

Notes for Ruth 2

Hebrew pronunciations are spelled phonetically

Ruth Chapter 2 Characters

Elimelech (Ellie-Mellah) - Naomi's dead husband

Mahlon (Mach-loan) - Ruth's dead husband (Naomi's son)

Moab (Mow-Ahv) - cursed land & people descended from Lot's incest

Boaz (Bo-AHZ) - Naomi's relative & Rahab's descendant

Levirate marriage (leva-rot) - custom where dead husband's brother or nearest relative marries the widow from Deuteronomy 25

Gleaning - the act of following along after harvesters and picking up stray or missed stalks of grain

Most of what is called coincidence is really God's influence

Sheaves - bundle of grain standing upright & look a bit like brooms

Hebrew Meanings of Words

Hēn (*khane*) - Hebrew word translates as "favor" or "grace"

Nākar (*nawk-hare*) - Hebrew word translated as took notice in this situation correct meaning is cared for and/or respected

Ephah (*Eff-ah*) - a unit of volume used variably, in this case, about a 5-gallon bucket weighing 30-40 lbs.

Pāga' (*paw-gah'*) - Hebrew word means meet, encounter, attack, strike, touch. In verse 22, fall upon or assault is correct.

Go'el (*go-el*) - Hebrew for "nearest Redeemer" or close relative.

Leviticus 25, established a custom where the Go'el had certain obligations. Avenging a wrongful death, buying a relative out of servitude, buying back a relative's land or marrying a widow.

Leviticus 19:34 -*But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.*

As Believers, if we want a life under God's wings, we may need to leave parents, home or anything else holding us back from following Christ.

How do we remain under God's wings?

We stay close to Him and stay in His "fields".

We abide with Him through prayer, time in scripture, service to Him, obeying Him and Fellowship with Believers.

We strive to be as Holy as we can be, empowered by the Holy Spirit!

The "wings" metaphor is seen six times in the book of Psalms (psalms 17:8, 36:7, 57:1, 61:4, 63:7 and 91:4)

Luke 14:26, *If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.*