

# Ruth Chapter 4

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## Points in Chapter 4

1. The kinsman refuses to redeem Ruth's inheritance. (1-8)
2. Boaz marries Ruth. (9-12)
3. Birth of Obed. (13-22)

1. Where did Boaz go to try to catch the kinsman of Ruth and Naomi?

## Ruth 4:1

<sup>1</sup> Now Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there, and behold, the close relative of whom Boaz spoke was passing by, so he said, "Turn aside, friend, sit down here." And he turned aside and sat down.

Boaz went up to the gate

**2A. Who did Boaz take with him to the gate?**

**Ruth 4:2**

**2 He took ten men of the elders of the city**  
and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down.

**10 men of the elders**

**B. Why had Boaz invited these men?**

**The elders are to witness the enacting of redemption in terms of levirate law.**

### 3. What did Boaz tell the kinsman that Naomi was doing?

#### Ruth 4:3-5

<sup>3</sup> Then he said to the closest relative, "Naomi, who has come back from the land of Moab, has to sell the piece of land which belonged to our brother Elimelech.

<sup>4</sup> "So I thought to inform you, saying, 'Buy *it* before those who are sitting *here*, and before the elders of my people. If you will redeem *it*, redeem *it*; but if not, tell me that I may know; for there is no one but you to redeem *it*, and I am after you." And he said, "I will redeem *it*."

<sup>5</sup> Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must also acquire Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of the deceased, in order to raise up the name of the deceased on his inheritance."

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## 4. How did the closest relative respond to Boaz?

### Ruth 4:6

<sup>6</sup> The closest relative said, "I cannot redeem *it* for myself, because I would jeopardize my own inheritance. Redeem *it* for yourself; you *may have* my right of redemption, for I cannot redeem *it*."

1. I cannot redeem *it* for myself

2. Because I would jeopardize my own inheritance

3. You *may have* my right of redemption

## 5. What did the close relative do?

### Ruth 4:7-8

<sup>7</sup> Now this was *the custom* in former times in Israel concerning the redemption and the exchange *of land* to confirm any matter: a man removed his sandal and gave it to another; and this was the *manner of* attestation in Israel.

<sup>8</sup> So the closest relative said to Boaz, "Buy *it* for yourself." And he removed his sandal.

He removed his sandal



## 6. What makes it legal, in the sight of God, for Boaz to marry Ruth?

### Ruth 4:9-10

<sup>9</sup> Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses today that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon.

<sup>10</sup> "Moreover, I have acquired Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of Mahlon, to be my wife in order to raise up the name of the deceased on his inheritance, so that the name of the deceased will not be cut off from his brothers or from the court of his *birth* place; you are witnesses today."

1. There were witnesses
2. It was according to the Law

## 7. What are the elders comments?

### Ruth 4:11-12

<sup>11</sup> All the people who were in the court, and the elders, said, "**We are witnesses. May the LORD 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.**

<sup>12</sup> "Moreover, **may your house be like the house of Perez whom Tamar bore to Judah, through the offspring which the LORD will give you by this young woman.**"

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4. May your house be like the house of Perez whom Tamar bore to Judah, through the offspring which the LORD will give you by this young woman

8. How did the Lord bless Boaz and Ruth in their marriage?

## Ruth 4:13

<sup>13</sup> So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife, and he went in to her. And the LORD enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son.

The LORD enabled her to conceive

# Blessings of Marriage

1. Love and compassion
2. Rest and peace
3. Provision and care
4. Joint purpose and fulfillment
5. Joy and pleasure
6. Assurance and confidence
7. Faithfulness and trustworthiness
8. Children

9. What were the women of Israel's prayer for Naomi?

## Ruth 4:14-15

<sup>14</sup> Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed is the LORD who has not left you without a redeemer today, and may his name become famous in Israel.

<sup>15</sup> "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."

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2. May his name become famous in Israel.
3. May he also be to you a restorer of life and a sustainer of your old age;
4. for your daughter-in-law, who loves you and is better to you than seven sons,
5. She has given birth to him.

## 10A. Who named the child?

### Ruth 4:16-17

<sup>16</sup> Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her lap, and became his nurse.

<sup>17</sup> The neighbor women gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi!" So they named him **Obed**. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

10A. Neighbor women gave him a name

**B. What did they name him?**

Obed



# 11. Compare the genealogy in Ruth to the genealogy in Matthew.

## Ruth 4:18-22

<sup>18</sup> Now these are the generations of Perez: to Perez was born Hezron,  
<sup>19</sup> and to Hezron was born Ram, and to Ram, Amminadab,  
<sup>20</sup> and to Amminadab was born Nahshon, and to Nahshon, Salmon,  
<sup>21</sup> and to Salmon was born Boaz, and to Boaz, Obed,  
<sup>22</sup> and to Obed was born Jesse, and to Jesse, David.

