



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! It's so beautiful. 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 Tenach (*Old Testament*). He gives Ruth grain (*provision*). It's enough for her and it's enough 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 faithful woman to the covenant she made with God and His people. In likeness of heart, Boaz marries this faithful Moabitess, bringing her into the Commonwealth of Israel.

There's also Tamar in this line as well. If you read Matthew chapter one, you will see 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 think about 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? Do you know what happens? Boaz marries Ruth because the closer redeemer refuses to redeem Ruth. He was not a man of the grace of Boaz, a picture of Yeshua. One “redeemer” says, “I can’t ruin my own inheritance by taking Ruth 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 and together we birth the end time mature man in the stature of Messiah. TOGETHER! *Ruth 4:13-17*

We want to be connected to Israel's God and to His people, not just in the good times, but also in the hard and challenging times. We want to be connected out of the heart and not out of the head, not just because theologically we’re told to be connected 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, would you birth this love in the heart of Your body, Your Bride. Would you birth this love in the nations? Would you give us the heart of Ruth?! Would you 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.

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