

"Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries"

Book of Ruth Bible Study Ruth 4:1-22 Lesson #5

****INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the entire section of Scripture in Ruth before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God's word.
Most Scriptures are from the New King James version.

- 1-2 Now Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there; and behold, the near kinsman of whom Boaz had spoken came by. So Boaz said, "Come aside, friend, sit down here." So he came aside and sat down. And **he took ten men of the ELDERS of the CITY**, and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down.

• **Proverbs 31:23** "Her husband is _____ in the _____, when he sits _____ the _____ of the _____."

Definition: "He took ten men of the ELDERS of the CITY" – Most cities in Old Testament times had a wall around them, and the older, wise men sat at the city gate to judge and give advice to others.

This was a position of great RESPECT. People would also come to the city gates to discuss business issues, such as Boaz and this other relative were doing. **In this case, the ELDERS would just be witnesses to the deal between Boaz and the other relative.**

• **Job 29:7-8** "When I went out to the _____ by the _____, when I took my _____ in the open _____, the young men saw me and hid, and the aged _____ and _____."

- 3-4 Then he said to the near kinsman, "**Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab**, sold the piece of land which belonged to our brother Elimelech, And I thought to inform you, saying, 'Buy it back in the presence of the inhabitants and 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 but you to redeem it, and I am next after you.**'" And he said, "I will redeem it."

• **Ruth 1:22** "So _____ returned, and _____ the _____ her daughter-in-law with her, who _____ from the country of _____. Now they came to _____ at the beginning of barley harvest."

Definition: "If you will NOT redeem it..... and I am NEXT after YOU" – Boaz wanted to do everything legally and properly, so he offered the piece of land to this closer relative first, but he was hoping that this man would NOT take up the duty to buy the property and marry Ruth, because he, Boaz, was next in line to perform that duty.

• **Ruth 3:12-13** "Now it is true that I am your _____, however, there is a kinsman _____ then I. Stay this night, and in the morning it shall be that if _____ will _____ the _____ of a near _____ for you – good; let him do it. But if he does _____ want to _____ the _____ for you, then _____ will _____ the _____ for _____, as the _____ lives! Lie down until morning."

- 5-6 Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must also buy it from Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, **to raise up the NAME of the DEAD on his INHERITANCE.**" And the near kinsman said, "**I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I RUIN my own INHERITANCE.** You redeem my RIGHT of REDEMPTION for yourself, for I cannot redeem it."

Definition: "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I RUIN my own INHERITANCE" – This man was all

ready to buy the piece of land that Boaz mentioned, but when he saw that he would have to marry Ruth, also, he turned it down. **He was ALREADY married and had children**, and he said it would “ruin his own inheritance” if he had to raise up a child for his brother. For a single man, a brother of the dead husband who was not married, if he refused to do his duty for his brother’s widow, it was serious business (see Deuteronomy 25:7-10).

•**Deuteronomy 25:7-10** “But if the man does _____ want to _____ his brother’s _____, the let his _____ go up to the _____ to the _____, and say, ‘My husband’s brother _____ to _____ up a _____ to his _____ in Israel; he will _____ perform the _____ of my husband’s brother.’ Then the _____ of his city shall call him and speak to him; and if he stands firm and says, ‘I do not want to _____ her.’ Then his brother’s wife shall come to him in the presence of the _____, remove his _____ from his _____, spit in his face, and answer and say, ‘So shall it be done to the man who will _____ build up his _____.’ And his name shall be called in Israel, ‘the house of him who had his _____.’”

7-10 Now this was the custom in former times in Israel **concerning redeeming and exchanging, to CONFIRM anything: one man TOOK OFF his SANDAL and GAVE it to the OTHER**, and this was an attestation in Israel. Therefore the near kinsman said to Boaz, “Buy it for yourself.” So he took off his sandal. And 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. Moreover, **Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, I have acquired as my WIFE, to raise up the name of the dead on his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brethren** and from the gate of his place. **You are witnesses this day.”**

•**Matthew 18:16** “But if he will not hear you, take with you _____ or _____ more, that ‘by the mouth of _____ or three _____ every word may be _____.’”

Definition: “To CONFIRM anything: one man TOOK OFF his SANDAL and GAVE it to the OTHER” – Today, we would take a document to a notary public to get it signed and made official, but this was the custom in Ruth and Boaz’ day. **This exchanging of the sandal was done in the presence of several witnesses, and it was considered a DONE DEAL.**

Definition: “You are WITNESSES this day” – God’s word says that there should be at least two or three witnesses to any kind of matter that needed to be confirmed. **Boaz had the ten elders he brought**, plus all those standing around at the city gate.

•**II Corinthians 13:1** “This will be the _____ time I am coming to you. ‘By the mouth of _____ or _____ witnesses every word may be _____.’”

