

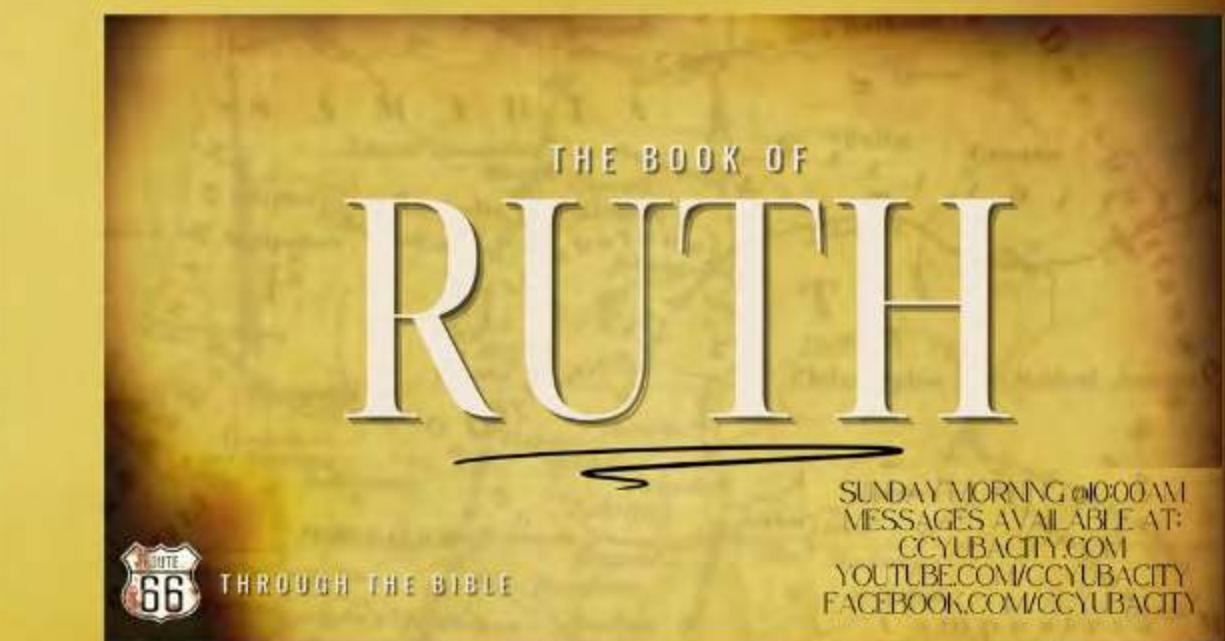
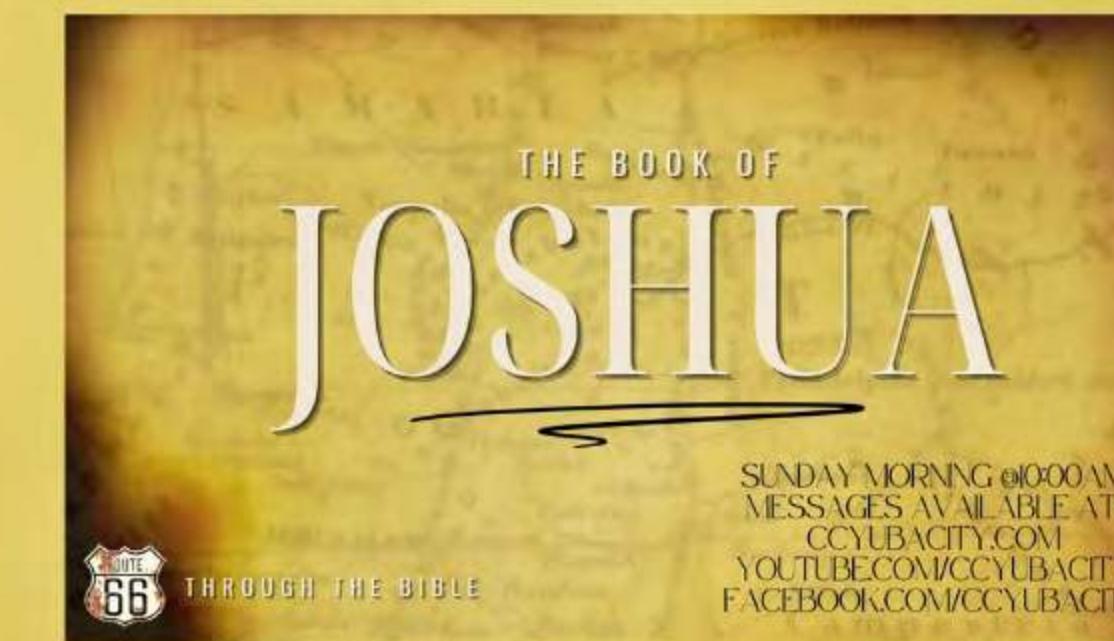
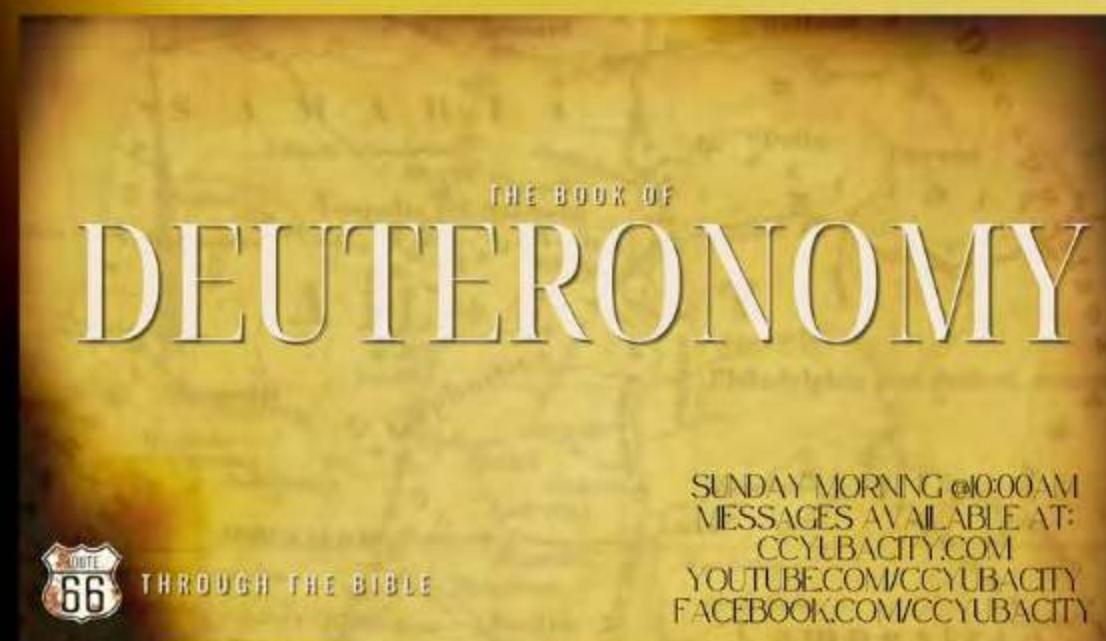
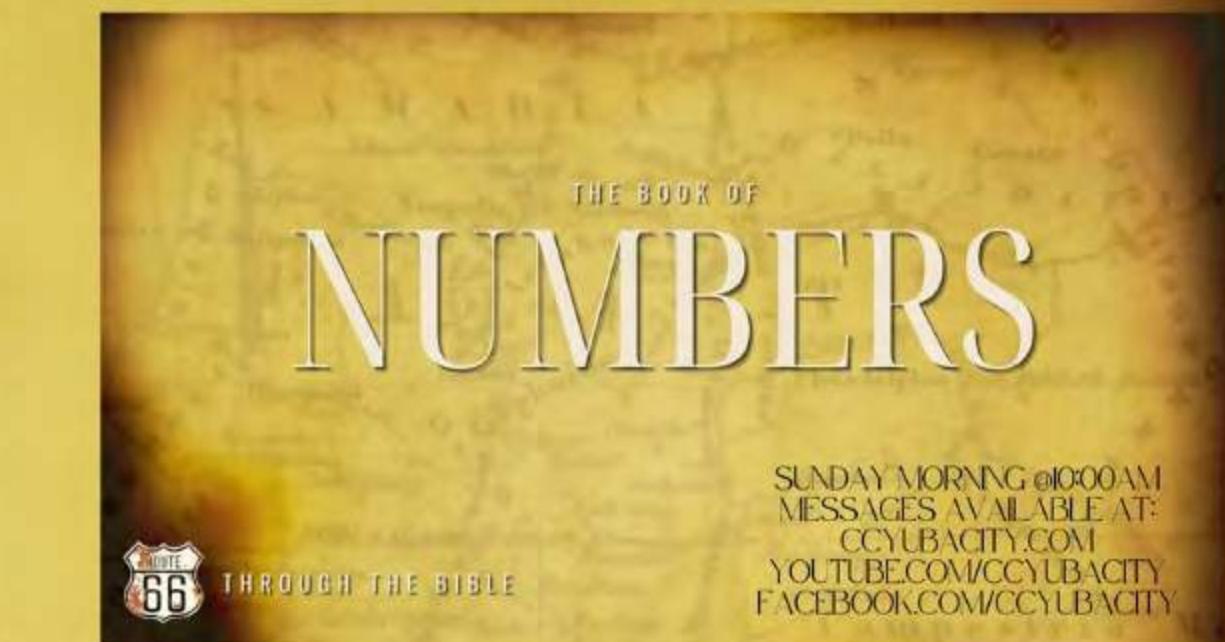
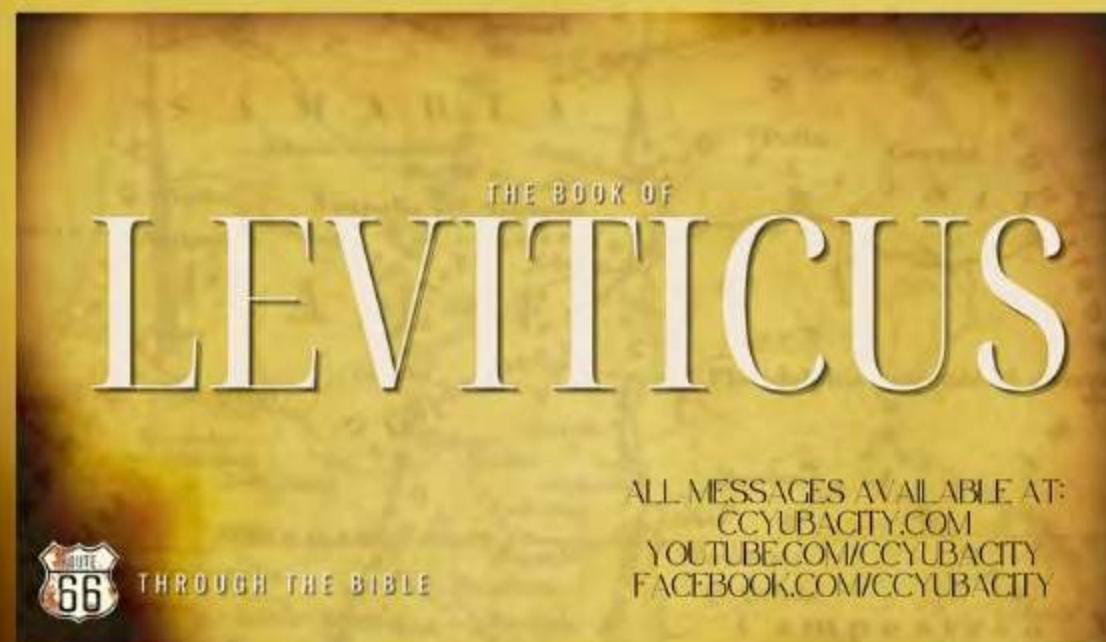
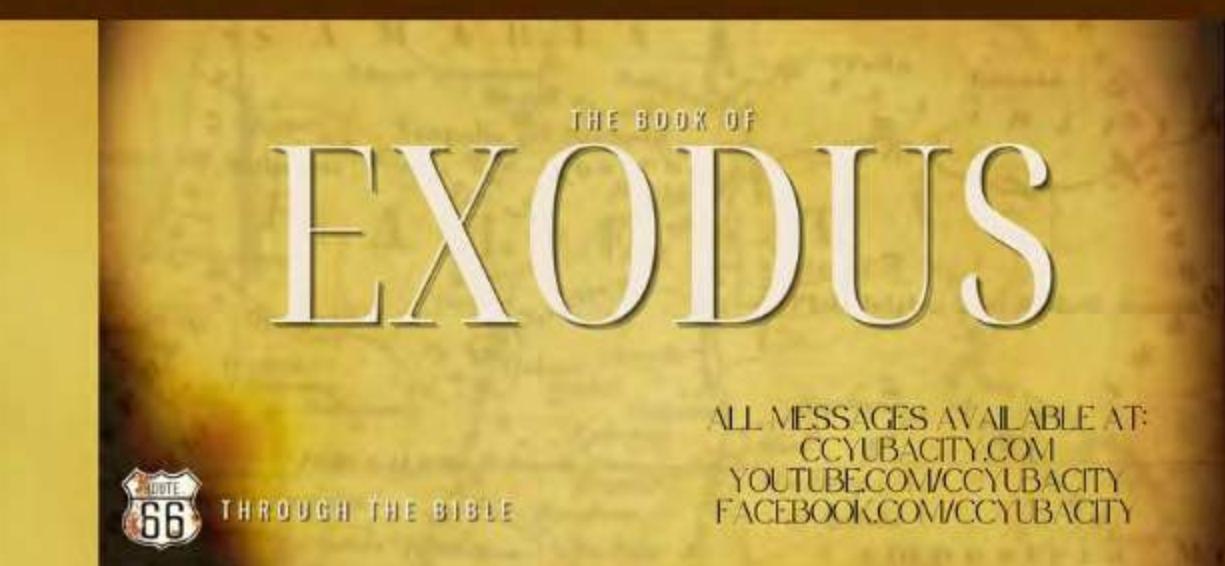
