

RUTH STUDY

CHAPTER 4:7-12

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THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

The Romance of Redemption

The Gospel According to Ruth

THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Final Preparations”

The ‘Sentence Summation’ of the Text

The act of redemption is being acted out in many areas of life today. If you are making a car payment, you are in the act of redeeming that car from the bank who really owns it. If you are owing money on credit cards you are redeeming that which you have desired. If you own a home, you really don't own it until you have paid your last payment to another bank - then it truly becomes yours

Possession might be 9/10 of the Law. But ownership is everything!

- The World says it owns you and your children's children for that matter
- The Bank says they control you and the air you breathe
- The Government is at work to take away your freedom that Independence won

John 8:36

"Therefore if the Son makes you **free**, you shall be **free** indeed."

- * **Free GRK 1659 eleutheroo (el-yoo-ther-o'-o);**
to liberate, to make exempt (from moral, ceremonial or mortal liability):
to make free.
- * **Free GRK 1658 eleutheros (el-yoo'-ther-os);**
to make unrestrained (to go at you pleasure as a citizen, and no longer a slave. To be as a "freeborn"

Example of Thought:

Acts 22:27-28 KJV

Then the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? He said, Yes. ²⁸ And the chief captain answered,
With a great sum of money obtained I this freedom.
but Paul said to him , I was free born (born free).

Freedom Comes From Being Redeemed - The Act of Redemption!

Luke 1:68-69

"Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and **redeemed** His people. And has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David,

BUT THATS NOT ALL FOLKS

The Hebrew Prophet

Isaiah 11:10

"And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, (a son born from Jesse) who shall stand as a banner to the people; for the Gentiles shall seek Him, and His resting place shall be glorious."

Acts 15:15-18

"And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written: ¹⁶ 'After this I will return and will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up; ¹⁷ So that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, says the Lord who does all these things.' ¹⁸ "Known to God from eternity are all His works.

The Lord is Happy to Set you Free!!!

Acts 2:39

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

We Are To Enjoy The Fact - He Loves Us Very Much!!!

1 Peter 1:18-19

knowing that you were not **redeemed** with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

John Futuristic View or Our Coming Redemption!!!

Revelation 5:1-9

And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ² Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" ³ And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. ⁴ So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. ⁵ But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." ⁶ And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. ⁸ Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have **redeemed** us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

1.) The Love of Boaz Became a Public Act

vv. 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 a confirmation in Israel.

1a.) Boaz' Love was an Act of Obedience

vv. 7a

Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning **redeeming** and **exchanging**

* **Redeeming** **HEB 1353 geullah (gheh-ool-law');**
taking back that which was lost. Buying out of debt. To pay what could not be paid

* **Exchanging** **HEB 8545 temuwrah (tem-oo-law');**
from 4171; barter, compensation: (ex-) changing), recompense, restitution.

1b.) Boaz' Love made him a Vulnerable

vv. 7b

to confirm anything: one man took off his sandal and gave it to the other, and **this was a confirmation in Israel.**

* **Confirm** **HEB** **6865 qûm (koom)**
to make secure and lasting

A Foot Note Here

at this moment a very critical, prophetic situation was being aligned by the providential hand of God

The Town of Bethlehem

was being Prepared to fulfill scripture

Micah 5:2

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting."

It's because of God's love for these two people that...

- *Ruth is...*
- *Boaz is...*
- *Naomi is...*

...and from this marriage would come the salvation of our souls

The Love of this Jewish Man would Redeem a Gentile Bride

The Blood of another Jewish Man would Redeem the World from its Sins

Verse 8

Therefore the close relative said to Boaz,
"Buy it for yourself." So he took off his sandal.

The "Shoe Off" Idea...

Genesis 13:17

"Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you."

Deuteronomy 11:24

"Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the River Euphrates, even to the Western Sea, shall be your territory."

Joshua 1:3

"Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon
I have given you, as I said to Moses.

The Taking "Off"
of the Shoe was an act of Forfeiture
(I GIVE UP MY RIGHT TO WALK IN THE LAND)
It is Pictured with Jesus and John

Mark 1:6-7

Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose.

**HE ALONG IS THE REDEEMER, THE
CREATOR, THE PREACHER, THE OWNER**

It was an Act of "The Soul"

So, Boaz now had, the land an extra sandal and
Ruth!!!

Matthew 13:44-46

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, ⁴⁶ who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Your Name Tag Now Reads
----- RUTH -----

Ephesians 2:11-15, 18

Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh-- who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands-- ¹² that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ **But now in Christ Jesus** you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, ¹⁵ having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace... ¹⁸ For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

This is Our Inheritance!!!

Colossians 1:12-14

giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Our Position "In" Christ

1 John 5:10-13

He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

Verse 9

And Boaz said to the elders and 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.

John's Futuristic View of Our Coming Redemption!!!

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Verse 10

"Moreover, Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of Mahlon, I have acquired as my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead through his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brethren and from his position at the gate. You are witnesses this day."

Sadly - In this "Orpah's Name is Missing

1 John 2:17

And the world is passing away, and the lust of it;
but he who does the will of God abides forever.

2.) Ruth Becomes a Blessing to All

vv. 11-12

Verse 11

And all the people who were at the gate, and the elders, said, "We are witnesses. #1 - The LORD make the woman who is coming to your house like Rachel and Leah, the two who built the house of Israel; #2 - and may you prosper in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem.

2a.) The Public Witnessed the Transaction

vv. 11a

And all the people who were at the gate, and the elders, said,
"We are witnesses

God calls for a public witness to all his affairs

Luke 23:33-35

And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots. ³⁵ And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God."

The Emmaus Road Encounter

Luke 24:44-48

Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." ⁴⁵ And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷ "and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ "And you are witnesses of these things.

Verse 11b

#1 - The LORD make the woman who is coming to your house like Rachel and Leah,
the two who built the house of Israel.

#2 - and may you prosper in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem.

#1

like Rachel

Joseph and Benjamin

like Leah

Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher

#2

and may you prosper in Ephrathah (fruitful)
and be famous in Bethlehem

Interestingly,
Rachel's Tomb is There in Bethlehem,
More Importantly,
it was the place where Jesus was Born

Verse 12

#3 - "May your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, **#4** -
because of the offspring which the LORD will give you from this young woman."

Like The house of Perez

(Tamar's shady actions brought forth Perez from Judah)

and from Judah later came a man named Boaz

Matthew 1:1-5

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: ² Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. ³ Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. ⁴ Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. ⁵ Salmon begot Boaz by **Rahab**, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse came David, King of Israel...

What a wonderful change was taking place in Ruth's life as Boaz was hard at work behind the scenes to take her;

- From loneliness to companionship
- From poverty to wealth
- From obscurity to fame
- From insecurity to assurance
- From being just another girl to a princess

Last Week on the Slopes of Capernaum
the Mount of Beatitudes ~ we performed a wedding

Next Week We are Going to a Wedding

Revelation 19:7

"Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready."