

“THROUGH THE BIBLE”

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BOOK OF RUTH: (Part 2)

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“The Rendezvous of Romance and Redemption”

Ruth 3, 4:17, 18-22; 1:16-17

INTRODUCTION

But Ruth said “...don’t force me to leave you...your God is my God...” (MSG Bible). See Introductory notes from the November 8, 2023 lesson, BOOK OF RUTH: (PART 1).

Rendezvous: A meeting; appointment; coming together at an agreed (or particular) time and place; an arrangement (or habit) to meet someone especially secretly.

Redemption: (O. T.- Lev. 25:25-28) to be the next of kin; deliverance; paying the just demand in full.

1. The Important Link-The Great Divine *Kinsman-Redeemer*

- a. The “Pattern”-Love factor, your character (must not be a petty, suspicious, and insecure person), covenant vows, trust in God, commitment, faithfulness to God, decisions to follow through! ***NOTE***: we are all human, so we need to balance both our relationship to God and our emotions to determine the best course of action...be prayerfully intentional. *The Holy Spirit’s loving help is available!*

b. The Rendezvous-Communing in Fellowship (Ruth 3)

The instruction of the “kinsman custom” (**Lev. 25:25-28**), will be a ***picture*** of guaranteed redemption for Ruth. The main idea: “***REST*** at his feet!” Naomi encourages Ruth to “trust the process”, which she is obedient to do. The “marriage duty” (or “law of family” redemption) is given in **Deut. 25:5-10**. ***Note***: (N.T.) **Luke 10:38-42**.

c. The Messianic Genealogy of the (Divine) Boaz (Ruth 4)

The genealogy appearing at the end of Chapter 4 goes well beyond, and looks forward to the *Divine* Boaz, Christ (**Gal.4:4-6**). He is the true and greater Boaz. Boaz is a “type or shadow” of JESUS to help us see, understand, and come into alignment, with the character of The Lord.

CONCLUSION: The Book of Ruth teaches the Church about the great redemptive love of God, which is “stronger than death!” Naomi’s heart was encased in bitterness with a real hard crust. However, the women loved each other, and were totally devoted to one another. The day came when Naomi opened her mouth to offer God some praise (**Ruth 2:20**). The acts, sovereign will, and lovingkindness of God are always at work for us in a lot of different ways. The greatest question the Holy Spirit is asking today...

“WHAT SORT OF PICTURE ARE YOU PAINTING WITH YOUR LIFE?”

NOTES: