

# "On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

# RUTH 4

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Chapter four opens with Boaz wasting no time the next morning in executing his duties of inquiry into the status of Ruth and Naomi and the responsibilities of the Kinsman-redeemer. While Boaz was sitting in the city gate, the closer kinsman or relative came by, in the providence of God. Boaz immediately asked for the elders of the gate to listen to his proposal. The city gate was the place in ancient times where almost all business would have taken place. The gate was the center of activity and brought news from other places. As a matter of fact, the word for "gate" in Hebrew is very close to the word for "gossip" because the gate is where it all got started with the elders or old men of the city waiting there for the latest news and business. I will leave this here and get back to our story. Boaz asked the nearer Kinsman if he would and could redeem Ruth and Naomi. Whoever redeemed Naomi's husband's land, must also take responsibility for Naomi and Ruth and raise up children to honor Elimelech and Naomi. The near kinsman wanted to buy the land without the corresponding responsibilities and so he refused.

Now this *was the custom* in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging, to confirm anything: one man took off his sandal and gave it to the

other, and this was a confirmation in Israel.

***"And Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, from the hand of Naomi. Moreover, Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of Mahlon, I have acquired as my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead through his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brethren and from his position at the gate. You are witnesses this day."*** Ruth 4:9-10)

The elders of the city gate blessed Boaz and rejoiced with him that God in His mercy had given him a lasting inheritance in his old age and He had the opportunity for his name to endure.

Oh, how it endured, ***"Salmon begot Boaz, and Boaz begot Obed; Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David."*** (Ruth 4:21-22)

### Prayer and Action Steps

*The primary purpose of the Book of Ruth is to introduce you to the greatest King of Israel, King David. Messiah Jesus came through the line of a Jewish man and a gentile woman named, Ruth.*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture \_\_\_\_\_

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

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What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

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Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

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Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? \_\_\_\_\_

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Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

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