

Study Notes:

4:1-2 _____ waits at the gate for the _____ Mr. _____ & _____. After seating him, Boaz assembles _____ town _____.

4:3-4 Boaz _____ Mr So & So that he is the _____ and Naomi is seeking to sell her land.

After considering, _____ & _____ agrees to _____ the land.

4:5 _____ then adds that when Mr SO & SO takes the land, _____ also take Ruth as a _____ to raise up a child .

4:5 (Carl's Alternate) _____ then adds that when Mr SO & SO takes the land, _____ (_____) is going to take Ruth as a _____ to raise up a child .

4:6 The _____ quickly _____ his decision to redeem and transfers all rights of _____ to _____.

4:7-10 After receiving the _____, Boaz _____ the land and all _____ of Elimelech, Mahlon, and Chilion. He also buys Ruth as a _____ to raise up an heir for Elimelech.

4:11-12 All present affirm the purchase, and bless _____ & _____ praying that their house might be like that of _____.



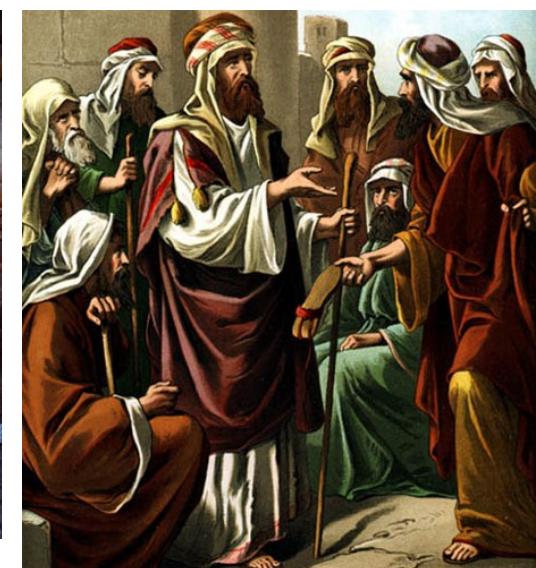
Ruth, A Love Story #5

The Context:

Ruth, under the direction of Naomi has shed her mourning clothes, and has just returned from spending the night at the threshing floor. Naomi has learned that Boaz has promised to do all that Ruth has asked, but before telling anyone of Ruth's visit on the threshing floor Boaz shares that there is a nearer redeemer that needs to be attended to first. Naomi looks out, and tells Ruth to be patient, that Boaz will not let the day end without resolving this issue.



Outside the gate, at Tel Dan



Outline of Ruth 4: 1-12

- Vs 1-2 Boaz assembles the court and the nearer redeemer.
- Vs 3-4 Boaz presents Naomi's needs.
- The nearer redeemer proposes to redeem Naomi's land.
- Vs 5-8 Boaz further presents the position of Ruth, the Moabite.
- The nearer redeemer reconsiders and rejects his right of redemption for the land of Naomi.
- Vs 9-10 Boaz declares his intent to redeem the land of Naomi and to marry Ruth.
- Vs 11-12 Boaz and Ruth are blessed by the people at the gate.

Discussion of Ruth 4:5a

ESV

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Hebrew Interlinear (ESV– Reverse Interlinear)

Then Boaz said, “day you buy the field from hand Naomi, also acquire Ruth the Moabite widow the dead.

Where did the YOU come from ?????

The YOU should be inferred by the conjugation of ACQUIRE which is a

verb,qal, active, suffixed, (perfect), singular, common, _____

Alternate “Carl’s translation”

“The day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi,

_____ also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead.

Ruth 4: 1-12 (ESV)

¹Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the redeemer, of whom Boaz had spoken, came by. So Boaz said, “Turn aside, friend; sit down here.” And he turned aside and sat down.

²And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, “Sit down here.” So they sat down.

³Then he said to the redeemer, “Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our relative Elimelech.

⁴So I thought I would tell you of it and say, ‘Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people.’ If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you will not, tell me, that I may know, for there is no one besides you to redeem it, and I come after you.” And he said, “I will redeem it.”

⁵Then Boaz said, “The day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead, in order to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance.”

“Then the redeemer said, “I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it.”

Friend (Vs 1, used of the nearer redeemer) This is a Hebrew word, that is used in place of a name when the name is not known, or should not be used. It has a more literal meaning of “Mr. So and So”. The narrator is telling us that the nearer redeemer is unimportant, and we see within a few verses that he is gone, out of the lives of Ruth, and forever forgotten

⁷Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one drew off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was the manner of attesting in Israel.

⁸So when the redeemer said to Boaz, “Buy it for yourself,” he drew off his sandal.

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

¹⁰Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day.”

¹¹Then all the people who were at the gate and the elders said, “We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you act worthily in Ephrathah and be renowned in Bethlehem,

¹²and may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring that the Lord will give you by this young woman.”