BIBLE STUDY

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INCLUSIO IN LEVITICUS

A. LAWS AGAINST SEXUAL ABERATIONS: DO NOT UNCOVER THE NAKEDNESS OF… (LEV. 18:6-20).

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A. LAWS AGAINST SEXUAL ABERATIONS: DO NOT UNCOVER THE NAKEDNESS OF… (LEV. 20:10-21)

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Act 2

In the Barley Fields of Boaz

**Narrator:** Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of

Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. And Ruth the Moabite spoke to Naomi.

**Ruth**: Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor.”

**Naomi**: Go, my daughter.

**Narrator**: So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech. And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem.

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**Boaz** (to the reapers): Yahweh be with you!

**Reapers:** Yahweh bless you.

**Boaz** (to his young man who was in charge of the reapers): Whose young woman is this?

**The servant** (who was in charge of the reapers): She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. She said, ‘Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.’ So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest.”

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**Boaz** (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. 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.

**Narrator:** Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground and spoke to him.

**Ruth**: Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?

**Boaz**: 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. Yahweh repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by Yahweh, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!

**Ruth**: I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, though I am not one of your servants.

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**Boaz** (at mealtime): Come here and eat some bread and dip your morsel in the wine.

**Narrator**: So she sat beside the reapers, and he passed to her roasted grain. And she ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over. When she rose to glean, Boaz instructed his young men.

**Boaz**: Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her. And also pull out some from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean, and do not rebuke her.

**Narrator**: So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.

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Gleaning and the Law

Leviticus 19:9-10 ‘Now when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest. **10**Nor shall you glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the needy and for the stranger. I am Yahweh your God.

### Leviticus 23:22 When you reap the harvest of your land, moreover, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field nor gather the gleaning of your harvest; you are to leave them for the needy and the alien. I am Yahweh your God.’”

### Deuteronomy 24:19-21 “When you reap your harvest in your field and have forgotten a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the alien, for the orphan, and for the widow, in order that Yahweh your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. 20When you beat your olive tree, you shall not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the alien, for theorphan, and for the widow. 21“When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not go over it again; it shall be for the alien, for the orphan, and for the widow.

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1 Then Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying: 2 “Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘You shall be holy, for **I Yahweh your God** am holy. 3 Every one of you shall reverence his mother and his father, and you shall keep My Sabbaths; **I am Yahweh your God.** 4 Do not turn to idols or make for yourselves molten gods; **I am Yahweh your God.**

Now when you offer a sacrifice of peace offerings to Yahweh, you shall offer it so that you may be accepted. 6 It shall be eaten the same day you offer it, and the next day; but what remains until the third day shall be burned with fire. 7 So if it is eaten at all on the third day, it is an offense; it will not be accepted.

8 Everyone who eats it will bear his iniquity, for he has profaned the holy thing of Yahweh; and that person shall be cut off from his people. 9 Now when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest. 10 Nor shall you glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the needy and for the stranger. **I am Yahweh your God.**

11 You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another. 12 You shall not swear falsely by My name, so as to profane the name of your God; **I am Yahweh.** 13 You shall not oppress your neighbor nor rob him. The wages of a hired man are not to remain with you all night until morning. 14 You shall not curse a deaf man, nor place a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall revere your God; **I am Yahweh**. 15 You shall do no injustice in judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor nor defer to the great, but you are to judge your neighbor fairly. 16 You shall not go about as a slanderer among your people, and you are not to act against the life of your neighbor; **I am Yahweh**. 17 You shall not hate your brother in your heart; you may surely reprove your neighbor, but shall not incur sin because of him. 18 You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; **I am Yahweh.**

19 You are to keep my statutes. You shall not breed together two kinds of your cattle; you shall not sow your field with two kinds of seed, nor wear a garment upon you of two kinds of material mixed together.

20 Now if a man lies carnally with a woman who is a slave acquired for another man, but who has in no way been redeemed nor given her freedom, there shall be punishment; they shall not, however, be put to death, because she was not free. 21 He shall bring his guilt offering to Yahweh to the doorway of the tent of meeting, a ram for a guilt offering.

22 The priest shall also make atonement for him with the ram of the guilt offering before Yahweh for his sin which he has committed, and the sin which he has committed will be forgiven him.

23 When you enter the land and plant all kinds of trees for food, then you shall count their fruit as forbidden. Three years it shall be forbidden to you; it shall not be eaten. 24 in the fourth year all its fruit shall be holy, an offering of praise to Yahweh.