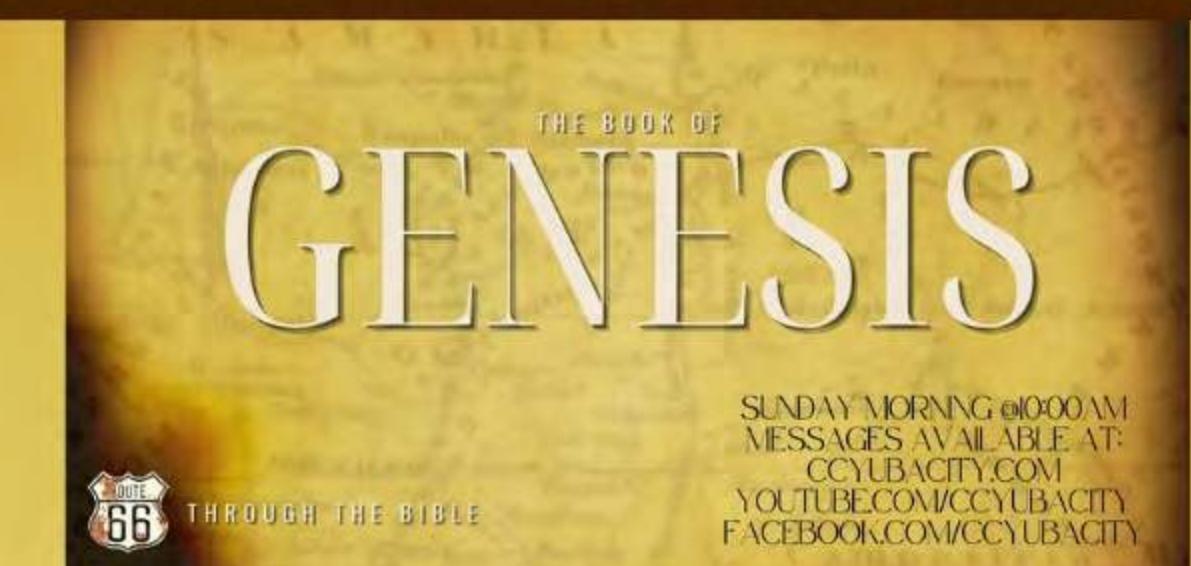
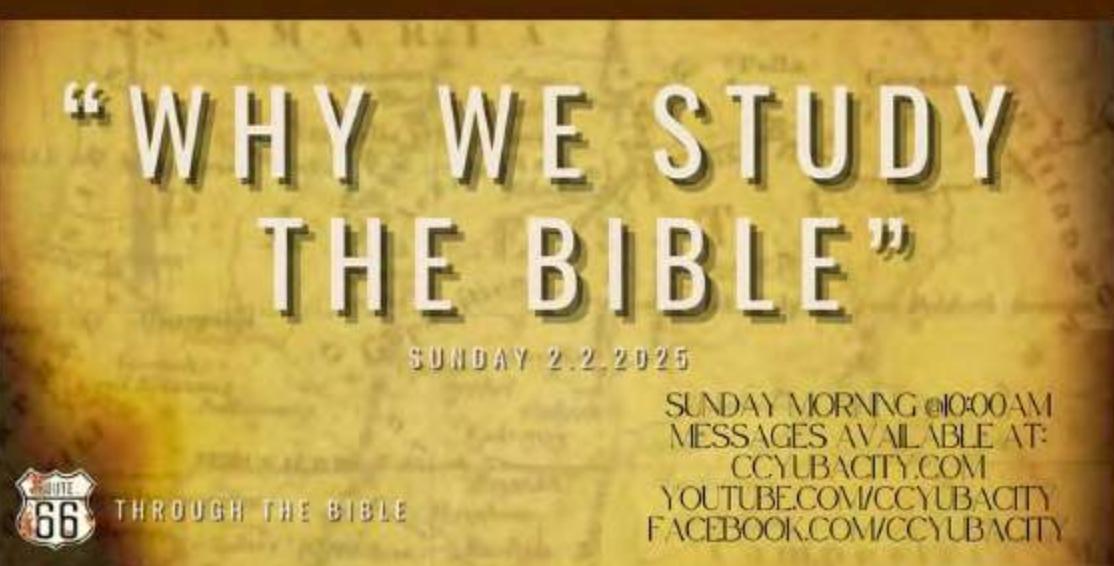
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Ruth 1:1: "**Now it came to pass, in the days when the judges ruled...**"



