

## **"God Selects Yet Another Gentile in Messiah's Genealogy -- Ruth - Part 4"**

### **A Little Review:**

#### **2 Cor. 5:20-21**

20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech [you] by us: we pray [you] in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

21 For he hath made him [to be] sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

- ***We have, in our fellowships on Sunday mornings, been privileged to consider how the Lord God has worked in human hearts to accomplish his mighty plan of redemption. He used many in Israel's long history to accomplish his plan regarding the Seed of the Woman. Often he used those of little means or reputation from a merely human perspective. We saw how as 1 Sam. 2:8 indicates, he even raised up "the poor . . . and the beggars", to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S, and he hath set the world upon them."***
- ***Recently we have seen how God used a number of gentile women to underscore his mighty working in the hearts of the humblest of humanity (by the turmoils and burdens of life, that is) to show forth his eternal glory through our weaknesses. Hannah, for example, had a great legacy through her son Samuel as God used him to select Israel's first king, Saul, who was rejected by God as a direct result of his disobedience. Samuel was then used to anoint a new king, David, as a "man after God's own heart".***
- ***David was indeed a key participant in the Royal Line of the Messiah. But, in going through Israel's history as we did, we skipped over one named Boaz, who through a God-ordained meeting with a gentile woman named Ruth, was ordained to play a central role in the working out of the plan of Almighty God regarding our redemption.***
- ***Ruth's story is compelling and life transforming one indeed. That was surely true for Ruth and Boaz, who were caught up in the very center of the redemptive plan of God in ways far beyond their own understanding.***

**Ruth 3:9-12**

9 And he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman.

10 And he said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my daughter: for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich.

11 And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman.

12 And now it is true that I am thy near kinsman: howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I.

- ***How full of meaning this verse 12 is! Here in the divinely recorded history of Boaz and Ruth, the scriptural principle of the “kinsman-redeemer” has been defined for all time.***
  - ***The Hebrew Word is usually “gael”, and is most often translated “redeem”. This word occurs 104 times and provided the foundation in scripture for the doctrine of the atonement and for the redemption of sinners. Including related words, the same concept is referred to about 300 times in the Old Testament!***
    - ***The Land Promises: Lev. 25:23*** The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with me.
    - ***Promises of National redemption: Ex. 6:6*** Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will **redeem** you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:
    - ***Promises of personal redemption: Gen. 48:16*** The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.
- ***But it is Ruth and her divinely ordained marriage with Boaz that makes the teaching concerning the Kinsman-Redeemer very concrete indeed. And, as***

***we have commented several times in previous fellowships here, the emphasis in Ruth concerning this doctrine is so very great that we need to take careful note of the teaching here In Ruth, “gael” is found 18 times compared to 22 times in Leviticus, 11 times in the Psalms, and 24 times in Isaiah - but those books are very long and Ruth is very short, so there is a much greater emphasis here on Ruth.***

- ***There are both “types” and “anti-types” in scripture. The “Kinsman” Redeemer teaching cannot be understood apart from understanding these Biblical concepts.***

***For it is clear that Boaz, Ruth’s husband, is the “type” of which Christ Jesus is the “anti-type”.***

***Rev. 5:9*** And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

***So we must conclude that Christ alone can and has fulfilled the requirements set forth in the “type” He is the “anti-type” of the Kinsman-Redeemer! Amen and amen!***

***Jesus Christ is the great fulfillment of the type. There are four requirements that scripture states, and this is clearly revealed in the inspired story of Ruth and Boaz: Jesus Christ perfectly fulfills what was required for one to be a Kinsman-Redeemer. We considered the first two of the four last time:***

***#1: Firstly, He must be a kinsman***

***#2: Secondly, he must be free of the debt or obligation owed***

***Today we shall examine the last two of the four:***

***#3: He must be able to provide the required payment***

***#4: Fourthly, he must be willing to perform the payment***

- ***Firstly, He must be a true kinsman (Lev.25:25, 47-50; Ruth.2:1,20; 3:12-13; 4:6, 14)***

