BIBLE STUDY

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Act 4

At the Gate of the City

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

**Boaz**: Turn aside, so and so; sit down here.

**Narrator**: And he turned aside and sat down. And Boaz took ten men of the elders of the city.

**Boaz**: Sit down here.

**Narrator**: So they sat down. Then he spoke to the redeemer.

**Boaz:** Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our relative Elimelech. 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.

**Kinsman Redeemer:** I will redeem it.

**Boaz** : 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.

**Kinsman Redeemer**: I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it.

**Narrator**: Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one drew off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was the manner of attesting in Israel. So when the redeemer said to Boaz, “Buy it for yourself,” he drew off his sandal.

**Boaz** (to the elders and all the people): You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and to Mahlon. Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day.

**All the people who were at the gate and the elders**: We are witnesses. May YAHWEH make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you act worthily in Ephrathah and be called a name (renowned) in Bethlehem, and may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring that YAHWEH will give you by this young woman.

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**Narrator**: So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and YAHWEH gave her conception, and she bore a son.

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**The women** (to Naomi): Blessed be YAHWEH, who has not left you this day without a kinsman redeemer, and may he be called a name (his name be renowned) in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer (return) 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.

**Narrator:** Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her lap and became his nurse. And the women of the neighborhood called him a name (gave him a name).

**Women**: A son has been born to Naomi.

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**Narrator**: They called the name of him (named him) Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Now these are the generations of Perez: Perez fathered Hezron, Hezron fathered Ram, Ram fathered Amminadab, Amminadab fathered Nahshon, Nahshon fathered Salmon, Salmon fathered Boaz, Boaz fathered Obed, Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David.

**Blessings in Ruth**

[**Ruth 1:8**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ruth+1:8&version=NASB) And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “ **May** Yahweh deal kindly with you as you have dealt with the dead and with me. **May** Yahweh grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband.”

[**Ruth 2:4**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ruth+2:4&version=NASB) Now behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem and said to the reapers, “**May** Yahweh be with you.” And they said to him, “**May** Yahweh bless you.”

[**Ruth 2:12**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ruth+2:12&version=NASB) [Boaz to Ruth] **May** Yahweh reward your work, and your wages be full from Yahweh, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge.”

[**Ruth 2:19**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ruth+2:19&version=NASB) Her mother-in-law then said to her, “Where did you glean today and where did you work? **May** he who took notice of you be blessed.” Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, “**May** he be blessed of Yahweh who has not withdrawn his kindness to the living and to the dead.”

[**Ruth 3:10**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ruth+3:10&version=NASB) Then Boaz said, “**May** you be blessed of Yahweh, my daughter. You have shown your last kindness to be better than the first by not going after young men, whether poor or rich.

[**Ruth 4:11**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ruth+4:11&version=NASB) All the people who were in the court, and the elders, said, “*We are* witnesses. **May** Yahweh make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, both of whom built the house of Israel; and **may** you achieve wealth in Ephrathah and become famous in Bethlehem. Moreover, **may** your house be like the house of Perez whom Tamar bore to Judah, through the offspring which Yahweh will give you by this young woman.”

[**Ruth 4:14**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ruth+4:14&version=NASB) Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed is Yahweh who has not left you without a redeemer today, and **may** his name become famous in Israel. **May** he also be to you a restorer of life and a sustainer of your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you and is better to you than seven sons, has given birth to him.”

Deuteronomy 25:5-10

(from a translation by Everett Fox)

5 When brothers dwell together and one of them dies, and a son he does not have, the wife of the dead-man is not to go outside (in marriage) to a strange man: her brother-in-law is to come to her and take her for himself as a wife, doing the brother-in-law’s duty by her. 6 Now it shall be they the firstborn that she bears will be established under the name of his dead brother, that his name not be blotted-out from Israel. 7 But if the man does not wish to take his sister-in-law, his sister-in-law is to go up to the gate, to the elders, and say: My brother-in-law refuses to establish for his brother a name in Israel, he will not consent to do a brother-in-law’s duty by me! 8 Then the elders of his town are to call for him and are to speak to him; and if he stands there and says: I do not wish to take her, 9 his sister-in-law is to approach him before the eyes of the elders, she is to draw off his sandal from his foot and is to spit in his face, then she is to speak up and say: Thus shall be done to the man that does not build up the house (family) of his brother! 10 His name is to be called in Israel: The House (family) of the Drawn-Off Sandal.

