



JUDGES

DOWN TO THE DEPTHS

Ruth 1

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. 2 The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion.



Ruth

First Steps Back



Review

Creation
Genesis



Noah
Genesis



Abraham
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Genesis



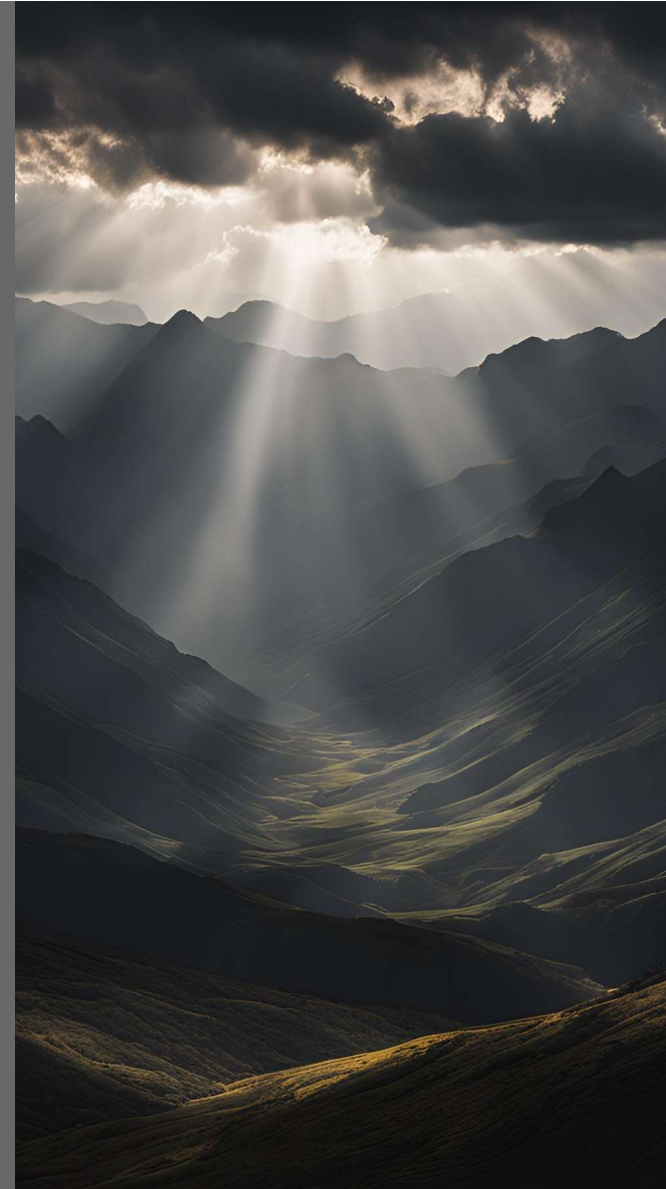
Moses
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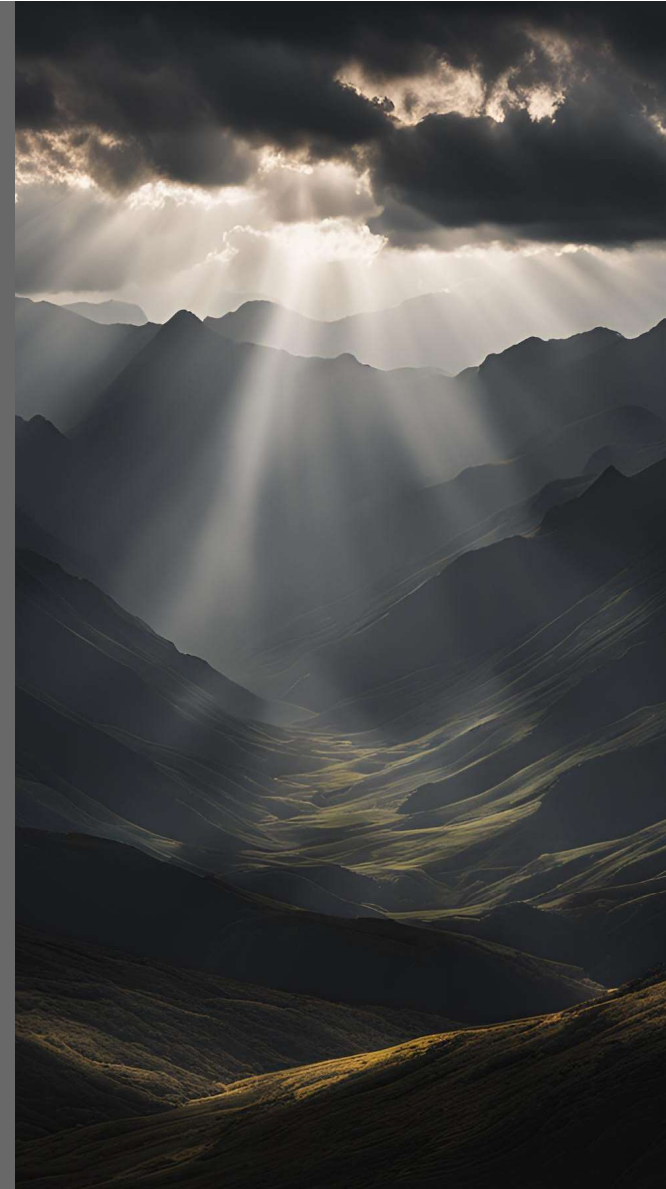