THE BOOK OF

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THE BOOK of RUTH:

“After the Book of Judges, Ruth is like a lovely lily floating calmly in a stagnant pool. Instead of un-faithfulness, is loyalty, instead of immorality, is purity. Instead of battlefields; are harvest fields, and instead of the warrior’s shout is the harvester’s song.”

(Dr. Graham Scroggie)

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BIBLE CONSTRUCTION:

The Pentateuch:

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

The Historical Books (Two Groups):

FORMER PROPHETS:

Joshua

Judges

1 & 2 Samuel

1 & 2 Kings

THE 'WRITINGS:'

1 & 2 Chronicles

Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job

**Psalms, Proverbs, Song of
Solomon, Ecclesiastes,**

Lamentations, Daniel

One of the
Festal Scrolls,
Read at
Pentecost

RUTH

BIBLE CONSTRUCTION:

ESTHER

**The Story of a
Jewish Woman
Taken to Live
Among the
Gentiles**

RUTH

**The Story of a
Gentile Woman
Who Comes to
Live Among
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FAST FACTS:

- Occurs During the Period of the Judges
- Most Likely Written by Samuel
- Not Much Earlier than 1000 BC

THE BOOK of RUTH:

RUTH

The Story of a Gentile Woman Who Comes to Live Among the Jews

SUMMARIZING RUTH:

Because of a famine in the land, a man named Elimelech—with his wife Naomi and their two sons (Mahlon & Chilion)—leave their home in Bethlehem for Moab.

