

Ruth 4

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4 Then went Boaz up to the gate, and sat him down there: and, behold, the kinsman of whom Boaz spake came by; unto whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down. (The gate is where judgment was made for legal matters)

²And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit ye down here. And they sat down. (Boaz is gathering witnesses to ensure it is all done legally)

³And he said unto the kinsman, Naomi, that is come again out of the country of Moab, selleth a parcel of land, which was our brother Elimelech's:

⁴And I thought to advertise thee, saying, Buy it before the inhabitants, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem it, redeem it: but if thou wilt not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know: for there is none to redeem it beside thee; and I am after thee. And he said, I will redeem it. (Boaz is making his intentions known to the other man)

⁵Then said Boaz, What day thou buyest the field of the hand of Naomi, thou must buy it also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance. (The kinsman redeemer to the widow. Boaz bundled Ruth into the package with the land for sale by Naomi) Deuteronomy-25:4-10

⁶And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem it. (He had no wife or children yet as first fruits, so he does not want to redeem Ruth first. If he did that, then his inheritance would become the property of Ruth's progeny)

⁷Now this was the manner in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbour: and this was a testimony in Israel. (This was the method of making a legal agreement in those days.)

⁸Therefore the kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy it for thee. So he drew off his shoe. Galatians-4:1-19 (Our New Testament Kinsman Redeemer is Jesus Christ. He paid for our liberty by the crucifixion, where He

defeated death. If we choose to follow His teachings and live by His Laws, we will have eternal life through His salvation) Also see Galatians-3:13

⁹And Boaz said unto the elders, and unto all the people, Ye are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi. (This is the Old Testament kinsman redeemer law)

¹⁰Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye are witnesses this day. (Boaz was wise to bring witnesses to ensure that the deal is not changed after the fact. This was a legal and binding agreement)

¹¹And all the people that were in the gate, and the elders, said, We are witnesses. The LORD make the woman that is come into thine house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and do thou worthily in Ephratah, and be famous in Bethlehem: (Ephratah-an older name for Bethlehem; Leah and Rachel were two of Jacob's wives)

(Boaz's mother was Rahab. Men called her a harlot, even in the Bible. She was not. She was a flax producer. She used the flax to make fine linen. She sold the linen from her rooftop to merchants. There were no hotels in those days, so they stayed at her house while they were making a purchase from her. Men were jealous of her business success so they rumored as to how she was making money – through being a harlot. God blessed her by making her a part of Jesus' genealogy) (Even today, idiot preachers say she was a harlot because they don't know the Word of God)

¹²And let thy house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bare unto Judah, of the seed which the LORD shall give thee of this young woman. (Pharez- the son of Tamar by Judah; She had pretend to be a harlot in order to deceive his drunken ass to produce a son that was of the seed line of Israel. Judah was a no good drunken whore chaser)

¹³So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bare a son. (They became a part of the genealogy that would later bring forth Jesus Christ – our kinsman redeemer)

¹⁴ And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be the LORD, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel.

¹⁵ And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter in law, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath born him. (Ruth did more for Naomi than seven sons could have done. Her progeny would later bring forth Jesus Christ – Savior of the world)

¹⁶ And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it.

¹⁷ And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

¹⁸ Now these are the generations of Pharez: Pharez begat Hezron,

¹⁹ And Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab,

²⁰ And Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon,

(Salmon married Rahab to beget Boaz)

²¹ And Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed,

²² And Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David. (Through David's son, Nathan, Jesus would come into the world; as God as a flesh man, many generations later)

(Just as Boaz became Naomi and Ruth's kinsman redeemer – Jesus became the Kinsman redeemer to all people who choose to follow Him and to live by His Law)