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Judges



Review

- Choosing God
- Marrying the people in the land
- Likely the same author
- Bridge



Ruth 1

3 But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. 4 **These took Moabite wives**; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, 5 and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

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Ruth 1

6 Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that **the Lord had visited his people and given them food.**

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Ruth 1

8 But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. 9 The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!”

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Ruth 1

And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. 15 And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has **gone back to her people and to her gods**; return after your sister-in-law.” 16 But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. **Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.**”

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Ruth 2

Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, **a worthy man** of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz.

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Ruth 2

2 And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, “Let me go to the field and **glean among the ears of grain** after him in whose sight I shall find favor.”

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Ruth 2

5 Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, “Whose young woman is this?” 6 And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, “She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab.

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Ruth 2

8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, “Now, listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but **keep close to my young women.** 9 Let your eyes be on the field that they are reaping, and go after them. Have I not charged the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, **go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn.”**

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Ruth 2

10 Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, “Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since **I am a foreigner?”**

Ruth 2

11 But Boaz answered her, “All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. 12 The Lord repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!”

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Ruth 2

15 When she rose to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, saying, “**Let her glean even among the sheaves,** and do not reproach her. 16 And also **pull out some from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean,** and do not rebuke her.”

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Ruth 2

Her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She also brought out and gave her what food she had left over after being satisfied. 19 And her mother-in-law said to her, “Where did you glean today? And where have you worked? **Blessed be the man who took notice of you.**”



Ruth 2

So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, “The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz.” 20 And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, “May he be blessed by the Lord, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!” Naomi also said to her, **“The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers.”**

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Ruth 3

Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, should I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you? 2 Is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you were? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor.

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Ruth 3

3 Wash therefore and anoint yourself, and put on your cloak and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. 4 But when he lies down, observe the place where he lies. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do.”

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Ruth 3

8 At midnight the man was startled and turned over, and behold, a woman lay at his feet! 9 He said, “Who are you?” And she answered, “I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer.”

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Ruth 3

10 And he said, “May you be blessed by the Lord, my daughter. You have made this last kindness greater than the first in that you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. 11 And now, my daughter, do not fear. **I will do for you all that you ask, for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman.**

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Ruth 3

12 And now it is true that I am a redeemer. **Yet there is a redeemer nearer than I.** 13 Remain tonight, and in the morning, if he will redeem you, good; let him do it. But if he is not willing to redeem you, then, as the Lord lives, I will redeem you. Lie down until the morning.”



