

Boaz: The Faithful Kinsman Redeemer (Ruth 4:1-22)

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INTRODUCTION TO THE MESSAGE

REVIEW:

EXPOSITION:

PELONI ALMONI REFUSES LEVIRATE MARRIAGE (4:1-6)

(4:1-2) Boaz called an official meeting with Peloni Almoni

(4:3) Boaz said Naomi wanted to sell (right to redeem) her land

Real estate was not bought and sold in the way we think of it. The transactions were more like *leases*.

Let's say that 2062 would be the year of Jubilee:

I buy land in 2012. I return it to the seller in 2062.

What I buy is the right to 50 harvests.

The price is based on the value of 50 harvests.

I buy land in 2022. I return it to the seller in 2062.

What I buy is the right to 40 harvests.

The price is based on the value of 40 harvests.

I buy land in 2057. I return it to the seller in 2062.

What I buy is the right to 5 harvests.

The price is based on the value of 5 harvests.

Lev 25:23 The land shall not be sold permanently, for the land is Mine; for you are strangers and sojourners with Me. 24 And in all the land of your possession you shall grant redemption of the land. 25 If one of your brethren becomes poor, and has sold some of his possession, and if his redeeming relative comes to redeem it, then he may redeem what his brother sold. 26 Or if the man has no one to redeem it, but he himself becomes able to redeem it, 27 then let him count the years since its sale, and restore the remainder to the man to whom he sold it, that he may return to his possession. 28 But if he is not able to have it restored to himself, then what was sold shall remain in the hand of him who bought it until the Year of Jubilee; and in the Jubilee it shall be released, and he shall return to his possession.

I assume that Elimelech sold Peloni Almoni the right to harvest his fields for however many years remained (from the time of his move to Moab until the Year of Jubilee). In light of the Midianite problem, he probably sold cheaply. By the time Naomi returned, she was penniless and cannot afford to redeem the land herself.

(4:4) Boaz urged Peloni Almoni to redeem the land, or Boaz would
Peloni Almoni did not want Boaz to redeem the land (because Peloni Almoni seems to be the one farming it. He would not want Boaz to be the one farming it).

(4:5) Boaz said Ruth would require redemption

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(4:6) Peloni Almoni refused to redeem Ruth

BOAZ PLEDGED TO REDEEM RUTH (4:7–12)

(4:7–8) Peloni Almoni told Boaz to redeem the land

(4:9–10) Boaz pledged to redeem the land and Ruth

(4:11–12) The elders affirmed Boaz' pledge

BOAZ AND RUTH HAVE A SON WHO REDEEMS NAOMI (4:13–17)

(4:13) Boaz and Ruth had a son

(4:14) Women say that the Lord did not forsake Naomi

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(4:15) Women spoke of Naomi's grandson blessing her

(4:16–17) Naomi held her grandson and again had a son

BOAZ AND RUTH WERE ANCESTORS OF DAVID (4:18–22)

1: Perez (4:18)

2: Hezron

3: Ram (4:19)

4: Aminadab

5: Nahshon (4:20)

6: Salmon

7: Boaz

8: Obed

9: Jesse (4:21)

10: David (4:22)

CONCLUSION