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Ruth 3.

1 . Ruth's Redemption Assured. .

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, shall I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you?"

2 Now isn't Boaz our kinsman, with whose maidens you were? Behold, he winnows barley tonight in the threshing floor.

3 Therefore wash yourself, anoint yourself, get dressed, and go down to the threshing floor, but don't make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

4 It shall be, when he lies down, that you shall mark the place where he shall lie, and you shall go in, and uncover his feet, and lay down; then he will tell you what you shall do."

5 She said to her, "All that you say I will do."

6 She went down to the threshing floor, and did according to all that her mother-in-law told her.

7 When Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. She came softly, uncovered his feet, and laid her down.

8 It happened at midnight, that the man was startled and turned himself; and behold, a woman lay at his feet.

9 He said, "Who are you?" She answered, "I am Ruth your handmaid. Therefore spread your skirt over your handmaid; for you are a near kinsman."

10 He said, "Blessed are you by YHWH, my daughter. You have shown more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as you didn't follow young men, whether poor or rich.

11 Now, my daughter, don't be afraid; I will do to you all that you say; for all the city of my people does know that you are a worthy woman.

12 Now it is true that I am a near kinsman; however there is a kinsman nearer than I.

13 Stay this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will perform for you the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part. But if he will not do the part of a kinsman for you, then will I do the part of a kinsman for you, as YHWH lives. Lie down until the morning."

14 She lay at his feet until the morning. She rose up before one could discern another. For he said, "Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor."

15 He said, "Bring the mantle that is on you, and hold it." She held it; and he measured six measures of barley, and laid it on her; and he went into the city.

16 When she came to her mother-in-law, she said, "How did it go, my daughter?" She told her all that the man had done to her.

17 She said, "He gave me these six measures of barley; for he said, 'Don't go empty to your mother-in-law.'"

18 Then she said, "Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will fall; for the man will not rest, until he has finished the thing this day."

Ruth 4.

1 . Boaz Redeems Ruth. .

Now Boaz went up to the gate, and sat down there. Behold, the near kinsman of whom Boaz spoke came by; to whom he said, "Come over here, friend, and sit down!" He turned aside, and sat down.

2 He took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, "Sit down here." They sat down.

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3 He said to the near kinsman, “Naomi, who has come back out of the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land, which was our brother Elimelech’s.

4 I thought to disclose it to you, saying, ‘Buy it before those who sit here, and before the elders of my people.’ If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know. For there is no one to redeem it besides you; and I am after you.” He said, “I will redeem it.”

5 Then Boaz said, “On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must buy it also from Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead on his inheritance.”

6 The near kinsman said, “I can’t redeem it for myself, lest I mar my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption for yourself; for I can’t redeem it.”

7 Now this was the custom in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning exchanging, to confirm all things: a man took off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbor; and this was the way of attestation in Israel.

8 So the near kinsman said to Boaz, “Buy it for yourself.” He took off his shoe.

9 Boaz said to the elders, and to all the people, “You are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech’s, and all that was Chilion’s and Mahlon’s, from the hand of Naomi.

10 Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, I have purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead on his inheritance, that the name of the dead not be cut off from among his brothers, and from the gate of his place. You are witnesses this day.”

11 All the people who were in the gate, and the elders, said, “We are witnesses. May YHWH make the woman who has come into your house like Rachel and like Leah, which two built the house of Israel; and treat you worthily in Ephrathah, and be famous in Bethlehem.

12 Let your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, of the seed which YHWH shall give you of this young woman.”

13 **_____ . Descendants of Boaz and Ruth. _____**

So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife; and he went in to her, and YHWH gave her conception, and she bore a son.

14 The women said to Naomi, “Blessed be YHWH, who has not left you this day without a near kinsman; and let his name be famous in Israel.

15 He shall be to you a restorer of life, and sustain you in your old age, for your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has borne him.”

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

17 The women, her neighbors, gave him a name, saying, “There is a son born to Naomi;” and they named him Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

18 Now this is the history of the generations of Perez: Perez became the father of Hezron,

19 and Hezron became the father of Ram, and Ram became the father of Amminadab,

20 and Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon became the father of Salmon,

21 and Salmon became the father of Boaz, and Boaz became the father of Obed,

22 and Obed became the father of Jesse, and Jesse became the father of David.

Psalms 48.

1 **_____ . A Song. A Psalm of the sons of Korah. _____**

A Song. A Psalm by the sons of Korah. Great is YHWH, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our ELOHIM, in his holy mountain.

2 Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion, on the north sides, the city of the great King.

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- 3 ELOHIM has shown himself in her citadels as a refuge.
- 4 For, behold, the kings assembled themselves, they passed by together.
- 5 They saw it, then they were amazed. They were dismayed. They hurried away.
- 6 Trembling took hold of them there, pain, as of a woman in travail.
- 7 With the east wind, you break the ships of Tarshish.
- 8 As we have heard, so we have seen, in the city of YHWH of Hosts, in the city of our ELOHIM! ELOHIM will establish it forever. Selah.
- 9 We have thought about your loving kindness, ELOHIM, in the midst of your temple.
- 10 As is your name, ELOHIM, so is your praise to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is full of righteousness.
- 11 Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice, Because of your judgments.
- 12 Walk about Zion, and go around her. Number its towers.
- 13 Mark well her bulwarks. Consider her palaces, that you may tell it to the next generation.
- 14 For this ELOHIM is our ELOHIM forever and ever. He will be our guide even to death.

Proverbs 5.

1 . The Peril of Adultery. .

- My son, pay attention to my wisdom. Turn your ear to my understanding:
- 2 that you may maintain discretion, that your lips may preserve knowledge.
 - 3 For the lips of an adulteress drip honey. Her mouth is smoother than oil,
 - 4 But in the end she is as bitter as wormwood, and as sharp as a two-edged sword.
 - 5 Her feet go down to death. Her steps lead straight to Sheol.
 - 6 She gives no thought to the way of life. Her ways are crooked, and she doesn't know it.
 - 7 Now therefore, my sons, listen to me. Don't depart from the words of my mouth.
 - 8 Remove your way far from her. Don't come near the door of her house,
 - 9 lest you give your honor to others, and your years to the cruel one;
 - 10 lest strangers feast on your wealth, and your labors enrich another man's house.
 - 11 You will groan at your latter end, when your flesh and your body are consumed,
 - 12 and say, "How I have hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;
 - 13 neither have I obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor turned my ear to those who instructed me!
 - 14 I have come to the brink of utter ruin, in the midst of the gathered assembly."
 - 15 Drink water out of your own cistern, running water out of your own well.
 - 16 Should your springs overflow in the streets, streams of water in the public squares?
 - 17 Let them be for yourself alone, not for strangers with you.
 - 18 Let your spring be blessed. Rejoice in the wife of your youth.
 - 19 A loving doe and a graceful deer let her breasts satisfy you at all times. Be captivated always with her love.
 - 20 For why should you, my son, be captivated with an adulteress? Why embrace the bosom of another?
 - 21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of YHWH! He examines all his paths.
 - 22 The evil deeds of the wicked ensnare him. The cords of his sin hold him firmly.
 - 23 He will die for lack of instruction. In the greatness of his folly, he will go astray.

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