Ruth 4

**Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there.
And behold, the redeemer, of whom Boaz had spoken,
came by.**



Ruth 4

3 Then he said to the redeemer, “**Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land** that belonged to our relative Elimelech.

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Ruth 4

4 So I thought I would tell you of it and say, ‘Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people.’ **If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you will not, tell me, that I may know, for there is no one besides you to redeem it, and I come after you.**” And he said, “I will redeem it.”

Ruth 4

5 Then Boaz said, **“The day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead, in order to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance.”** 6 Then the redeemer said, **“I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it.”**



Ruth 4

13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and the Lord gave her conception, and she bore a son.

Ruth 4

14 Then the women said to Naomi, **“Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without a redeemer,** and may his name be renowned in Israel! 15 He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him.”



Ruth 4

They named him Obed. **He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.**

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Galatians 4

4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, **5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.**

Ephesians 1

7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, **8** which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight

Colossians 1

13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.



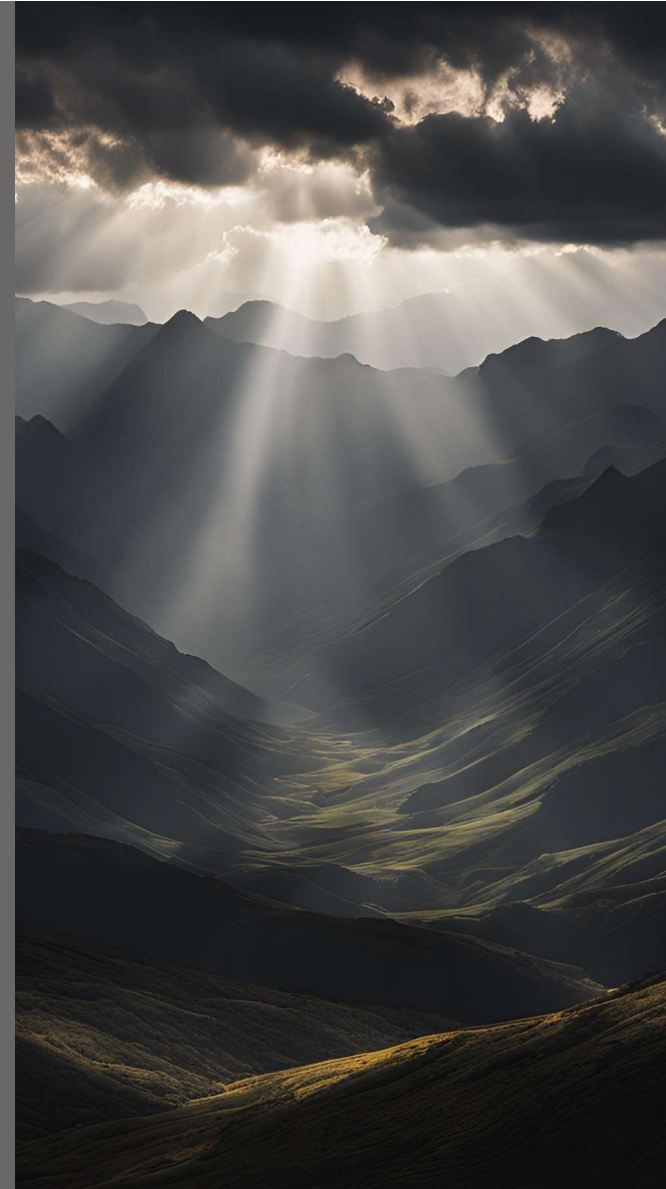
Revelation 5:9-10

And they sang a new song, saying:

' You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; **For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And have made us kings and priests to our God;** And we shall reign on the earth.'

So What?

- Jesus found value in us when we were lost and without hope.
- Jesus Paid the price to redeem us to Himself.
- He not only redeemed us but made us a part of the royal Family!





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2 Corinthians 9:7