“This was a definite departure from the Promised Land, and a return to the wilderness from which God had delivered Israel... [Elimelech] clearly [took] steps in the wrong direction” (David Guzik)



Mahlon = “SICK”
Chilion = “TIRED”



SUMMARIZING RUTH:

Elimelech dies... his sons marry two Moabite women – Orpah and Ruth. Then, Mahlon and Chilion die, leaving Naomi, Orpah, and Ruth alone.



SUMMARIZING RUTH:

Orpah Stays in Moab. Ruth says:

“Entreat me not to leave you, [Or to] turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people [shall be] my people, And your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. The LORD do so to me, and more also, If [anything but] death parts you and me.”

(Ruth 1:16-17)

“Ruth’s declaration of love for Naomi is as eloquent a passage as can be found [anywhere] in the whole range of world literature.”

(Dr. Graham Scroggie)



SUMMARIZING RUTH:

Ruth gathers bundles of wheat that have been dropped in the field by the harvesters of a prominent Jewish man named Boaz. (Leviticus 19:9-10)



AND THE STORY SHIFTS...

"The themes of the Book of Ruth are REDEMPTION, REVIVAL, and RESTORATION... This little love story shows how the Lord CLEARLY BREATHES LIFE into a situation that [is] lifeless... [it] ministers the message of HOPE to [any] who feel HOPE-less."

(Jon Courson)

THE KINSMAN-REDEEMER:

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THE 'LEVIRATE MARRIAGE'

See Deuteronomy 25:5-10

The Nearest Brother Would Perpetuate a Dead Man's Family Name/Line

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- The 'Goel' Would Perpetuate a Dead Man's Family Name/Line...
- He could "buy back" a fellow Israelite out of slavery (Lev. 25:48)...
- He was called to be the "avenger of blood," and make sure the murderer of a family member answered their crime (Num. 35:19)...
- He could buy back family land that had been forfeited (Lev. 25:25)...

"The 'goel,' the "kinsman-redeemer," was responsible to safeguard the persons, property, and the posterity of a family." (David Guzik)

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Ruth 2:20: "Naomi said to [Ruth]... 'This man [Boaz] is a relation of ours, one of our close relatives" ('Goels).



**BOAZ is
a GOEL!**

**BOAZ was a SPECIAL
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Ruth 3:12: "It is true that I am a (Goel) however... there IS [another Goel] closer than I."



THE KINSMAN-REDEEMER:

Ruth 3:13: "Stay this night, and in the morning it shall be [that] if he will perform the duty of a close relative for you--good; let him do it..."

But if he does not want to perform the duty for you, then I will perform the duty for you, [as] the LORD lives!"



THE BOOK of RUTH:

“The Book of Ruth presents several grand themes, each of which merit exploration and elaboration.”

3 THINGS to DRAW OUT:

- **RELATIONSHIP LESSONS**
- **HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**
- **A PICTURE of JESUS in BOAZ**



THE BOOK of RUTH:

Relationship Lessons

“The Book of Ruth ennobles the beauty of commitment and friendship and underscores the values of family commitment.”

RUTH: RELATIONSHIP LESSONS

RUTH HONORS HER COMMITMENT ORPAH DOES NOT

Ruth 1:10: “Surely we will return with you to your people.”

Ruth 1:14-15: “Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. [Naomi] said, “...your sister-in-law has gone back to her people... return after your sister-in-law.”

“Don’t back out of a commitment you make to a friend, even if it means personal sacrifice. Practice loyalty! Ruth is a supreme example one who prioritized personal relationships. She exemplifies loyalty, servanthood, diligence, and moral righteousness. Much grief [will] be avoided when we learn to relate to one another in [genuine, Biblical] love & understanding.”

RUTH: RELATIONSHIP LESSONS

“We can’t say that Ruth and Boaz “dated”... They were not paired off as a couple with one-on-one time... rather, they spent their time together in the context of a group - the men & women who worked for Boaz. From God’s perspective, there is much about the “dating game” that works AGAINST forming healthy, lasting relationships. For many people, dating means the continual making & breaking of casual romantic relationships - patterns that teach us more about how to end a relationship than make them last. Additionally, “dating” is usually a superficial way to get to know someone...”

RUTH: RELATIONSHIP LESSONS

Each person in a dating relationship tends to put on a mask for the other. Many women have been deceived into thinking a man is a good, nice man because he is nice on a date. But, often, he is nice because he wants something! A better gauge to measure someone is to see how they act towards others in a group setting - because sooner or later, that is how they are going to treat you. Over a period of harvests, Ruth and Boaz got to know each other pretty well - by seeing what kind of people the other was around a large group, not by dating in the way it is thought of today."

(David Guzik | EnduringWord.com)

RUTH: RELATIONSHIP LESSONS

The Way God Brought Ruth & Boaz Together Was **SOVEREIGN**

Ruth 2:3: “[Ruth] gleaned in the field... AND SHE HAPPENED to come to the part of the field [belonging] to Boaz...”

GOD WAS GUIDING HER

RUTH: RELATIONSHIP LESSONS

The Way God Brought Ruth & Boaz Together Was **SOVEREIGN**

Boaz **NOTICED** Ruth

Ruth 2:5: **“Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, ‘Whose young woman is this?’”**

Boaz **LOOKED OUT FOR RUTH'S BEST INTERESTS**

Ruth 2:8-9: **“Do not go to glean in another field... stay close by my young women. [Let] your eyes [be] on the field which they reap, and go after them. I [have] commanded the young men not to touch you... When you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn.”**

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Ruth 2:11-12: **"It has been... reported to me, all that you have done for your mother-in-law... and [how] you have left your father and... mother and the land of your birth, and have come to a people whom you did not know before. The LORD repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the LORD..."**

VS. 13: **"Let me find favor in your sight, my lord; for you have comforted me, and have spoken to the heart of your maidservant..."**

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Ruth 2:14: **“Boaz said to her, ‘Come... and eat of the bread, and dip your piece of bread in the vinegar.’ So she sat beside the reapers, and he passed parched [grain] to her; and she ate...”**

[First Hint of Romantic Attraction???]



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Ruth 2:15-16: **"When [Ruth] rose-up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, "Let her glean... among the sheaves, and do not reproach her. [And] let [grain] from the bundles fall purposely for her; leave [it] that she may glean, and do not rebuke her."**

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Their Relationship Was Not Based on **APPEARANCE, but RESPECT**

Ruth 3:10: **“Blessed are you of the Lord, my daughter! For you did not go after young men...”**  *(Perhaps an Age-Gap???)*

Boaz was kind enough to not act as ***goel*** towards Ruth unless Ruth desired it

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PERSONAL HYGIENE MATTERS

Ruth 3:3: **"Wash yourself and anoint yourself, put on your best garment... but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking."**

"Naomi, in her advice to Ruth, showed a keen knowledge of male behavior. She instructed Ruth to make herself pretty and smelling good, and to leave Boaz alone while he ate."

