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RUTH CHAPTER 4

Scripture passage included then commentary underneath each verse

King James Version (KJV)

Verse (1): Then went Boaz up to the gate, and sat him down there: and, behold, the kinsman of whom Boaz space came by; unto whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down.

Upfront Matter: **The Great-Grandmother Ruth is accentuated in this chapter more so than the young Ruth.** Previously, the young Ruth was emphasized. There is a move in emphasis to the Great-Grandmother Ruth. This chapter concludes with the lineage that points us from Ruth to the birth of David to the Christ (The Gospel) born within humanity (Henry, 2008). This demonstrates that the Christ is 100% human and 100% God / the God-Man. **Matthew Chapter 1 Verse (5), Obed was of Ruth also Ruth Chapter 4 Verse (17) (Got Questions, 2023) who begat Jesse who begat David the King Matthew Chapter 1 Verses (5-6). Obed is discussed in this Chapter 4 of Ruth Verse (22). Matthew Chapter 1 Verse (17) points us from David the King to The Christ. Understanding the strategic layout of God almighty is a God designed matter. This strategic matter is laid out by the authority of God almighty in the book of Acts Chapter 17:11-12 resulting in (many not a few) coming unto belief. This is God's strategy housed within God's callings.**

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Got Questions. (2023, June 19). *Who was Obed in the Bible?*
<https://gotquestions.org/Obed-in-the-Bible.html>

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The Lord is not limited to age or circumstances. Therefore, by God's pleasure He includes people of all ages into His Kingdom work. God's creation is eternal. God demonstrates His eternal power.

Pressing Matter: The marriage of Boaz and Ruth in this Verse (1). This goes back to Ruth Chapter 3 Verse (12) where Boaz informed of the kinsman more near than himself.

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Verse (2): And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit ye down here. And they sat down.

For historical context, Boaz was most likely no less than a Magistrate and a Judge to be able to call together the elders of prominence of the city so quickly being the Grandson of the Prince of Judah (Nahshon) (Henry, 2008).

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Verse (3): And 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:

It must be noted that honesty wins the Public Opinion as Boaz did not seek to be his own Judge albeit he was a Judge (Henry, 2008). Boaz did even better by calling up his rival Kinsman to hear the case (Henry, 2008).

This is referred to in Scripture as a “Jointure” for the redemption of Naomi, she would part from the equity as the Mortgage of the Parcel of Land to most likely buy food during the famine to the heir in matters of law as the most fit purchaser (Henry, 2008). However, Naomi was resolute that the deal requires the purchaser to marry the widow – not a matter of law but of condition of purchase (Henry, 2008). There is a law matter and a life matter.

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Per Scripture, honest dealings of a person of Governance, such as Boaz, are strongly noted in the Public.

Verse (4): And 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.

At first, the nearer Kinsman quickly agreed to purchase the land. However, we will see how quickly the nearer Kinsman departed from “the deal” when he was told that marriage to the widow of the Land was the purchase condition.

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Verse (5): Then 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 purchase of the Land of Naomi would require the condition to raise up the dead by also purchasing Ruth the Moabitess who was the wife of the dead.

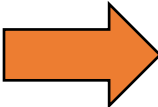
Verse (6): And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem it.

The answer from the nearer kinsman = no.

Verse (7): Now 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 verse demonstrates that Boaz did purchase the Land of Naomi and took Ruth to be his wife (Redeeming and Changing).

Verse (8): Therefore the kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy it for thee. So he drew off his shoe.

 **Boaz plucked off his shoe as a Testimony in Israel. However, this act was not linked to the law but of condition in “the deal” because the nearer kinsman was not bound to marry (Henry, 2008).**

In matters of law, fair and open business dealings in all matters are required – thus the saying came forth that Honesty is the Best Policy (Henry, 2008).

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Verse (9): And 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.

The precursor to the marriage with Ruth is that Boaz had to pay the full cost because the possessions and the inheritance were not his by law. God honors responsible life for responsible life. God does not indicate that irresponsible life is accounted likewise. No. Rather Boaz had to pay the full cost of responsible life. Notice what Boaz says, "...that I have bought all that was Elimelech's and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi".

