



Dear Precious Friend,

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The Book of Ruth - Part 2 (Ruth and Boaz)

I don't think there is anybody besides Joseph in the Old Testament that represents Yeshua with such clarity than Boaz. He is a picture of the Bridegroom. He is a picture of the Redeemer. He is called the Goel (*heb*), kinsman redeemer. It's the same word used for our Redeemer, Yeshua.

Ruth received favor because of her faithfulness! You are going to receive favor as well when you enter the field of the Lord with your heart, humbly gleaning. When you don't care what anybody thinks, when you're in love with the God of Israel and His people!

When Boaz sees Ruth and, Beloved, when Yeshua sees your heart like the heart of the Bride, do you know what He says? Like Boaz, He says, "I heard about you. I heard what you did! I heard that you left everything to come into the promised land. I heard that you left everything to care for your mother-in-law!" Then He says, "Come here to the table." He brings her to the table of the reapers, to the table of the chosen. *Ruth 2:10-11*

Boaz says, "Don't go into another field!" The Lord is saying to the Body of Messiah today, "Don't glean in another field! Stay in my field! Stay in MY FIELD and I will tell the men NOT to touch you! I will protect you. I will bring you to my table. You will eat with My people." This is the call and the place, Beloved, of the true Bride. *Ruth 2:8-9; 14*

It gets even more amazing! Naomi says, "I want to give you rest, my daughter." She tells Ruth to dress up and anoint herself and go to the feet of Boaz who is a type of Yeshua, the Redeemer, the "Goel". Naomi tells her to uncover his feet and to lie there. In humility, trust and obedience, she goes in and when Boaz sees her in the middle of the night lying at his feet, he's even MORE attracted to her! Ruth says, "spread your wings over your maidservant (*amah: heb*). You're my goel." He responds, "Your lovingkindness is better now than it was at the beginning. You're not going after young men, rich or poor. You're going after ME!" *Ruth 3:3-10*

Boaz desires to cover (*marry*) Ruth, a Moabitess, because he's a man of GRACE. Here is a beautiful picture of the New Covenant right there in the Tanach (*Old Testament*). He gives Ruth grain (*provision*). It's enough for her and for her mother-in-law. He pours it out for them both! Abundantly! He is the son of Rahab, the harlot that made a covenant with Israel. Yeshua's line is a line of grace! It is a line of people of heart-covenant. This is what God loves, people of grace and faithfulness, people of covenant. He says, "Are you going to be like that in these last days? Boaz' mother was Rahab the Canaanite, a woman faithful to the covenant she made with God and His people. In sameness of heart, Boaz keeps his word and marries this faithful Moabitess, bringing her into the Commonwealth of Israel. *Ruth 3:15-17*

There's also Tamar in this line as well. If you read the genealogy in Matthew chapter one, you will find Tamar, the widow who dressed up as a prostitute so that she would conceive by the seed of Judah, the seed of the line of the Messiah! God calls her a righteous woman, the one who dressed up as a prostitute! If you ponder this with your head and not your heart you'll say, "How is that possible!?" But Beloved, she knew the promise of God. She knew the VALUE of the SEED. She knew the VALUE of the COVENANT. Tamar receives a double portion: twin sons, one for the "seed" of her first husband who died because he was wicked before the Lord and one for the "seed" of her second husband who despised the seed as not being his own and spilled it on the ground! *Mathew 1:5; Genesis 38*

Do you know the value of the seed, Beloved? Do you know the value of being grafted into the Commonwealth of Israel? Do you know the true value?

Boaz marries Ruth because the closer redeemer refuses to redeem Ruth. He was not a man of grace like Boaz, a picture of Yeshua. One "redeemer" says, "I can't ruin my own inheritance by taking Ruth, the Moabitess, as my wife," but Boaz the redeemer says, "Everybody knows you (*Ruth*) are a virtuous woman!" He embraces her and brings her into the line of the Messiah! *Ruth 4:3-12*

When Ruth gives birth to her first child, Naomi puts the baby on her own bosom. The women call the child, Oved (*servant; worshiper: heb*), and they say, "Naomi has a child." Beloved, it wasn't only Ruth's child, it was also Naomi's child because they had the same "Goel", the same Redeemer. This is a picture of the Bride, Beloved, in the last days. The Bride is Jew and Gentile together birthing the end time mature man in the stature of Messiah. *Ruth 4:13-17; Ephesians 4:13; Revelation 12:1-2; 5*

We desire to be connected to Israel's God and to His people, not just in the good times, but also in the difficult and challenging times. We desire to be connected out of the heart and not out of the head, not just because theologically we're told to connect with Israel. That's not enough! It's not enough to carry you through the end times. It's not going to carry you through the difficult dark days. You're going to have to have a heart like Ruth that says, "Where you go, I go. Your God will be my God. Your people will be my people. Where you are buried, I will be buried and nothing but death is going to separate us!"

"Oh, Yeshua our Goel, birth this love in the heart of Your Body, Your Bride. Birth this love in the nations! Give us the heart of Ruth! Give us the heart of Naomi! Give us the heart of Boaz, a most beautiful picture of You, Lord, this man of grace and vision."

Beloved, let's have a heart change, let's go deeper. Let's truly become the Bride that crosses over into the field of the Bridegroom. Let's become fully grafted into the Commonwealth of Israel, one with the line of Messiah.

Good News from the Bible lands:

We are continuing with our Zoom Power Line Prayer Calls. We are becoming one. We are loving one another and the Lord is pouring out His Spirit and answering our prayers!

On one of our Zoom calls, I felt led to have everyone specifically pray for those who were going through serious illness. We prayed in great faith and the anointing was there for healing. One brother from Germany who was prayed for has reported that the report from his doctor came back and he is free from cancer!!! We are rejoicing with him!

My 15-year-old spiritual son, "J," who was born from above over a month ago is growing in the grace of the Lord. His bad vocabulary and unrestrained anger are dissipating rapidly. His teacher at school had him stand up in front of the class to share about a history assignment expecting him to mess up as he is usually not prepared, but he astonished her and the whole class with a clear prepared presentation and he was honored in front of all his classmates. God has taken over "J's" life and it is apparent to all around him, including his parents!

I have been praying and ministering on Zoom/Skype one on one almost daily to a number of believers who are in need of counsel, prayer, and support. What a blessing to be used in a pastoral-counseling way since this is not my usual calling. The Lord is using these sessions to deepen my love for the sheep of the Lord and His grace is flowing.

We are expecting a huge influx of Israeli tourists very soon since an agreement has been made between our countries to open the skies to one another. This friendship between Israel-Greece/Cyprus has grown enormously through consistent prayer. We are looking forward and preparing to share the gospel with our Israeli family who were the first ones who brought the power of the gospel to Greece 2000 years ago, turning the nation upside down preaching Christ crucified and resurrected from the dead. May revival fires burn again in this region and may the gospel be preached again to the Jew first and also to the Greek!

And much more.....

Thank you for continuing to stand with me for this Bible region and the Bridge that is being built and strengthened between Israel, Cyprus and Greece. It is amazing that after 2000 years, we are seeing the fruit of Apostle Paul's prayers as we walk in his footsteps. Thank you so much for your prayers, generous giving and your love. I couldn't do this without you.

Shalom and Love,

Greta

