to God's work in her life.

- Would she continue to call herself *Mara*, or would she remember, repent, and return to her roots as *Naomi*?
- What about YOU? Are YOU responding to God? Are you stuck in Bitterness? Let the Spirit CHOP that root up!

➤ **Naomi went on to tell her more specifically what to do when she arrived at the Threshing Floor...[pic]**

- **The Threshing Floor was a place** where the grain was separated from the chaff by a sifting process...
 - This was done at a place with a prevailing wind, typically a *saddle between 2 bluffs*
 - They would toss the threshed wheat into the air and, since the grain was heavier than the **husks and straw**, the wind would drive the **chaff** a distance away while the grain fell directly to the ground
 - Then there would be pile of barley at their feet (for the market), and a pile of chaff several feet away (to be placed in the fire)
 - This was the process of Threshing and Winnowing...
- **Because this process** was necessary and everyone participated, it became a major part of the culture...
 - Since the breezes picked up after sundown, it became a great celebration of God's provision of the harvest **in the evening**... (similar to Thanksgiving for us)...
 - The men would **sleep at the threshing floor** [pic] to *protect the grain*

3:6-9

6 So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had commanded her. 7 And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came softly and

uncovered his feet and lay down. 8 At midnight the man was startled and turned over, and behold, a woman lay at his feet! 9 He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer."

- So she snuck over to the Threshing floor, waiting patiently until the party died down, then she uncovered his feet and laid down... [pic]
 - **Don't Misunderstand** what was happening here...
 - **She was not propositioning Boaz sexually**... she was PROPOSING!
 - It was a servant's place to lay at the feet of their master.
 - However, women were NOT supposed to be at the threshing party...
this was a boys night!
 - When Ruth lay at his feet, it was a gesture of submissiveness.
 - Naomi had wisely counseled her to NOT come as a victim demanding her rights, but to humbly ask (like a servant) that he take her and redeem her.
 - Ruth, in effect, said, "I respect you, I trust you, and I put my fate in your hands."
 - How do I know this? It's all in the hem...
- When Ruth said, "**Spread your wings over your servant...**" in Vs 9, there was a very specific meaning...
 - **The Hebrew word** can be translated as "Wings" or "Corner of a garment" depending on the context...
 - It could be translated as "Spread your wings over your servant"
 - Or it could be translated as "Spread the corner of your garment..."
 - In this context, the corner of the garment seems to be the best way to translate, and here's why...

- **The hem of the garment** was a symbol of **RANK or AUTHORITY**
 - To Cut off a hem was to strip personal authority from them
 - It is Similar to today's **Military Stripes** on sleeves / collars... *If you rip them off, you're taking their authority away...*
- Study the word **Hem** ("corner of a garment") throughout the Bible
 - **The priests** had intricate hems on their priestly garments... (**EXO 28**)
 - **David dishonored Saul** by cutting off his hem, of which he later repented – **1 Samuel 24**
 - When the Woman with issue of blood was healed by Jesus... *She touched **the hem of his garment** and received POWER to be healed...*
- Ruth was OFFICIALLY putting the claim of ***the Kinsman Redeemer*** on Boaz
 - "Even to the present day, when a Jew marries a woman, he throws the skirt or end of his talith over her, to signify that he has taken her under his protection." (Clarke)
 - In essence, she was saying to Boaz... "Will you spread your protection over me and redeem me and my family by taking me into your house as your wife AND redeeming the land for my father-in-law?"
- This may speak to YOU in your marriage situation today...
 - ***There will be husbands*** who wish they had a wife who submitted to them the way Ruth submitted to Boaz
 - But, HUSBAND, do YOU provide the kind of godly leadership, care, protection, and concern that Boaz provided to Ruth?
 - There will no doubt also be ***wives who wish*** they had a husband who loved, cared, protected and treated them they way Boaz did Ruth.
 - But, WIFE, do YOU show the same kind of humble submission and respect Ruth showed to Boaz?

- As we learned in our Marriage Enrichment class, it's all about "**Love and Respect,**" Women need love; men need respect. One doesn't give it so the other withholds it also. What happens then? The **crazy cycle** spins up until SOMEONE is willing to be the first to change and thus slow the negative momentum down, even reverse it to a positive energy! Maybe **YOU** should be the **FIRST to change?**

10 And he said, "May you be blessed by the Lord, my daughter. You have made this last kindness greater than the first in that you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. 11 And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you ask, for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman.