Part of "the eternal deal" is that there is a paying of the full cost. Boaz took on paying the full cost and reaped the eternal benefits of completeness in marriage to Ruth. We will see together that the paying of the full cost was a matter of submission to get the larger eternal inheritance. God requires demonstration of submission. It is a matter of the heart not money/inheritance, but a demonstration of submission is required to release unto God.

Verse (10): Moreover 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.

It is very clear that in certain matters of marriage, if under the hand of God, that marriage begins in Heaven and not on Earth. Either the free will is in submission to God or not. There will be an accounting that is eternal and complete – the completeness is for God to know. There are matters in life one must release unto God. That said, to build off Verses (2) and (3), Boaz is no less than a Magistrate and is a Judge (Henry, 2008).

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Yet, the hand of God is before all things. Boaz understanding this as a recognized Public Opinion approved righteous man is submissive to God, therefore an illustration from the Word of God. Notice, Boaz did not shield himself to the Elders as a man of prominence - oh no – he opened himself up to "all". This explains why Naomi was confident that Boaz would do the right thing and would not need to confront Boaz.

For the "Greater Good" of his "Generation", Boaz opened a marriage contract before all the people with Ruth that God says is much more valuable than Earthly possessions because it is eternal – "The Jointure" or Earthly possessions of Verse (3) was in the deal albeit subservient to the eternal (Henry, 2008).

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Verse (11): And 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:

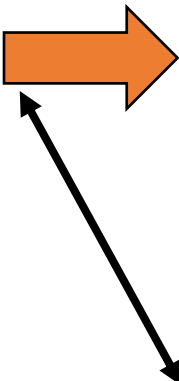
With the matter of the heart settled, the “Jointure” and the marriage of Boaz to Ruth were solidified, notice this, by the LORD. The verse says, “The LORD make the woman that is come into thine house,” and from there The LORD works matters out worthily.

The marrying of a caring and thoughtful wife who is attuned unto the future is of great value to God or so termed a special gift (Henry, 2008). Boaz honored the dead and the living and got associated to the Messiah – God is the redeemer of the eternal state of life – (Henry, 2008).

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A demonstration of the submission of the heart is required of God and then the LORD works matters out worthily.

Verse (12): And 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.



Notice this: To build off the previous Verses, God made it so that it was as if Ruth had already lived in the house of Boaz despite just getting married with “joint prayer” for the generation (Henry, 2008). Take it back to the discussion, that the LORD works matters out worthily. However, even more than just worthily for Boaz, it required “joint prayer” for the generation for this is the Great Plan of God (Henry, 2008).

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Why? Because the heart was settled.

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Verse (13): So 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.

The Book of Ruth in the life of Ruth accentuated different times of life from younger years, to being youthful even in maturity of life, to motherhood, to being a Great Grandmother.

That said, God is looking for the Universal Church, Local Church, and personhood to not cease from serving God or serving others. God enables His creation to work in time, but God is outside of time. Given this, God is a redeemer of time. The Great redemption of time is in Eternity where God will make all things right. All things account unto God.

Verse (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.

Israel is God's chosen people, chosen Nation. Therefore, God is well-known in the Nation of Israel. The testament is unto God. Recall that the **New Jerusalem is the Eternal City.**

Even today, God is preparing the Eternal State for His Glory.

Reference: Psalm 122:6 (King James Version), "Pray for the peace of **Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee".**

Verse (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.

Notice here, God is the restorer of life. The daughter-in-law was viewed as better than any number of sons (Henry, 2008).

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

Naomi cared for the child.

Verse (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.

The women neighbors named the child Obed. Go back to verse (1) for a discussion on the genealogy.

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

Verse (19): And Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab,

Verse (20): And Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon,

Verse (21): And Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed,

Verse (22): And Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.

See Verse (1). To close the way it began:

It is acknowledged by Scholars, that this book of Ruth marriage contained very uncommon circumstances that God raised up to demonstrate His eternal power (Henry, 2008). Additionally, the genealogy is for the one God in that of the Messiah (Henry, 2008).

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In accordance with the Scripture, there are not many Gods, but only one God. God makes this proclamation in the genealogy. That is the significance of the genealogy. In that genealogy, God is 100% God and 100% Man or the only God-Man.

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