

RUTH CHAPTER 2: RUTH AND BOAZ MEET



- Boaz is a distant relative of Elimelech
- Boaz is greatly impressed by the commitment of the gentile Ruth to Na'omi and to Israel
- Gentile converts to the worship of the God of Israel OUGHT to also cleave to the Hebrew people
- First part of the book of Ruth about the relationship between gentile converts and Israel

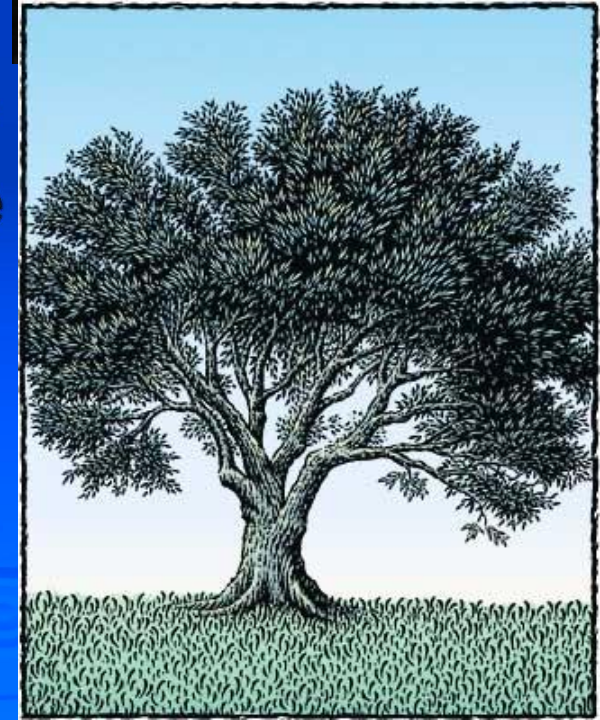
GOD'S HAND OF PROVIDENCE

- Ruth could glean in any field of her choice
- That she “happened” upon Boaz’s field was the guidance of the Lord
- Boaz was an old man
- **Chesed** = loving-kindness
- Boaz had his men remove stalks of grain from the sheaves so Ruth’s time could be more productive



A SHEAF AND AN OLIVE TREE

- Romans 11
- Did God repudiate His people (Israel)? Paul says: “Heaven Forbid!”
- Boaz pulled out some gathered stocks of grain from the sheaf for Ruth to join the choice harvest
- Yeshua pulled out some of the branches of the Olive Tree for gentiles to join the choice harvest
- The REASON for God doing this was so ALL ISRAEL WOULD BE SAVED
- Ruth became the gentile grandmother of the Jewish King David



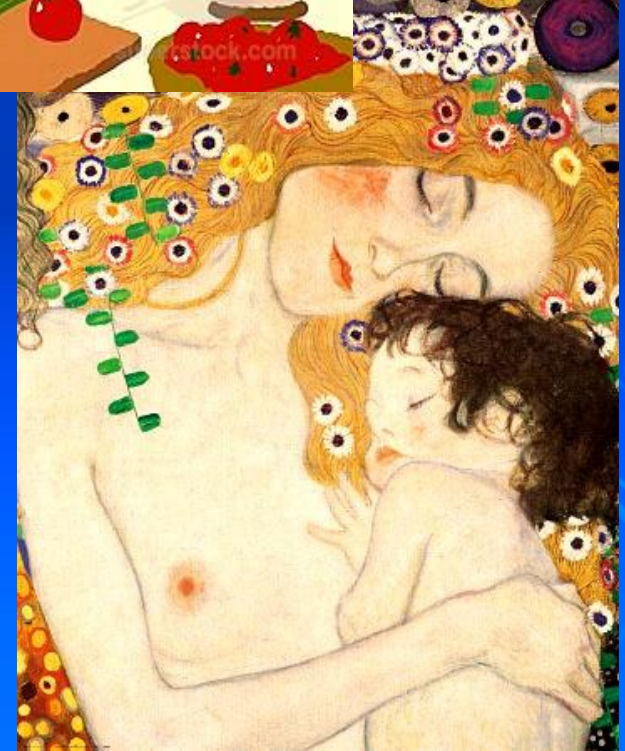
NA'OMI SHOCKED AT THE AMOUNT OF GRAIN RUTH HAD GLEANED



