

# Ruth 2

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## **Ruth Meets Boaz**

<sup>1</sup> And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz.

<sup>2</sup> And Ruth the Moabite said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.

<sup>3</sup> And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech.

<sup>4</sup> And, behold, Boaz came from Beth-lehem, and said unto the reapers, The LORD be with you. And they answered him, The LORD bless thee.

<sup>5</sup> Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel is this?

<sup>6</sup> And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It is the Moabite damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab:

<sup>7</sup> And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, that she tarried a little in the house.

<sup>8</sup> Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens:

**9** Let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of that which the young men have drawn.

**10** Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?

**11** And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore.

**12** The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.

**13** Then she said, Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidens.

**14** And Boaz said unto her, At mealtime come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched corn, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left.

**15** And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not:

**16** And let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke her not.

**17** So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley.

**18** And she took it up, and went into the city: and her mother in law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth, and gave to her that she had reserved after she was sufficed.

**19** And her mother in law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned to day? and where wroughtest thou? blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee. And she shewed

her mother in law with whom she had wrought, and said, The man's name with whom I wrought to day is Boaz.

**20** And Naomi said unto her daughter in law, Blessed be he of the LORD, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man is near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen.

**21** And Ruth the Moabite said, He said unto me also, Thou shalt keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest.

**22** And Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter in law, It is good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, that they meet thee not in any other field.

**23** So she kept fast by the maidens of Boaz to glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and dwelt with her mother in law.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### **Forgive** — נָשָׂא / סָלַח (Salach / Nasa)

To forgive, pardon, lift up

The Hebrew **salach** (סָלַח) is used exclusively of God's forgiveness—divine pardon that only He can grant. **Nasa** (נָשָׂא) means to lift up or carry away, picturing sin being removed.

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### **Grace** — חֵן (Chen)

Grace, favor

The Hebrew **chen** (חֵן) means grace or favor—unmerited kindness bestowed by a superior. Noah 'found grace in the eyes of the LORD' (Genesis 6:8), receiving undeserved favor.

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### **God** — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

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### **Lord** — אֲדֹנָי / יְהוָה (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

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**Redeem** — גָּאֵל (Gaal)

To redeem, act as kinsman-redeemer

The Hebrew **gaal** (גָּאֵל) means to redeem or act as kinsman-redeemer (go'el)—buying back family property or relatives. It foreshadows Christ redeeming His people through His blood.

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

**Ruth 2:1**    **Parallel theme:** Ruth 3:2; 3:12; 4:21; Matthew 1:5

**Ruth 2:2**    **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 19:9; 23:22

**Ruth 2:3**    **Parallel theme:** Matthew 10:29; Luke 10:31; 2 Thessalonians 3:12

**Ruth 2:4**    **References Lord:** Ruth 4:11; Genesis 18:19; Joshua 24:15; Judges 6:12; 2 Thessalonians 3:16; 2 Timothy 4:22. **Blessing:** Psalms 118:26; Luke 1:28

**Ruth 2:6**    **Parallel theme:** Ruth 1:22

**Ruth 2:7**    **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 13:4; 15:33; 18:23

**Ruth 2:9**    **Parallel theme:** Genesis 20:6; Psalms 105:15; Proverbs 6:29; Matthew 10:42; 1 Corinthians 7:1; 1 John 5:18

**Ruth 2:10**    **Parallel theme:** Ruth 2:13; 1 Samuel 25:23; 2 Samuel 9:8; 19:28; Luke 1:43; 1:48; Romans 12:10

**Ruth 2:11**    **Parallel theme:** Psalms 45:10; Luke 5:11; 14:33

**Ruth 2:12**    **Faith:** Psalms 36:7; 57:1; 61:4; 91:4. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 17:8; 63:7; Hebrews 11:26. **References God:** Ruth 1:16; Hebrews 6:10. **References Lord:** 1 Samuel 24:19

**Ruth 2:13**    **Parallel theme:** Genesis 33:10; 34:3; 43:14; Judges 19:3; 1 Samuel 1:18. **References Lord:** Genesis 33:8; 33:15; 1 Samuel 25:41; 2 Samuel 16:4; Proverbs 15:33

**Ruth 2:14**    **Parallel theme:** Ruth 2:18; Deuteronomy 8:10; Matthew 14:20

**Ruth 2:16**    **Parallel theme:** Romans 12:13

**Ruth 2:17**    **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 31:27

**Ruth 2:18**    **Parallel theme:** Ruth 2:14; 1 Timothy 5:4

**Ruth 2:19**    **Blessing:** Psalms 41:1. **Parallel theme:** Ruth 2:10

**Ruth 2:20**    **Blessing:** Ruth 4:14; 2 Samuel 2:5. **Parallel theme:** Ruth 4:6; Leviticus 25:25; 2 Samuel 9:1; Job 19:25; Proverbs 17:17. **References Lord:** Philippians 4:10

**Ruth 2:22**    **Related:** Song of Solomon 1:8. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 27:10

**Ruth 2:23**    **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 16:9; Proverbs 13:1; 13:20

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