RUTH: RELATIONSHIP LESSONS

Trust God's **SOVEREIGNTY**

NOTICE the Person

ENCOURAGE the Person

INCLUDE the Person

LOOK OUT FOR THEIR BEST INTERESTS

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A Relationship Not Based on **APPEARANCE, but RESPECT**

PERSONAL HYGIENE MATTERS

**SINGLES: THESE ARE THE
THINGS TO LOOK FOR!**

RUTH: RELATIONSHIP LESSONS

Ruth 1:9: **“The Lord grant that you may find rest,
EACH in the house of her husband.”**

Ruth 3:1: **“Shall I not seek security for you?”**

REST/SECURITY:

מְנוּחָה **mənūhâ** = ‘Comfort, Ease, Quiet, Stillness’

*“God intends that marriage be
a place—and source—of rest,
peace, refreshment, and
security in our lives.”*

**FOR ALL THE
MARRIED FOLKS!**

RUTH: HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Ruth 4:17: **“There is a son born to Naomi.” And they called his name Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.”**

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VS. 18-22: **“Perez begot Hezron; Hezron begot Ram, and Ram begot Amminadab; Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon; Salmon begot Boaz, and Boaz begot Obed; Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David.”**

Ruth and Boaz are the Great Grand-Parents of King David!

“[This] concluding genealogy gave a secure link with the patriarchs—thus giving an answer to all in Israel who desired their king’s family background.”



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Jesus Descends From Judah (see Gen. 49:9)

"Here is... a record of the genealogy of David, the king of Israel appointed by God to sire the line leading to the Messiah's royal and endless rule."



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“How Did God Orchestrate for Jesus to be Born in Bethlehem?”

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- 1 Sam. 17:12: “Now **David was the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehem Judah, whose name was Jesse.**”
- Luke 2:3-4: “All went to be registered, everyone to his own city. **Joseph... went up from Galilee... to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David...**”

**RUTH & BOAZ ARE WHY JESUS
WAS BORN IN BETHLEHEM!**

RUTH: HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

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*“God’s hand is ALL OVER history. He works out His purpose, generation after generation. Limited as we are to a lifetime, each of us sees **so little** of what happens. A genealogy is a striking way of bringing before us the continuity of God’s purpose through the ages.*

The process of history is NOT arbitrary. There is a purpose. And the purpose... is the purpose of God. From eternity, God planned to bring Ruth and Boaz together, and thus make Bethlehem His entry-point for the coming of Jesus as our Savior.”

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RUTH: HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Ruth Introduces the Universal Scope of God's Plan

- Ruth 1:4: “**They took wives of the women of Moab**: the name of the one was... Ruth.”
- VS. 16: “Ruth said [to Naomi]: ‘Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God.’
- (Genealogy of Jesus): “**Boaz begot Obed by Ruth**, Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David the king” (Matt. 1:5-6)

THE FACT THAT RUTH WAS A
GENTILE WAS A BIG DEAL!
HER BEING MENTIONED IN THE
LINE OF THE MESSIAH IS HUGE!

RUTH: HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

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**"He Himself is our peace, who has made both one,
and had broken down the middle wall of separation,
[and] abolished in His flesh the enmity... so as to
create in Himself one new man from the two..."**

Ephesians 2:14-16

**THE BOOK OF RUTH ANTICIPATES
THE NEW TESTAMENT
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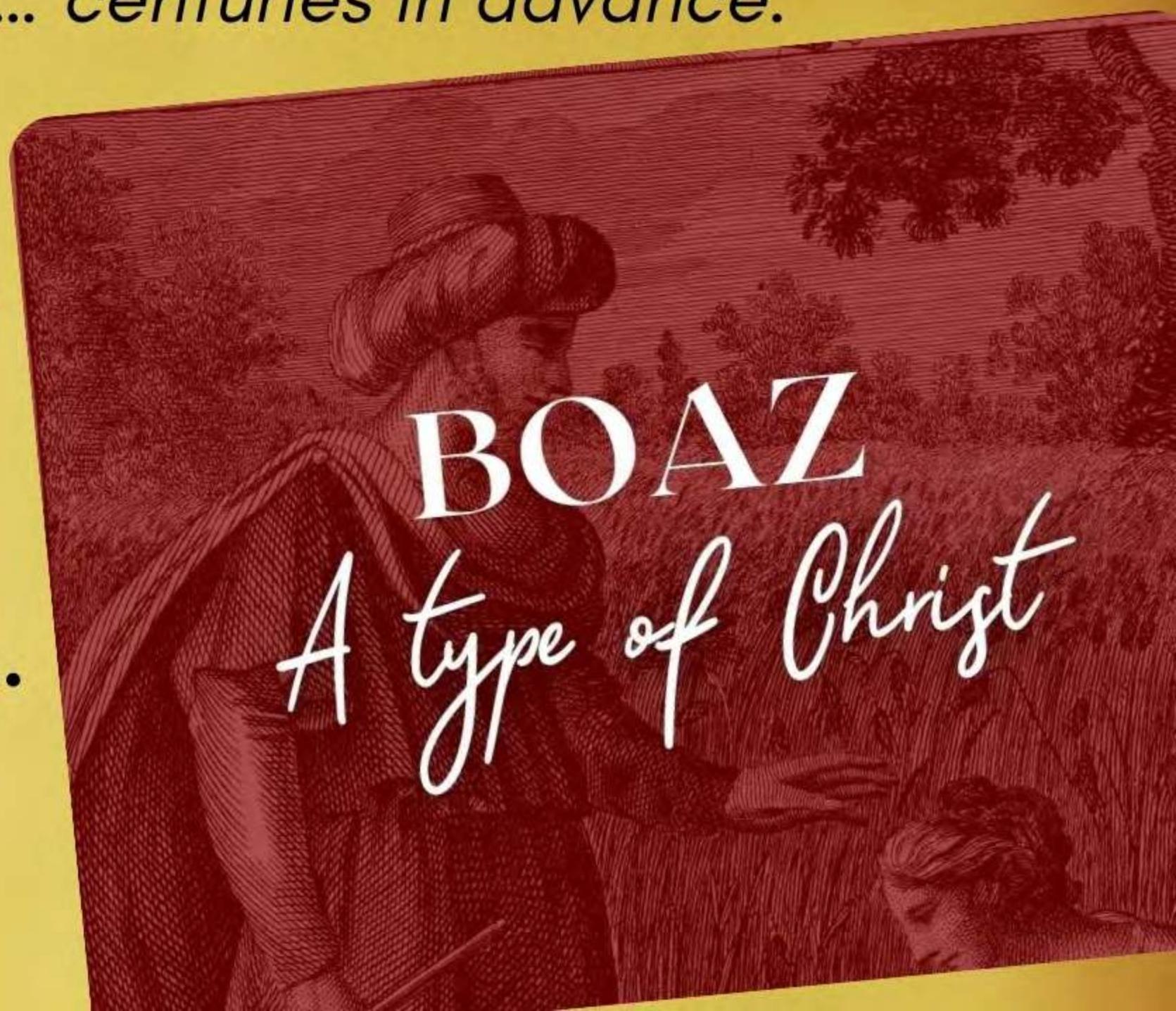
"One of the designs of [the Book of Ruth] is to trace the descent of David...and to show that the Gentiles are not outside the scope of God's redeeming love." **Dr. Graham Scroggie**