- **SHE proposed and HE said "Yes!" ... Ah.....** So modern and romantic!
 - "**He's in love and doesn't care who knows it!**" LOL>
 - It seems as though Boaz was pretty blessed to be proposed to by this young Moabitess...
 - He liked her, but **now** he knew that **SHE** liked him back!
 - From a Jewish perspective... this is very UNIQUE... But she was no ordinary Moabitess... she forsook paganism to follow the Lord God of Israel!!!
 - If you're married, I'm sure you can recall that moment when YOUR sweetheart confessed love in return, no matter how long ago it was!

I met **my beloved** when she was 15 and I was already a US Marine and 19 years old. DANGER DANGER! We did not date initially because I was on mission, called to proclaim the gospel in the USMC. I will never forget the day when I was overseas and had confessed my desire to court her and was waiting for the response (physical letter). I received that response letter

aboard a US Naval Vessel and read it with nervously until I saw the line that said "The feeling is **definitely mutual.**" I screamed, jumped up and hit my head on the rack above! *We just celebrated our 30th anniversary.*

- I imagine Boaz felt something similar when Ruth laid at his feet.
- He was going to do everything he could to make her his wife
- That's what I did, and that's what HE'S going to do, in eager response to Love's **REQUEST!**

Afterward, Boaz revealed a not-so-pleasant surprise, though...

A twist of plot that makes your heart sink...

Vs 12-13

12 And now it is true that I am a redeemer. Yet there is a redeemer nearer than I.

13 Remain tonight, and in the morning, if he will redeem you, good; let him do it.

But if he is not willing to redeem you, then, as the Lord lives, I will redeem you. Lie down until the morning."

- **Boaz was a redeemer, and he was willing... but there was someone else!**
 - There was another kinsman... who was NEARER (like a brother compared to a cousin)... **OH NO!**
 - Ruth must've gasped! Would she have to marry the other guy now that she had brought it up? Would he look like **Danny Devito**?
 - Boaz had no choice but to follow the rules laid out in the Torah.
 - He could not exercise his right as kinsman-redeemer unless this closer redeemer relinquished his rights first.
 - **So he told her to remain until morning** where they'd find out if the other guy was willing and able to redeem

- In her nightmares that night, she was **Princess Buttercup** wanting to **marry Wesley**, but was forced to marry **Humperdink** instead!
- NOTE: *not recommended to sleep in the same place with your potential mate before marriage... as my Father-in-Law once told me, "That's like put a can of gas on the fire and then praying it doesn't burn!"... this was a unique situation and a different culture.* 😊

➤ **Boaz said in VS 13, "if he is not willing to redeem you, then, as the Lord lives, I will redeem you. Lie down until the morning"**

- Twice he said, "I will redeem you..."
 - What a precious promise to her, especially considering her story.
 - If there was a way, Boaz had every intention of giving Ruth that precious Redemption she desired for the posterity of the Family of Elimelech and Naomi, and their land.
 - We have also been granted such "**precious** and very great **promises**" as Peter wrote (**2 PT 1:4**). Thanks be to Jesus!

14 So she lay at his feet until the morning, but arose before one could recognize another. And he said, "Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor." 15 And he said, "Bring the garment you are wearing and hold it out." So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley and put it on her. Then she went into the city. 16 And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, "How did you fare, my daughter?" Then she told her all that the man had done for her, 17 saying, "These six measures of barley he gave to me, for he said to me, "You must not go back empty-handed to your mother-in-law." 18 She replied, "Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest but will settle the matter today."

- **Boaz did not send Ruth home empty-handed** [pic], but he **ALSO** sent an encoded message to her mother-in-law... *“you know, the code...” wink wink*
- **Ruth** was ignorant of such things as a Gentile, but Naomi was not, as a good Jewish mother...
 - Boaz had said that the six measures of barley were for Naomi (vs 17).
 - What Ruth (and the rest of us Gentiles) miss is that the message meant that **“he will not rest but will settle the matter today...”** (18)
 - Naomi picked up on it immediately.
 - **How did she know?**
 - She knew the Torah and what it says about **the number 6**
 - *Genesis 1 & Exodus 20*
 - **6 days of work, 1 day of rest; 6 = incomplete** (7 = complete)
 - They can rest, but HE will take care of the matter today
 - He who began a good work would be faithful to complete it!

Will Ruth have to marry the other guy? [DEVITO PIC]

Will Boaz find a way to Redeem the Family and take Ruth as his wife?

That brings us to Ch. 4...

➤ **ACT 4: set at the city gates (council).. Love's Reward – 4:1-22**

1 Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the redeemer, of whom Boaz had spoken, came by. So Boaz said, “Turn aside, friend; sit down here.” And he turned aside and sat down. 2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, “Sit down here.” So they sat down.