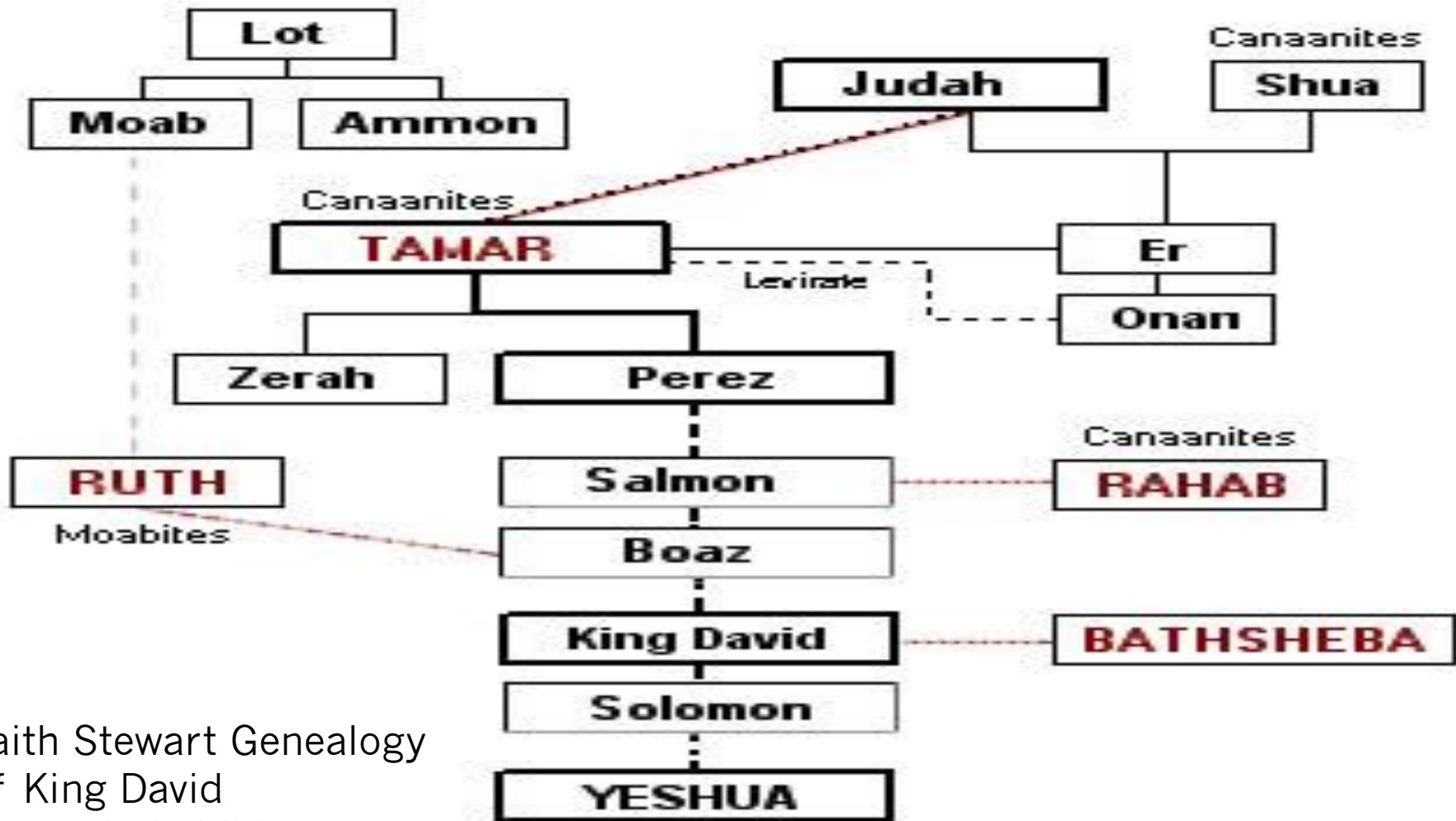
## Matthew 1:3-6

<sup>3</sup> Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez was the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram.

<sup>4</sup> Ram was the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon.

<sup>5</sup> Salmon was the father of Boaz by Rahab, Boaz was the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse.

<sup>6</sup> Jesse was the father of David the king. David was the father of Solomon by Bathsheba who had been the wife of Uriah.



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