"The inclusion of... Ruth, as a Gentile participant in Israel's kingly line, demonstrates God's love as it reaches out to ALL the nations of the world. He not only incorporates Gentiles in His salvation, but employs non-Jewish people as instruments in His redemptive program. The message of Ruth does away with any tendencies towards 'exclusivism,' whether in Israel at THAT time, or found in any group's traditions today."

BOAZ: A PICTURE OF JESUS

“Boaz presents one of the most dramatic figures anywhere in the Old Testament to foreshadow the redeeming work of Jesus... Here is a magnificent silhouette of the Master... centuries in advance.”

- **Boaz means “Strength”...**
- **He is the Lord of the Harvest (2:3)...**
- **A Giver of Bread (3:15)...**
- **A Giver of Rest (3:1)...**
- **A Man of Wealth (2:1)...**
- **And the Kinsman-Redeemer (2:20)...**



BOAZ: A PICTURE OF JESUS

- The kinsman-redeemer had to be a family member—Jesus adds humanity to His deity so that He could be “related” to us...
- The kinsman-redeemer could buy family members out of slavery—Jesus redeemed us from the slavery of sin/death...
- The kinsman-redeemer could buy-back land that had been forfeited—Jesus redeems the earth that mankind “forfeited” to Satan...
- Boaz is motivated by love—Jesus is motivated out of love for us...
- Boaz takes Ruth as bride... We are Jesus’ “bride” (Eph. 5:31-32; Rev. 21:9)...
- Boaz bring Ruth into the family of the Messiah... Jesus makes us—who were “once strangers and foreigners—fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God”...
- Boaz did not FORCE HIMSELF on Ruth... Jesus WANTS a relationship with us, if WE are willing...

BOAZ: A PICTURE OF JESUS

“Ruth’s inability to do anything to change her situation typifies absolute human helplessness, and Boaz’s willingness to pay the complete price foreshadows Christ’s full payment for our salvation.”

“This is why [Jesus] became a man. God could have sent an angel to save us, but the angel would not have been our kinsman. Jesus—WITHOUT the addition of humanity—would have saved us, but not have been our kinsman. A great prophet or priest could be our kinsman, but SIN would have disqualified him as our redeemer. Only Jesus, the eternal God who BECAME LIKE US... can be both the kinsman and the redeemer for mankind!” **(David Guzik)**

“It was... the duty of the goel—the kinsman-redeemer—not only to redeem by price, but... to redeem by power... and [only Jesus] has wrought [both of these] for us...” **(Charles Spurgeon)**