Redeemed

3[**Titus 2:14**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Titus+2:14&version=NASB) Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

2[**Isaiah 54:8**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+54:8&version=NASB) “In an outburst of anger I hid My face from you for a moment, But with everlasting lovingkindness I will have compassion on you,” Says the Lord your Redeemer.

1[**Exodus 6:6**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+6:6&version=NASB) Say, therefore, to the sons of Israel, ‘I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from their bondage. I will also redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.

3[**Galatians 4:5**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians+4:5&version=NASB) so that Christ might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

4[**Ruth 1:9**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ruth+1:9&version=NASB)

May the Lord grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband.” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept.

3[**Isaiah 44:22**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+44:22&version=NASB) “I have wiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud And your sins like a heavy mist. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you.”

1. God’s redemptive work is first pictured in the delivery of His people from Egypt.

2. God’s redemptive work is based on His love.

3. God’s redemptive work not only includes physical delivery but spiritual delivery.

4. God’s redemptive work brings rest to those who need it.

**4Jeremiah 50:34** Their Redeemer is strong; the LORD of hosts is His name. He will surely plead their cause, that He may give rest to the earth…

3[**Galatians 3:13**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians+3:13&version=NASB) Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”—

2[**Psalm 103:4**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+103:4&version=NASB) Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion;

1[**Isaiah 51:10**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+51:10&version=NASB)Was it not You who dried up the sea, The waters of the great deep; Who made the depths of the sea a pathway For the redeemed to cross over?

3[**1 Peter 1:18**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Peter+1:18&version=NASB) knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, **19**but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, *the blood* of Christ.

Daniel 6

1 It seemed good to Darius to appoint 120 satraps over the kingdom, that they would be in charge of the whole kingdom, 2 and over them three commissioners (of whom Daniel was one), that these satraps might be accountable to them, and that the king might not suffer loss. 3 Then this Daniel began distinguishing himself among the commissioners and satraps because he possessed an extraordinary spirit, and the king planned to appoint him over the entire kingdom. 4 Then the commissioners and satraps began **trying to find a ground of accusation against Daniel**; **but they could find no ground of accusation or evidence of corruption,** inasmuch as he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption was to be found in him. 5 Then these men said, “We will not find any ground of accusation against this Daniel unless we find it against him with regard to the law of his God.”

6 Then these commissioners and satraps came by agreement to the king and spoke to him as follows: “King Darius, live forever! 7 All the commissioners of the kingdom. . .have consulted together that the king should establish a statute and enforce an injunction that anyone who makes a petition to any god or man besides you, O king, for thirty days, shall be cast into the lions’ den. 8 Now, O king, establish the injunction and sign the document so that it may not be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which may not be revoked.” 9 Therefore King Darius signed the document. . . 10 Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house. . .and he **continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying** and giving thanks before his God**, as he had been doing previously.** 11 Then these men came by agreement and **found Daniel making petition and supplication before his God.** 12 Then they approached and spoke before the king, “Did you not sign an injunction that any man who makes a petition to any god or man besides you, O king, for thirty days, is to be cast into the lion’s den?” The king replied, “The statement is true. . . 13 Then they answered the king, “Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the injunction which you signed, but keeps making his petition three times a day.” 14 Then, as soon as the king heard this statement, he was deeply distressed and **set his mind on delivering Daniel**; and even until sunset **he kept exerting himself to rescue him**. 15 Then **these men came by agreement to the king and said, “Recognize, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no injunction or statute which the king establishes may be changed.**” 16 **Then the king gave orders, and Daniel was brought in and cast into the lion’s den**. The king said to Daniel, “Your God whom you constantly serve will Himself deliver you.”

17 **A stone was brought and laid over the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet ring…**18 Then the king went off to his palace and spent the night fasting, and no entertainment was brought before him; and his sleep fled from him. 19 Then the king arose **at dawn, at the break of day**, and went in haste to the lion’s den. 20 When he had come near the den to Daniel, he cried out with a troubled voice. The king said to Daniel, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you constantly serve, been able to deliver you from the lions?” 21 Then Daniel spoke to the king,…”My God **sent His angel** and shut the lion’s mouths and they have not harmed me…”

Luke 22:2

Luke 23:13-16

Matthew 26:43-44

Luke 22:39-42

Luke 22:44

Luke 23:4, 20-22

**Luke 23:23-25**

Matthew 27:65-66

Luke 24:1-3

Luke 24:4-5