➤ **The Gate of an ancient Jewish town was often the seat of municipal authority...**

- It would be similar to the **TOWN SQUARE** or City Hall like this one [pic]
 - It was sort of a combination of city council and courtroom
 - By the authority we see here in Boaz, he may very well have been the **Mayor of the city** (or ANCIENT equivalent – at least greatly respected)!
- **Boaz waited patiently** for the other Redeemer to come by... (GIVING HIM THE tactical advantage of surprise)
 - When he saw him, he said, "**Turn aside, friend; sit down**" Vs 1
 - It is so funny because it literally says, "**Mr. So-and-so**" so as to give him no special recognition as Boaz has enjoyed. 😊
- **Notice that Boaz "... took ten men of the elders of the city"**(vs 2) and had them convene a city council mtg by sitting with him and Mr. So-and-so

4:3-4

3 Then he said to the redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our relative Elimelech. 4 So I thought I would tell you of it and say, 'Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people.' If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you will not, tell me, that I may know, for there is no one besides you to redeem it, and I come after you." And he said, "I will redeem it."

➤ **Boaz surprised "Mr. So-and-so" with the situation at hand, the redemption for Elimelech... his lineage and his land...**

- At first, **Boaz reported the situation** to the man only in terms of the LAND

- Boaz said in verse 4, “**Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people**”
- This is the Biblical definition of **REDEMPTION... To ransom at a price**
- The Redemption wasn't FREE... *He had to PAY for it!*
- **And he said** in Vs 4... “**I will redeem it...**” and this is where the music takes a Sinister Tone... [“**Phantom of the Opera**” SOUND CLIP]
 - **He will?** OH NO!!!
 - No doubt Ruth and Naomi were watching and thought “**Not him!!!!**”
 - **However,** Boaz was no newb... he knew what he was doing

*Let's look at **Vs 5-6** and see...*

5 Then Boaz said, “The day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead, in order to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance.” 6 Then the redeemer said, “I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it.”

➤ **Naomi was too old to have children and so the right of the Levirate Marriage went to Ruth, instead...**

- **Remember that there were requirements** for the Kinsman Redeemer and sometimes the nearest relative was UNABLE to fully redeem...
 - He had to be a **Near-kinsman**... check
 - He had to be **Able to redeem**... check
 - He had to be **Willing to redeem**... check
 - But he also had to Assume ALL the obligations of **Linage AND Land**...
- **Notice the emphasis** of Boaz

- "... **you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead, in order to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance.**" Vs 5
- He said... **NO THANKS. CANNOT DO IT.**
[Hallelujah Chorus Sound Clip]
- Perhaps he was already married and Boaz KNEW it? Or maybe it was because she was from Moab? We don't really know why...
- "**I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it.**" Vs 6
- He seems to have cared about the property (not the person)
- These words most certainly brought a stream of relief to both Ruth and Naomi! AND perhaps the community, too! Hip hip HOORAY!

➤ **We've talked a bit in this study about **Prophetic Types**, or Models...**

- **Naomi** is a type of *Israel*, **Ruth** a type of *the church*, and **Boaz** a model of *Christ Himself*...
 - If these are true, then, pray tell, how does this OTHER Redeemer fit into the pattern?
 - That is a GREAT question... I'm glad you're thinking that way!
- **The OTHER redeemer** is a type of... **The LAW**
 - The Law was harsh, immovable, not Gracious (like Boaz)
 - ... the Law was interested in property, & procedures... *not the PEOPLE*
- And yet **The Law was ALWAYS unable to REDEEM** us... *because of SIN!*
 - **Illustration** – Consider when you break a bone and get an **X-ray**. The purpose of an X-ray is NOT to fix the bone but to REVEAL the break.
 - God's Grace is better and more capable than the law
 - Paul wrote, "**For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son...**" **Romans 8:3-4**

- What the law could not do... Grace did! Praise God.

4:7-8

7 Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one drew off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was the manner of attesting in Israel. 8 So when the redeemer said to Boaz, “Buy it for yourself,” he drew off his sandal.