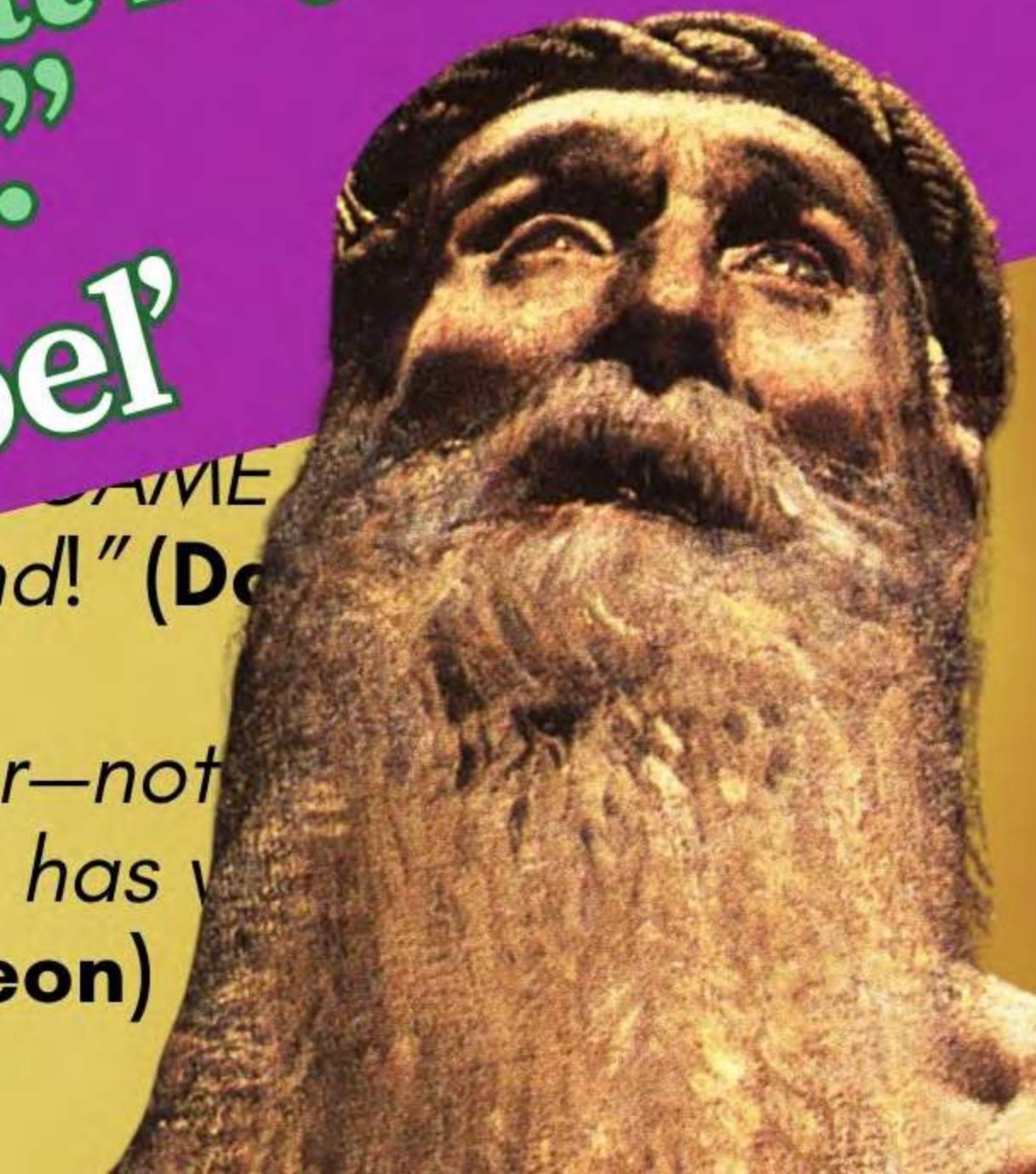
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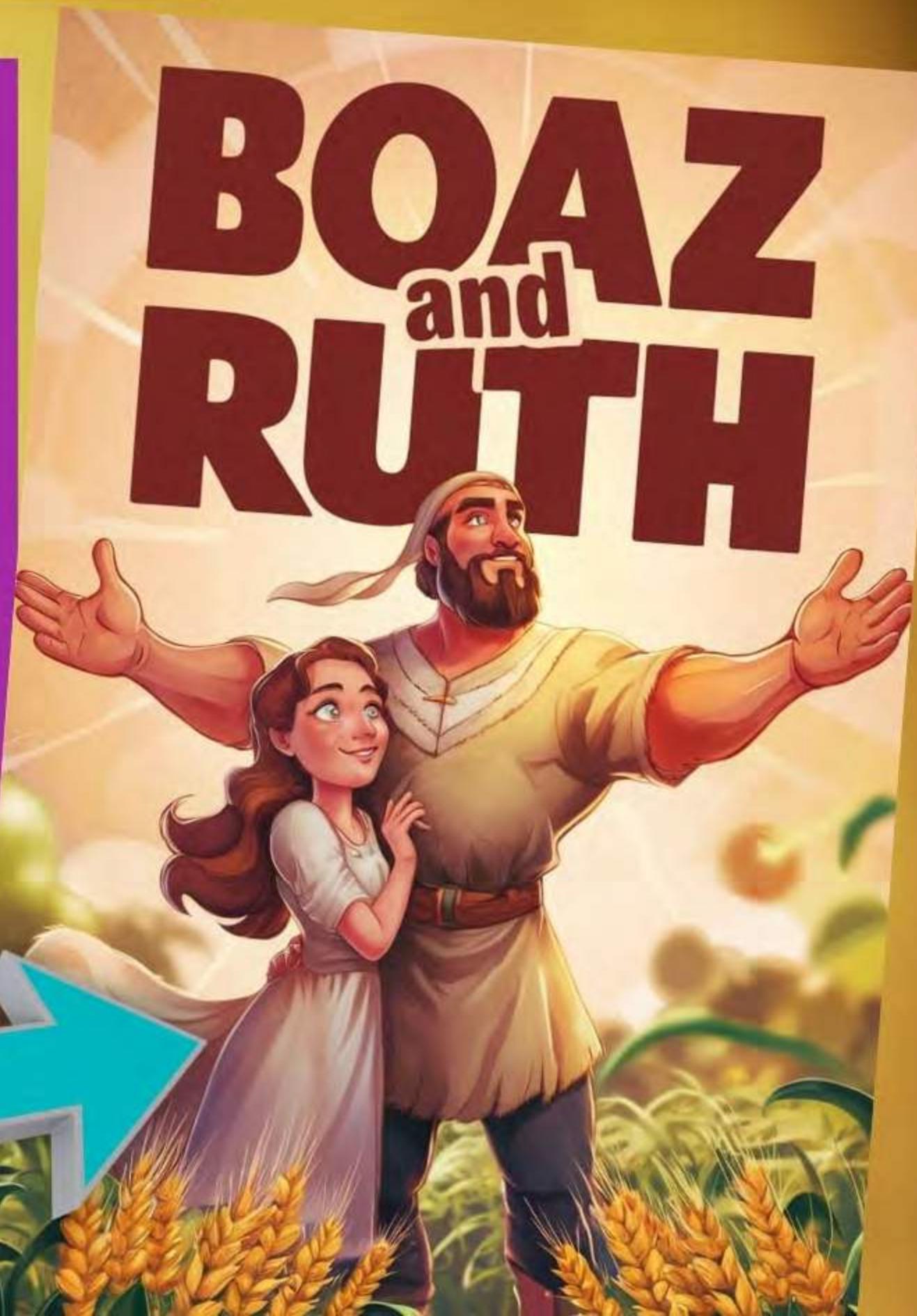
Job 19:25: "I know that my Redeemer lives..."
REDEEMER = 'Goel'

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THE LORD as our GOEL:

