

Notes for Ruth 4

Hebrew pronunciations are spelled phonetically

Ruth Chapter 4 Characters

Elimelech (Ellie-Mellah) - Naomi's dead husband
Naomi (*Nay-owe-me*) – Ruth's Hebrew mother-in-law
Ruth – Naomi's daughter in law, widow from Moab
Boaz (*Bo-AHZ*) - Naomi's relative & Rahab's descendant
Rahab (*ruh- hav*) – Ancestor to Boaz, Canaanite hero of Jericho
Tamar (*tuh-mow*) - Ancestor of Boaz, Mother of Perez
Perez (*peh-ret*) – Ancestor of Boaz, King David and Jesus Christ

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

Jubilee year occurs after every seventh Sabbath year, so every 50 years. Jubilee is a sort of reset when both land, stock and people rest, slaves and debts are released and land is returned to owner.

Hebrew Meanings of Words

Hayil (*khah'-yil*) - Hebrew word means physically or morally strong, high quality, having integrity, virtuous, valorous

Gō' ēl (*go-el*) – Redeemer. A close relative who would buy relatives out of slavery or debt or marry a widow.

Kānāp̄ (*kaw-nawf'*) - Hebrew for wings and also corner of garment

Poloni 'al-moni (*Pawlani-ahl-mony*) - Like saying in English, "Mr. So & So" or "What's yer name".

Key Verses

Deuteronomy 23:3 - *An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the Lord forever*

Numbers 1:7 - *Nahshon was Chief of the Tribe of Judah, brother-in-law of Aaron and father of Salmon and was the prince of the tribe of Judah*

Leviticus 27:24 - *Law says in the year of Jubilee, an Israelite who "bought" the land of another Israelite had to return it.*

Genesis 38:27-30 - *Story of Tamar and Perez and Judah*

Genesis 38:26 (Judah acknowledges Tamars righteousness) *So Judah acknowledged them and said, "She has been more righteous than I, because I did not give her to Shelah my son." And he never knew her again*

Proverbs 3:5 - *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding*

Ruth & Boaz teach us that we want to answer God's call, do things the "right way and stay under God's "wings"

How we fulfill our business and personal obligations is important. Do we do things "the way Jesus would do" or are we "tricksy" always trying to get an advantage? It can be "legal" and yet "ungodly."

God can and will work miracles in us and through us, but we must answer His call, even when we don't feel like it. Not answering God's calls on our hearts almost always lead to problems for us.

It cannot be overstated how important time in God's Word is. It is the single biggest source of our Faith. Our Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Just as daily prayer in a Believer's life is critical. Likewise serving Him and the Body of Christ.

Prayer & time in God's Word, more than anything brings us closer to God which allows the Holy Spirit to make changes in us that are incredible. However, fellowship and obeying & serving God are also important for us in our daily walk with Him to stay under His wings.