- This may seem like a strange custom to us, but it was the way they performed such transactions in those days...
 - **There was more to it, too...** Consider this passage from that same chapter of *DEUTERONOMY* on this subject...
 - “...if he persists, saying, ‘I do not wish to take her,’ 9 then his brother’s wife shall go up to him in the presence of the elders and pull his sandal off his foot and spit in his face. And she shall answer and say, ‘So shall it be done to the man who does not build up his brother’s house.’ 10 And the name of his house shall be called in Israel, ‘The house of him who had his sandal pulled off.’...”
 - **Deuteronomy 25:8-10**
 - It was a public display of his refusal to Redeem his brother to prevent his name from possibly being “blotted out” of Israel [DEUT 25:6]
 - Still today... Remember the famous **shoe at George Bush** incident?
- **It was such a shame in the Jewish Mind**, that **this guy’s name was blotted out** from THIS Record instead...
 - **For those** who’ve never submitted to the truth of the Law which directs them to Salvation in Christ, their names will be blotted out of

the Book of Life [REV 3:5]... Or they won't *be recorded in it at all* [REV 13:8; 17:8]

- Those who submit to Christ, will **INSTEAD** have their sins blotted out and their Names written in the Lamb's book of Life!
- What about you? Is your NAME blotted out or are your SINS blotted out by the work of Christ on the Cross? The choice is yours.
- Do you have a burden for those whose NAMES will be blotted?

PRAY<INVITE>SERVE.

4:9-10 9 Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, “You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon. 10 Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day.”

➤ **Boaz joyfully** (and publicly) **declared that he would redeem both the LAND and THE LINEAGE of Elimelech, and (best of all!) would take Ruth** (the Moabites) **as his wife.**

- So, Boaz Performed the REDEMPTION process as Kinsman Redeemer for Ruth and Naomi's posterity.... Were the **Requirements** fulfilled?
 - **Near-kinsman** YES. **Able to redeem** YES.
 - **Willing to redeem** YES. **Assume ALL obligations** YES.
 - Unlike the other guy, He cared about the people and the property!
- This is, of course, a type (or model) of **JESUS our greater-than-Boaz**
 - We see this in **Revelation 5**...

- “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 its seven seals.” 5:5
- **JESUS is the Lion of Judah**, and ONLY HE is qualified to break the seals of that Great *Title Deed of the Earth* and open the scroll setting into motion the three series of cataclysmic judgments on the Christ-rejecting Earth...
 - Only HE is qualified to be **Our Kinsman-Redeemer**
 - Only HE was able to redeem the earth and its people!
- Was He a HUMAN kinsman? Yes. **Philippians 2:7-8**
- Was He able to redeem? Yes. **Colossians 1:16-17**
- Was He Willing to redeem? Yes.
 - “Not my will but yours be done...” **Luke 22:42**
 - He did it “for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame...” **Heb 12:2**
- Did He assume ALL the obligations?
 - Did He Redeem the Lineage? Yes... on the Cross...[pic]
 - Did He Redeem the Land? Not yet... He will in the future [pic]

People get ready Jesus is coming, soon we will be going home!

M A R A N A T H A !

4:11-12 11 Then all the people who were at the gate and the elders said, “We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you act worthily in Ephrathah and be renowned in Bethlehem, 12 and may your house be like the

house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring that the Lord will give you by this young woman.”

➤ **The people** (and the civic leaders) **bore witness to this momentous occasion of Redemption... What joy in Israel! The Romance of Redemption!**

[ruth/boaz graphic]

- **As they celebrated** they said, “**May the Lord make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel**” Vs 11
 - **Rachel and Leah** were the two wives of the patriarch Jacob [GEN 29-30,35]
 - Together, they had the 12 sons who became the 12 tribes of Israel
- They also said in Vs 11, “**May you... be renowned in Bethlehem**”
 - Were they? You’d better believe it!
 - This is the very reason that *David’s family* was from Bethlehem
- They also said, “**may your house be like the house of Perez**” vs 12
 - If you know his story, however, it doesn’t seem like a blessing
 - You might say, “*Same to you, buddy!*”
 - Remember that strange example in **Genesis 38**?
 - **Judah** / his sons / **Tamar**
 - A model of Levirate Marriage, “*May he do the same for you.*”
 - NOT a moral model, though, because that child of illegitimacy would be cursed for 10 generations! [DUET 23:2]
 - More on that momentarily...

➤ **This sweet, foreign woman who RESOLVED to return with her Mother-in-law from Moab, was heaped with blessings that she could not have imagined just weeks before...**

- In **Ch. 1, Ruth gave up** (what seemed to be) her best opportunities in Moab
 - She left her land, her family and her culture
 - She submitted (and committed) her life and posterity to the LORD God of Israel... *She came to take refuge under HIS wings (2:12)...*
 - As she put God first, he not only lavished on her unimaginable material blessings, but *he also brought her together in a Romantic* relationship that would FAR SURPASS ANY she could've had in Moab
 - She became a part of the **Davidic family** and ancestor to Messiah
- The prophet Isaiah's words could've been written for her... **"Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more. 5 For your **Maker is your husband**, the LORD of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your **Redeemer**, the God of the whole earth he is called... 8 In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you,' says the LORD, your **Redeemer**."** **Isaiah 54:4-8**

4:13-16 13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and the Lord gave her conception, and she bore a son. 14 Then the women said *to Naomi*, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel! 15 He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to

you than seven sons, has given birth to him.” 16 Then **Naomi** took the child and laid him on her lap and became his nurse.