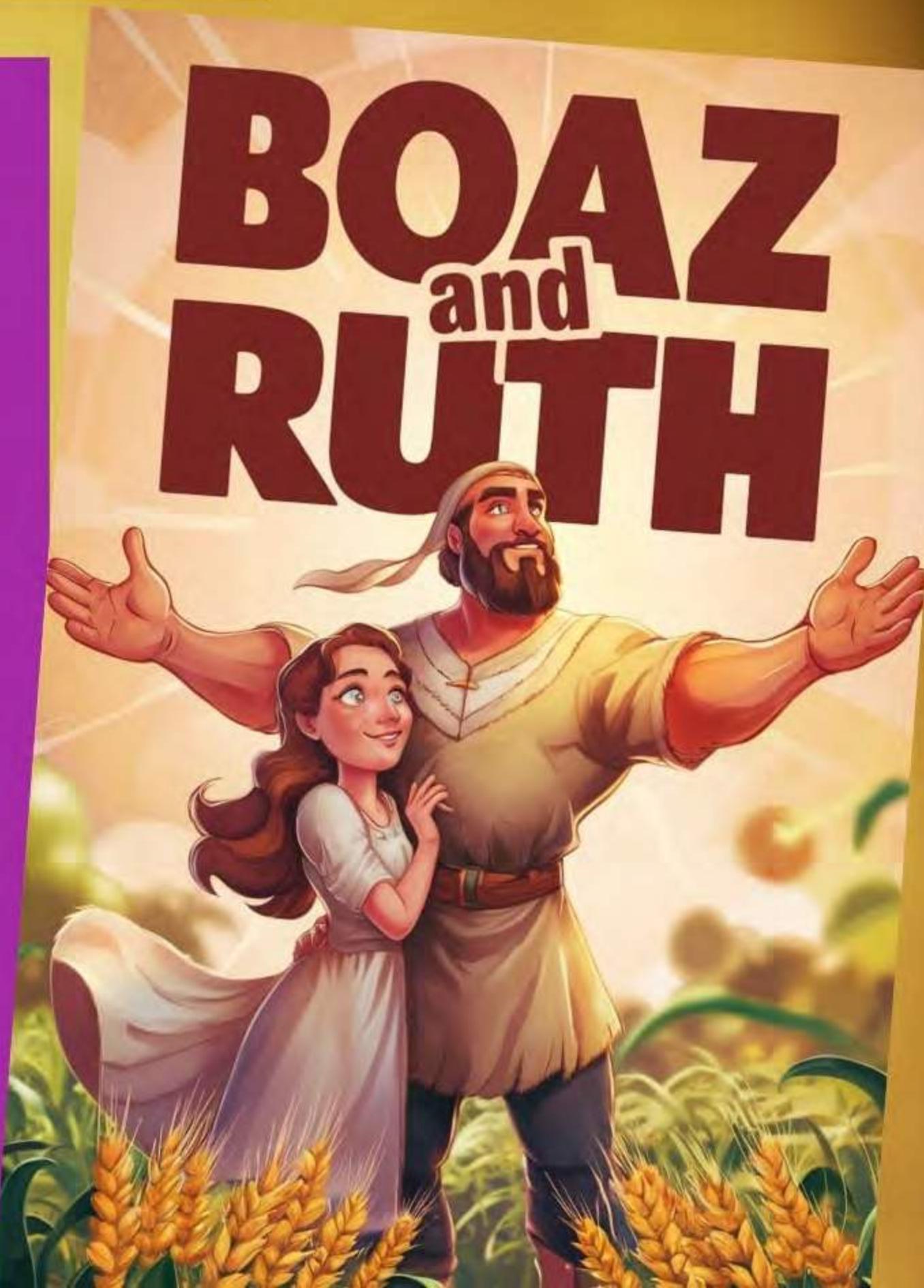
Isaiah 54:5-6: “Do not fear, for you will not be disgraced... you will not be put to shame . . . your [Kinsman] Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel . . . For the Lord has called you like a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit . . . with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you, says the Lord, your [Kinsman] Redeemer.”



READ the BOOK of RUTH:

“The story is told... that—when Benjamin Franklin was Ambassador to France—he spoke to a group of an intellectuals who scoffed at his belief in the Bible. Unconvinced that these men were familiar with the book they mocked, Franklin said, ‘By the way, gentlemen... I have come across an intriguing love story that I would like to read for you tonight. I think you’ll find it interesting.’ Franklin then proceeded to read a handwritten copy of the Book of Ruth. After he finished, his audience was ecstatic. ‘That is the greatest love story we’ve ever heard! You must publish it!’ Franklin said, ‘It is already published. It’s in the Bible.’ And the scoffers were silenced.”

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THE BOOK OF
SAMUEL

**RISE OF THE
KING**

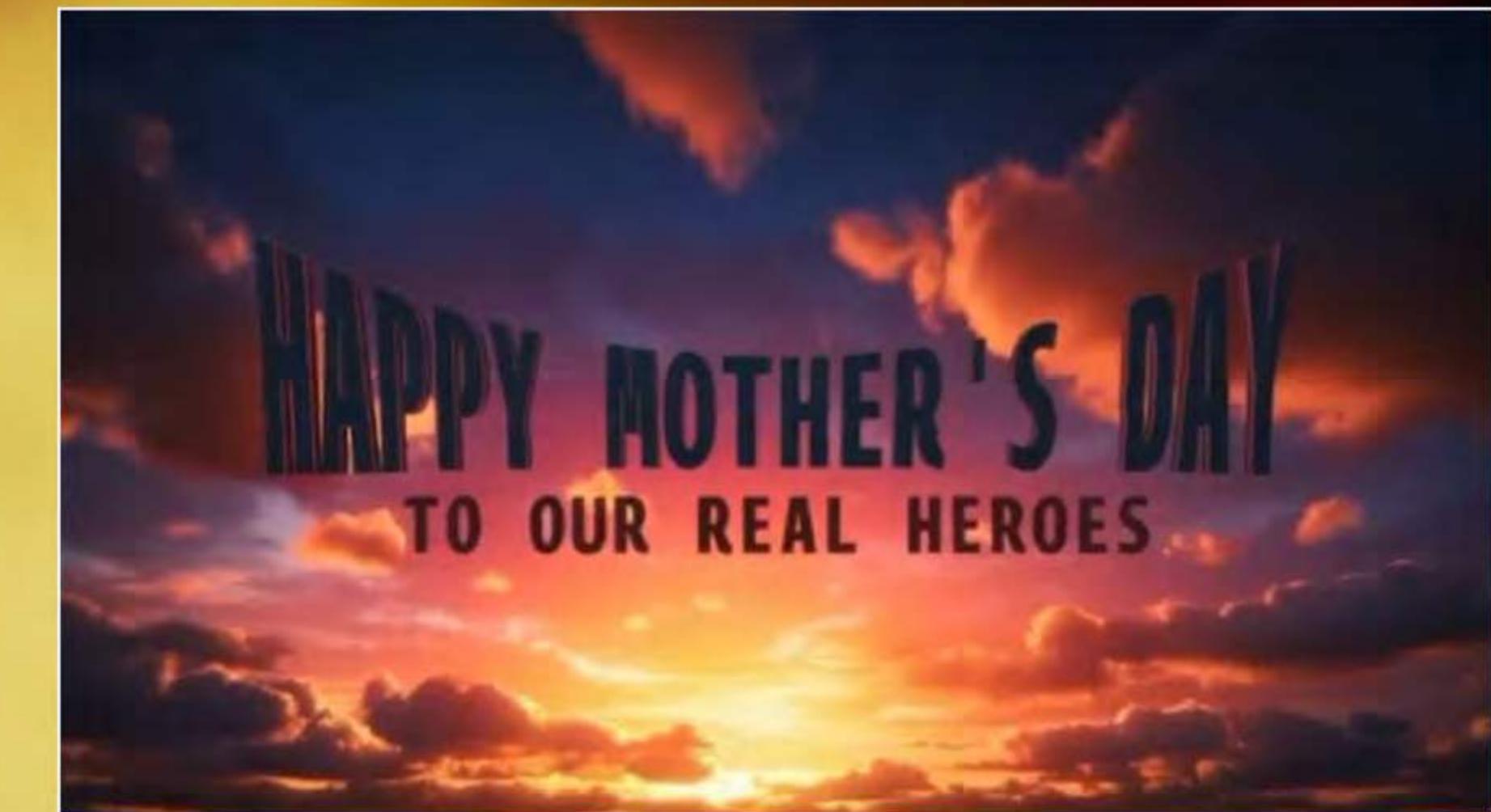


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