•**Deuteronomy 19:15** “One _____ shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of _____ or _____ witnesses the _____ shall be _____.”

11 And all the people who were at the gate, and **the elders, said, “We are WITNESSES.** The **Lord make the woman who is coming to your house like Rachel and Leah**, the two who built the house of Israel, and may you prosper in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem.”

•**Genesis 35:23-24** “The _____ of _____ were Reuben, Jacob’s firstborn, and Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar and Zebulun; the _____ of _____ were _____ and _____.”

•**Genesis 33:5-7** “And he lifted his eyes and saw the _____ and _____”

_____, and said, 'Who are these with you?' And he said, 'The _____ whom God has graciously _____ your servant.' Then the maidservants came near, they and their children, and bowed down. And _____ also came near with her _____, and they bowed down."

- 12 May your house be like **the house of PEREZ, whom TAMAR bore to JUDAH**, because of the offspring which the Lord will give you from this young woman.

•**Genesis 38:6-10** "Then Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name was _____. But Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord killed him. And Judah said to Onan, 'Go in to your _____ and _____ her, and raise up an _____ to your _____.' But Onan knew that the heir would _____ be _____; and it came to pass, when he went in to his brother's wife, that he emitted on the ground, lest he should _____ an _____ to his _____. And the thing which he did _____ the Lord; therefore He killed him also."

•**Matthew 1:1-6** "The book of the genealogy of _____ Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob and his brothers. Judah begot _____ and Zerah by _____, _____ begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nashon, and Nashon begot Salmon. Salmon begot _____ by _____, Boaz begot Obed by _____, Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot _____ the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah."

Definition: "The house of PEREZ, whom TAMAR bore to JUDAH" – Even though, technically, Perez was born from an incestuous relationship and as an illegitimate child, **God did NOT hold it against him, but continued the genealogical line for the coming Messiah, Jesus, through him.** This is important for us to know, because sometimes, men and women who know they were illegitimate children, because their parents were not married, think that God cannot or will not use them. **They may think there is some kind of curse over them because of the manner of their conception and birth, but God does not hold that against the child.** The parents may have sinned, but God does not hold that sin against the child.

•**Ezekiel 18:20** "The soul who _____ shall die. The _____ shall _____ bear the _____ of the _____, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the _____ of the _____ shall be upon _____."

- 13 So **Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife**; and when he went in to her, the Lord gave her conception, and she bore a son.

•**I Samuel 1:19-20** "Then they rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord, and returned and came to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his _____, and the _____ her. So it came to pass in the process of time that Hannah _____ and _____ a _____, and called his name Samuel, saying, 'Because I have _____ for _____ from the _____.'"

- 14-15 Then the women said to Naomi, "**Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without a near kinsman**; and may his name be famous in Israel! And may he be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has borne him."

16-17 then Naomi took the child and laid him on her bosom, and became a nurse to him. Also the neighbor women gave him 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.**

18-22 Now **this is the GENEALOGY of PEREZ:** Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram, and Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nashon, and Nashon begot Salmon; Salmon begot Boaz, and Boaz begot Obed; Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David.

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Definition: "This is the GENEALOGY of PEREZ" – At the time that the book of Ruth was written, they only knew how far the **GENEALOGY of PEREZ** went up to King David. Matthew tells us, in his gospel, that this is also the **GENEALOGY of JESUS CHRIST**, because Jesus was descended from King David. Notice how the genealogy of Jesus mentions some of the women, and they include **Tamar, who committed adultery with her father-in-law**, Judah, **Rahab, who was a former prostitute**, Ruth, who was a foreigner from a country that God had cursed, and Bath Sheba, who committed adultery with King David. **God forgave all of them for their sins, and included them in the royal line of the kings of Israel and ultimately in the line of Jesus, the Messiah and Savior of the world.** God truly does WORK all things TOGETHER for GOOD.

•**Romans 8:28** "And we know that _____ things _____ together for _____ to those who _____ God, to those who are the _____ according to His _____."

•**Genesis 50:20** "But as for you, you meant _____ against me, but God meant it for _____, in order to _____ it _____ as it is this day, to save many people alive."

•**Ephesians 1:11** "In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the _____ of Him who _____ ALL _____ according to the counsel of His _____."

•**Ephesians 1:9** "Having made known to us the mystery of His _____, according to His _____ pleasure which He has _____ in Himself;"

Definition: "ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER for GOOD" — Because God is all-knowing, all-powerful, all-loving, and all-wise, we can TRUST HIM to know what He is doing when He ALLOWS certain things to happen in our lives. But what about when the "bad" things that happen in our lives are the CONSEQUENCES of our own actions — our WRONG CHOICES and sins? The Lord loves us enough to even WORK THESE THINGS for our GOOD, if we will let Him.

•**Ephesians 3:20-21** "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly _____ above _____ that we _____ or _____, according to the power that _____ in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."