25 In the fifth year you are to eat of its fruit, that its yield may increase for you; **I am Yahweh your God.** 26 You shall not eat anything with the blood, nor practice divination or soothsaying. 27 You shall not round off the

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sidegrowth of your heads nor harm the edges of your beard. 28 You shall not make any cuts in your body for the dead nor make any tattoo marks on yourselves; **I am Yahweh**. 29 Do not profane your daughter by making her a harlot so that the land will not fall to harlotry and the land become full of lewdness. 30 You shall keep My Sabbaths and revere My sanctuary; **I am Yahweh**. 31 Do not turn to mediums or spiritists; do not seek them out to be defiled by them. **I am Yahweh your God**.

32 You shall rise up before the grayheaded and honor the aged,, and you shall revere your God; **I am Yahweh.** 33 When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. 34 The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; **I am Yahweh your God**.

35 You shall do no wrong in judgment, in measurement of weight, or capacity. 36 You shall have just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin; **I am Yahweh your God**, who brought you out from the land of Egypt. 37 You shall thus keep all My statutes and all My ordinances and do them; **I am Yahweh**.

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Ruth 2:12 [Boaz to Ruth]: May Yahweh reward your work and your wages be full from Yahweh, the God of Israel, under whose wings (canaf)/edge of cloak you have come to seek refuge.”

Ruth 3:9 [Ruth to Boaz]: I am Ruth your maid. So spread the edge of your cloak (canaf)/ wings over your maid, for you are a kinsman redeemer.”

Ezekiel 16:8 [Yahweh to Israel concerning a marriage covenant]: “I spread the edge of my cloak (canaf)/wings over you, and covered your nakedness: I pledged Myself to you and entered into covenant with you…and you became mine.”

Malachi 4:2 [Yahweh says to His people]: But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with **healing** in its wings (canaf/edge of his cloak), and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall.”

Luke 8:43-48 And a woman who had a hemorrhage for twelve years, and could not be **healed** by anyone, came up behind Him and touched the hem of His **cloak**, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. And Jesus said, “Who is the one who touched Me? And… Peter said, “Master, the people are crowding and pressing in on You.” 46 But Jesus said, “Someone did touch Me, for I was aware that power had gone out of Me.” …The woman came trembling and fell down before Him, and declared in the presence of all the people the reason why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately **healed**. And He said, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.

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**Genesis 35:19** So Rachel (after giving birth to a son she called “Son of my Sorrow) died and she was buried on the way to Ephratha, that is, **Bethlehem**.

**Judges 17:7-9** Now there was a young man from **Bethlehem** in Judah, of the family of Judah, who was a Levite; and he was staying there. Then the man departed from the city, from **Bethlehem** in Judah, to stay wherever the might find a place; and as he made his journey, he came to the hill country of Ephraim to the house of Micah. [what follow is the story of the Levite becoming a priest for an idol]

**Judges 19:1-2** Now it came about in those days, when there was no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite…who took a concubine for himself from **Bethlehem** in Judah. [What follows is the story of the Levite leaving Bethlehem after retrieving his concubine, and staying in a town where Benjaminites act like Sodomites.]

**Ruth 1:1** Now it came about in the days when the judges judged, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of **Bethlehem** in Judah went to sojourn in the land of Moab…

**1 Samuel 16** Now the LORD said to Samuel, “…Fill your horn with oil and gg; I will send you to Jesse the **Bethlehem**ite, for I have selected a king for Myself among his sons.”

**1 Samuel 17:12** Now David was the son of the Ephrathite of **Bethlehem** in Judah, whose name was Jesse, and he had eight sons.

**Jeremiah 31:15** Thus says the LORD, “A voice is heard in Ramah, Lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.”

**Micah 5:2** But as for you, **Bethlehem** Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity.

**Matthew 2:1, 5, 6** Now after Jesus was born in **Bethlehem** of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem…

[Herod asks the Jewish scribes where the Messiah was to be born and they replied,] “In **Bethlehem** of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet: ‘And you **Bethlehem**, land of Judah, are by no means least among the leaders of Judah; for out of ou shall come forth a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

**2:8** And Herod sent them to **Bethlehem** and said, “Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him.”

**2:16-18** Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in **Bethlehem** and all its vicinity from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined fro the magi. Then what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children; and she refused to be comforted, because they were no more.”

**Luke 2:4** Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called **Bethlehem**, because he was of the house and family of David…

**Luke 2:15** When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, “Let us go straight to **Bethlehem** then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made know to us.”

**John 7:42 [**The people around Jesus said], “Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the descendants of David, and from **Bethlehem**, the village where David was?”

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