- Boaz's favor allowed Ruth to gather about 55-60 pounds of grain
- Na'omi explains that Boaz is a Kinsman Redeemer
- She advised Ruth to follow Boaz's instruction and stay close to his girls

THE MANY ROLES OF A GO'EL

- *Go'el* = near relative able to perform a range of duties
- Being a “mother” includes a whole range of duties
- Solidarity and continuation of the clan was paramount in ancient times
- Family in the West means mom, dad, 2.3 kids
- Family in the Bible was more like the extended family of 19th century American as a nation of farmers

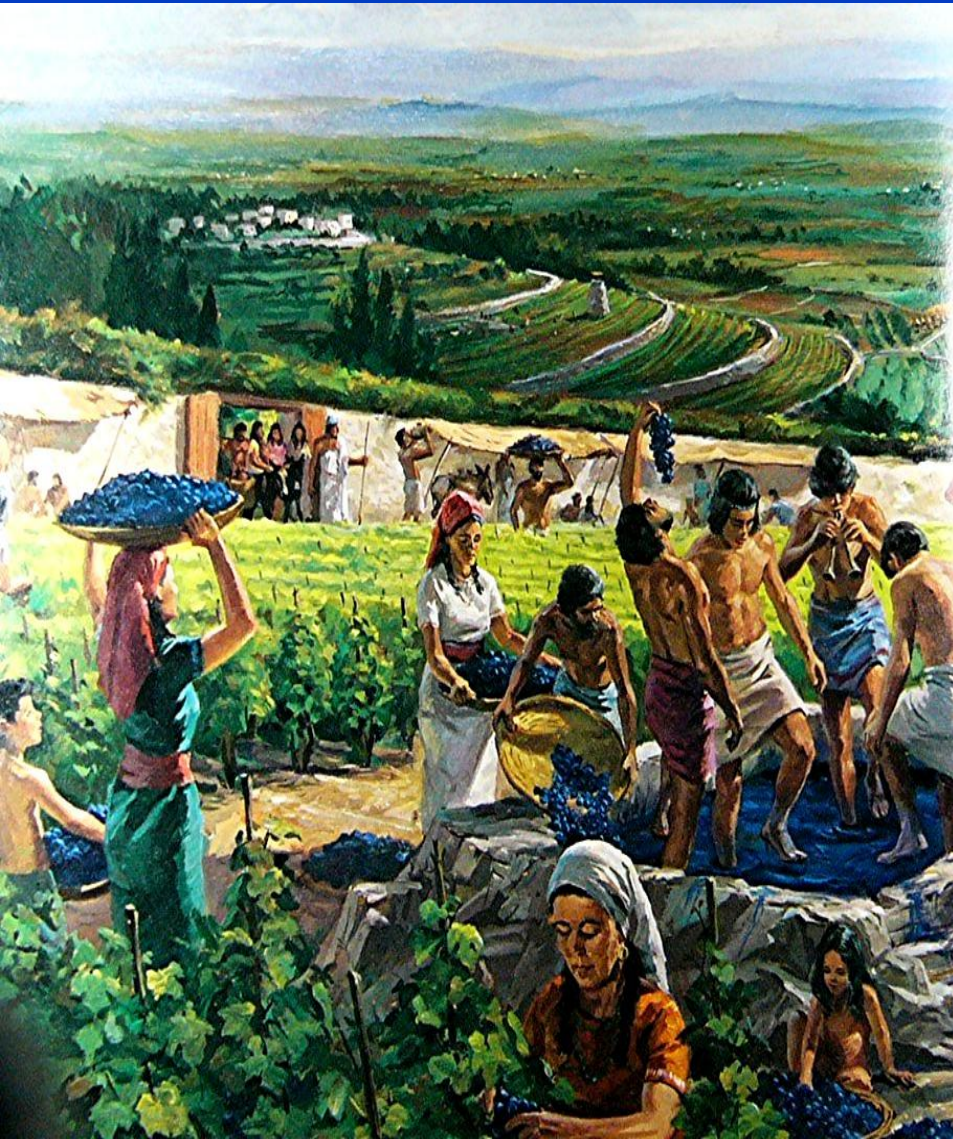


GO'EL EXISTED FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE CLAN



- We have no idea of relationship between Elimelech and Boaz
- Closest of relationships after parents were brothers and then uncle on father's side
- Great danger in Hebrew girl marrying foreigner, because land could be lost to the foreigner
- Go'el ensured that land stayed in the same clan or tribe