➤ **Boaz and Ruth had a son, but notice that the women spoke to Naomi...**

- Because of the **Law of Levirate Marriage**, Naomi took the child to nurse as her own descendant
 - He technically belonged to her and Elimelech, to carry on his name through their son Mahlon who was married to Ruth, but died in Moab.
 - **Vs 17** will say momentarily that **“A son has been born to Naomi”**
 - Fulfilling the Redemption of **Lev 25 & Deut 25**
- **Naomi** now had a totally different perspective than before.
 - This story is such a wonderful model of the GRACE of God
 - How he turns a bad story around and brings blessing
 - How he turned her bitterness to joy as she is no longer “Mara” but Naomi... 😊
 - ***All things REALLY DO work together for good*** for those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose...
[Romans 8:28]

4:17-22 17 And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David. 18 Now these are the generations of Perez: Perez fathered Hezron, 19 Hezron fathered Ram, Ram fathered Amminadab, 20 Amminadab fathered Nahshon, Nahshon fathered Salmon, 21 Salmon fathered Boaz, Boaz fathered Obed, 22 Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David.

- **This book, having been written afterwards, revealed the descendants from Perez to David...**
- **It was a prophecy...**
 - Moses had written that “**No one born of a forbidden union may enter the assembly of the LORD. Even to the tenth generation...**” **Deut 23:2**
 - How many generations from Perez to David? Exactly 10.
 - Look at the next verse in **Deuteronomy 23...**
 - “**No Ammonite or Moabite may enter the assembly of the LORD. Even to the tenth generation**” **Deut 23:3**
 - It’s the curse on the Moabites
 - David was only three generations from that, but received GRACE, through Ruth, because of Naomi!
 - The Law and Grace working together for REDEMPTION.
 - The child is given a name... **OBED**
 - **Obed = worshipped**
 - This is the lineage of the Messiah... *Obed, Jesse, David!*
 - **... another Baby** would be worshipped in Bethlehem... Messiah!
 - He would grow up to fulfill the LOVE STORY OF Redemption, written in blood, **erected on a wooden cross** outside of Jerusalem... to assume all obligations as OUR Kinsman Redeemer !

In conclusion...

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- **So Far we’ve seen...**

- **Scene 1 – MOAB** – Love’s Resolve – “your God... your people...”
- **Scene 2 – FIELDS** – Love’s Response – “I have found favor in your eyes...”
- **Scene 3 – THRESHING FLOOR** – Love’s Request – “cover me...”
- **Scene 4 – THE CITY GATES** – Love’s Reward – “....”

➤ **This story of Redemption is a model of OUR story of Redemption....** *Paying the purchase price on our behalf...* **Perhaps YOU have never made the important decision to surrender your life to JESUS as Lord and Savior... You can do that today and I’ll tell you how in just 4 amazing words!**

- OUR **Kinsman Redeemer, Jesus Christ**, provided redemption for us who are like despised Moabites, and will return to provide physical redemption... *He paid the price with his BLOOD!*
- In so doing, he has supplied eternal to all who would receive it as a **FREE GIFT**... it’s not something you can **earn or deserve**. **ROM 6:23**
- **People** have *a problem...* we are all sinful and sin separates us from God, creating an impassable rift between us and Him... [**ROM 3:23** / **ISA 59:2**]
- That put’s **God** in *a difficult situation...* God is a Loving Father and doesn’t want to punish us, but he is also a Righteous Judge who must punish all sin... that’s a serious dilemma... [**JER 31:3** / **1 JN 4:7-8** / **EXO 34:7**]
- **JESUS** is *the solution...* God sent JESUS to die on the cross to close that rift between us by paying the penalty for our sin (**sacrifice**) [**JN 3:16**]
 God also raised JESUS from the grave providing victory over sin and death, giving us Eternal Life [**ROM 1:3-4**] **CELL PHONE ILL**.
- **Faith** is *the response...* we can respond by placing our faith in what Jesus has accomplished on our behalf and receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life. It’s like lifting empty hands to receive the **free gift**. [**ACTS 16:31** / **ROM 6:23**]

- The Bible says that if you “confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”
ROM 10:9
- Would YOU like to receive this gift, the FORGIVENESS of sins and eternal life from Jesus Christ right now?
 - Admit... Believe... Choose, Confess, Commit.
 - “Prayer of Faith” and **John 6:47**

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