***Your will remember how Boaz, as the “type” of the coming Redeemer, the***

**Lord Jesus, was himself a “true kinsman” of both Naomi and Ruth since Naomi’s and Ruth’s husbands had died leaving their estates available for redemption by any lawful Kinsman-Redeemer. That “type” was fulfilled in the “anti-type”, our Lord Jesus:**

- **Key scriptures:**

**[READ ] Rom. 8:3-4**

**3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:**

**4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**

**So as Boaz was of the same “near family” as Naomi’s husband Elimelech, Christ was made flesh and dwelt among us as John 1 clearly states. He took upon himself human flesh but without our sin, or, as Paul states it in Rom. 8:3, he came into this world “in the likeness of sinful flesh”, or as Heb. 2:14 states it, “as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same”, or as in Phil. 2:7, he “took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men”.**

**Heb. 2:14-15**

**14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;**

**15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.**

**Phil. 2:7-9**

**7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:**

**8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**

**9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:**

- **Secondly, he must be himself free of the debt or obligation owed, for**

**otherwise he would have himself needed to be redeemed! (Ruth 4:4-6)**

- **Several key scriptures:**

**[READ ] Heb. 4:15-16**

15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

***For our purposes today, the key words here are these in verse 15: “but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin”.***

***Peter’s language in his first epistle also emphasizes this fact:***

**1 Pet. 1:18-20**

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

**19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:**

20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you

***Now, today we consider the final two requirements for a “Kinsman-Redeemer” and how our Lord Jesus provides the fulfilment of the ancient Old Testament “type” portrayed by Boaz as recorded for us in the book of Ruth:***

- **Thirdly, he must be able to provide the required payment (Ruth 4:6f)**

- **Christ was able to pay the ransom price: John 10:17-18**

- **Key scriptures:**

**[READ ] John 10:17-18**

17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father. ***[again, his ability is clearly expressed here]***

***As the Son of God, having taken upon himself human flesh, but apart from sin, Christ was able (and was the only one able) to pay the required price and cancel forever the debt that our sin had incurred.***

- **Fourthly, he must also be willing to perform the payment (Ruth 4:5, 9)**

- ***Christ was willing to pay the price to redeem us: Mk. 10:45; Phil. 2:5-8***

- ***Two key scriptures:***

***[READ ] Mark 10:45*** For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. ***[it was his purpose in coming]***

***[READ ] Phil. 2:5-8***

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. ***[As the God-man, he was willing to provide the needed payment for our sins and gave up everything in heaven's glory for that very purpose]***

- **And now the final piece to our teaching today (and this will be an introduction to the primary focus of our next fellowship): Christ was not only (1) our kinsman, (2) was not only free himself of the debt owed, (3) was not only able to pay the price of our redemption, and (4) was not only willing to be that redeemer. . . but he also praise God HAS REDEEMED US FROM SIN AND DEATH BY HIS DEATH ON CALVARY'S CROSS!**

- **WE HAVE BEEN REDEEMED!**

- ***So there is so much more to the story of Naomi, Ruth and Boaz than***

***what is expressed on the surface of the book of Ruth. It all points forward (in type) to the rest of the story regarding our savior the Lord Jesus Christ and his completed work at the cross.***

- ***And what a blessing to know that God has overruled Satan with his plan of corruption and in its place has been brought to pass the glorious redemptive plan regarding the Seed of the Woman.***
- ***And that Ruth plays such a key role is astounding, as she completes Boaz as the Kinsman-Redeemer in type with our Lord Jesus as its complete fulfillment. Paul says it so well in chapter 4 of Galatians:***

- ***Gal. 4:3-5***

3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:

4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. ***[this is so blessed indeed . . . “that we might receive the adoption of sons, or, ‘son placing’!]***

***Next time: The Reality and Blessedness of the Full and Complete Atonement, and a few of our key scriptures will be:***

- ***Col. 1:20*** And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.
- ***Rom. 5:9*** Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.
- ***Eph. 1:7*** In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;
- ***Eph. 2:13*** But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.
- ***Rom. 3:25*** Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

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**Conclusions / Applications:**