MOST COMMON DUTY OF GO'EL WAS TO PURCHASE LAND



- Land not leave the original clan or tribe
- The Go'el redeemed for the sake of the clan!
- Refusal of nearest next of kin to “redeem” was NOT a crime
- Go'el sometimes had advantage of buying land and making a profit

THE GO'EL HA-DAM

- *Go'el Ha-dam* = avenger of blood
- Was to carry out justice on behalf of the clan
- Still exists in many societies today, including Islamic nations
- Concept was that ordered a murderer killed because He held life so sacred

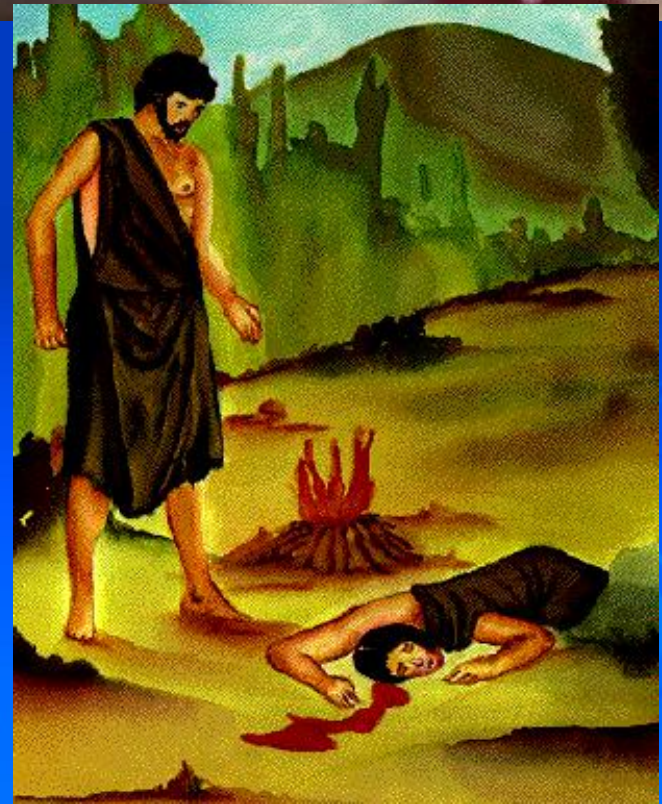


BLOOD MONEY

- God's justice system does NOT allow payment of blood money in exchange for life of the murderer Num.35:31
- Spiritually, spilled blood pollutes the land
- God ONLY accepts the life of the murderer as a means to atone for the blood pollution

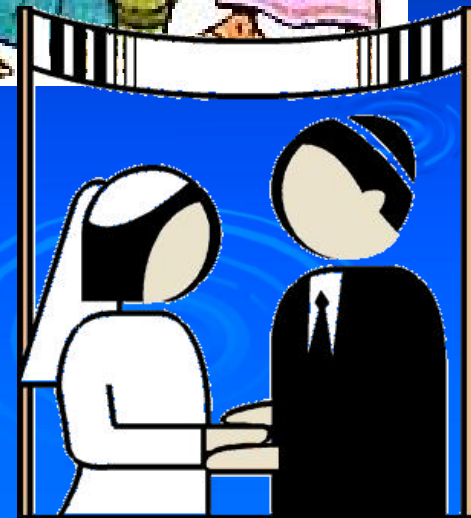


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GO'EL TO BUY FREEDOM FROM SERVITUDE FOR RELATIVE

- Jer. 32 Go'el had duty to redeem property or people, but also had right of first refusal to buy the indebted property
- Had the obligation to marry a next of kin's widow
- Operated in lieu of Levirate Marriage



YESHUA OUR GO'EL



- Kinsman Redeemer is only PART of Yeshua's role as a Go'el
- God was always seen by the Hebrews as the divine go'el
- 33 passages in the OT directly refer to God as go'el
- **'שׁוּ** = *yasha* = to make "wide"
- To move from narrow to wide is "victory"
- Psalm 118 *rimnah Yeshu'ah* = a jubilant cry of victory!!





SALVATION AND REDEMPTION IDENTICAL

- Redemption NOT OT and Salvation NT!!
- God = heavenly go'el, redeemer, savior
- Messiah = earthly go'el, redeemer, savior
- Yeshua is OBLIGATED to be our go'el IF we become part of His family by trusting
- The original redeemed of God are Israel

