

Study Notes:

2:1 Narrator introduction - BOAZ, a _____ man and a _____ . (Lev 25:25-27)

2:2-3 Ruth's decision - to _____ (Lev 19:9-10) hoping to find _____. She _____ to start gleaning in the fields of Boaz.

2:4-7 Boaz arrives in the fields and _____ Ruth. Boaz receives a report from his _____ who states that she is both _____ and a _____ .

2:8-13 Boaz and Ruth's first conversation:

Boaz tells Ruth _____ in my fields, _____ of my _____ and you will be _____. Ruth requests, how have I found _____? Boaz answers, All _____ of what you have done for _____ and that you have come to take _____ under the wings of the _____ of _____. Ruth responds, _____ my _____ have _____ me though I am not _____ of _____.

2:14-17 Boaz calls Ruth - _____ joins the _____ for lunch and after being served by Boaz had a _____. Boaz instructs his workers to be _____ to Ruth. Ruth gleaned a total of _____ of barley.

2:18-20 Naomi sees Ruth and as she eats the _____ asks where did you _____. Upon hearing Boaz's name, Naomi _____ and announces he is a near _____ and a _____.

2:21-22 Ruth continued _____ until the end of the _____ time and lived with her _____ - _____ - _____.



Ruth, A Love Story #3

The Context:

After learning that God had visited Bethlehem and that there was food in Bethlehem Naomi with her two daughters-in-law Ruth and Orpah have set out for Bethlehem. During the long walk home Naomi challenged her two daughters-in-law to go back to their gods, and their people. Orpah returned to Moab but Ruth was committed to Naomi's people and to Naomi's god. Ruth was ready to go, stop, die, and be buried. Because of her commitment to God, she was able to make the commitment to Naomi to follow—trusting in God to meet her needs. They arrived in Bethlehem just at the start of harvest time. Naomi and Ruth have each other, but at this time they don't see much past the present day. As chapter two unfolds, we see Ruth stepping out looking for grace in the fields as she gleans, but finds instead Gods "love" in the graciousness of Boaz.



Outline of Ruth 2:

- Vs 1** Narrator - Boaz, a worthy man, a Kinsman.
- Vs 2** Ruth proposes to glean in the fields and maybe find grace with a field owner..
- Vs 3-17** Ruth's encounter with Boaz.
- Vs 3-13** Boaz' encounter with Ruth.
- Vs 14-17** Boaz' encouragement of Ruth.
- Vs 18-22** Naomi marvels at the grace of Boaz.
- Vs 23** Narrator - Ruth stays in the fields with Boaz' workers until the end of the barley and wheat harvests.

Ruth 2 (ESV)

¹Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz.

²And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."

³So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech.

⁴And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, "The Lord be with you!" And they answered, "The Lord bless you."

⁵Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?"

⁶And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab.

⁷She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.' So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest."

⁸Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now, listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women.

Ruth 2 (ESV) continued

⁹Let your eyes be on the field that they are reaping, and go after them. Have I not charged the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn."

¹⁰Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"

¹¹But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before.

¹²The Lord repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!"

¹³Then she said, "I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, though I am not one of your servants."

¹⁴And at mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come here and eat some bread and dip your morsel in the wine." So she sat beside the reapers, and he passed to her roasted grain. And she ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over.

¹⁵When she rose to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reprove her.

¹⁶And also pull out some from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean, and do not rebuke her."

¹⁷So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.

¹⁸And she took it up and went into the city. Her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She also brought out and gave her what food she had left over after being satisfied.

¹⁹And her mother-in-law said to her, "Where did you glean today? And where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, "The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz."

²⁰And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed by the Lord, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!" Naomi also said to her, "The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers."

²¹And Ruth the Moabite said, "Besides, he said to me, 'You shall keep close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest.'"

²²And Naomi said to Ruth, her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, lest in another field you be assaulted."

²³So she kept close to the young women of Boaz, gleaning until the end of the barley and wheat harvests. And she lived with her mother-in-law.