

Ruth
Chapter 4
Love's Reward

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- The gate. Legal business, City Hall. (Gen. 19:1, Joshua 20:4)
- Boaz seems to have influence.
- The word for the unknown man basically means “Mr. So-and-so”.

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- Ten men. A ‘minyan’. Ten men is the minimum number for synagogue.

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- Land needs to be redeemed.

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- The situation. The ball is in the unknown man’s court and he says yes (oh no!).

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- The Moabitess. Boaz throws a monkey wrench into the works.

4:6

- Land yes, bride no.
- He refuses as he might mess up the inheritance for his own family.
- The Goel (kinsman-redeemer) had to meet four requirements:
 - be a near-kinsman
 - able to perform
 - willing to perform
 - must assume all obligations of the one being redeemed.

4:7-8

- Why a shoe? Walking the land was a sign of possession (Gen. 13:17). This custom may have been a way to show the town elders that the refuser would not be ‘walking the land’.

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- Boaz purchases the land for Naomi and takes Ruth as his bride.

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- They are blessed. Bethlehem, the House of Bread (the Bread of Life!) - Micah 5:2.
- On the night of the Nativity were the shepherds watching their flocks in Boaz’s former fields?

4:12

- Who is Perez and what is the story here? Gen. 38.
- Perez was born of a Levirate marriage.

4:13-22

- Baby born and genealogy.

Law of Redemption

- Leviticus 25:23-28 (land)
 - The land belongs to the Lord. The Israelites only leased it.
- Leviticus 25:47-55 (person)

Jeremiah 32:6-15

- Jeremiah was told to buy land because the land was God's and He promised they would return.
- The open (or outside) part of the deed would discuss the legal terms under which the land could be redeemed.

Revelation 5:1-7

- Written on the inside and on the back.
 - It seems the terms for redemption were written on the outside.
 - Jesus was the only one who could open the scroll because He was the only one who could meet the terms of redemption.
- Seven seals...these would allow the scroll to be opened a little at a time. Each time revealing more details.