

February 26
Ruth 2-4

Redeemed & Secure



Ruth and Boaz, c. 1640-50 by
Nicolaes Pieterszoon Berchem (1621-83)

Israel Tribe Allotments

Joshua 13:8 - 19:49

- City ○ City uncertain location
- ▲ Mountain peak




Bethlehem

Moab

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Conquest and Challenges of Israel's Settlement

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| 1. | Dec 4 | Commissioned | Joshua 1 | Lord Calls Joshua |
| 2. | Dec 11 | Conquest | Joshua 6 | Jericho Walls Down |
| 3. | Dec 18 | Savior Announced | Luke 1 | Angel Gabriel to Mary |
| 4. | Dec 25 | ... <i>Merry Christmas</i> ... | | |
| 5. | Jan 1 | Settled | Joshua 22 | Heart, Honor, Home |
| 6. | Jan 15 | Value All | Prov. 24 & Mark 10 | <i>Sanctity of Life Sunday</i> |
| 7. | Jan 22 | Rebellion's Cycle | Judges 2 | Return to God to Live |
| 8. | Jan 29 | Willing Servants | Judges 4 | Deborah Lifts Barak |
| 9. | Feb 5 | Timid Warrior | Judges 6 | Angel Charges Gideon |
| 10. | Feb 12 | Compromised Potential | Judges 16 | Samson & Delilah |
| 11. | Feb 19 | Faith Through Trials | Ruth 1 | Ruth Helps Naomi |
|  | Feb 26 | Redeemed & Secure | Ruth 3-4 | Noble Ruth Wins |



Lesson Author's Theme

**God can surprise us with those whom
He chooses to bring about His purposes**

Ruth

going to Touch the Genealogy first

2:1-23

Ruth Gleans Fields of Boaz

3:1-7

Naomi Tells Ruth to DRESS UP

3:8-9

Inquiry – “Who Are You?” at Midnight

3:10-13

Interest – “Yes” to the Noble Ruth

3:14 to 4:12 – Boaz Becomes “Family Redeemer”

4:13-17

Inheritance – Ruth Marries, Naomi Redeemed

4:17-22

Genealogy from Perez to David



Key Verses Ruth 3:11 & 4:15

**¹¹ I will do for you whatever you say,
since ALL the people in my town know
that you are a woman of NOBLE character.**

**¹⁵ For your daughter-in-law,
who loves you and who is BETTER to you
than SEVEN SONS, has given him birth.**



Beauty catches the
ATTENTION
but character catches the
HEART.



always been true

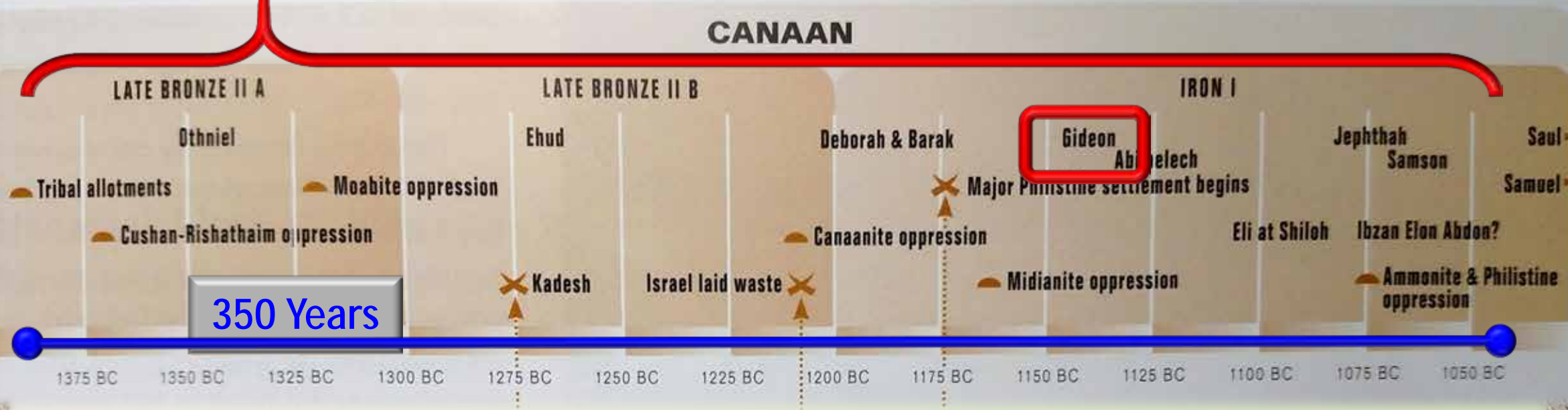


Alternate Title

Ruth

More than 7-sons'
Worth of Nobility

Book of Judges & Book of RUTH



Book of Ruth READ on 2nd Day of Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks,
the start of the all-important Wheat of Harvest in Israel

TWO REASONS Book of Ruth Read on Shavuot:

1. Shavuot Celebrates the **Anniversary of God giving Torah at Sinai**
2. Book tells of lineage of David, who supposedly **died on Shavuot**

Book of Ruth – Chapters 2-4

Bethlehem ...

for Jews: *Beth Lehem* – House of Bread



Currently in West Bank, Palestinian Control

Municipal Logo in English & Arabic



Two Ways of *LOOKING* at Book of Ruth

TWO very clear **THEMES** in Book of Ruth

ONE—The **Legal**, on 2 points of Jewish Law

1. Tracing the Lineage of David
2. Land Law in Boaz, the Family Redeemer

TWO—Noble Character of Ruth

That is ...

MAIN PLOT: Narrative, 4 chapters, 85 verses,
focusing on the **LEGAL**

SUB-PLOT: Ruth's Noble Character is
INTERLACED throughout on

Yet ... there is more to the **LEGAL** too



Two Ways of LOOKING at Book of Ruth

TWO very clear **THEMES** in Book of Ruth

Informing a PART of the HEART
of the LEGAL side of affairs ...

Ruth 4, the women of Bethlehem say Ruth
is worth more to Naomi than 7 sons

“7” being a number of perfection ...
one could have said 7x7 ...

HEART of the Legal side is simpler

Back then, it was a MAN's world.

Women had NO inheritance outside
of a man's family

Naomi lost a husband & 2 sons ... true



Two Ways of LOOKING at Book of Ruth

HEART of the Legal is this:

With 7 sons—WELL THEN—who ever heard of losing ALL SEVEN SONS? ...

Much less 7x7 ... and STILL ...

RUTH was worth MORE ...

CAVEAT ... in America ... we have FAMILY

And BECAUSE of a N.T. LOVE so much richer than the O.T. understood ...

Not that their hearts were any different

STILL ... MOST would NOT trade ANY son or daughter ... or SAY SUCH



Two Ways of LOOKING at Book of Ruth

Book of Ruth's TWO Parts:

ONE—Legal,
on Lineage & Family Redeemer

TWO—Noble Character of Ruth

TWO as a SUB-PLOT:

**Ruth's Noble Character is
INTERLACED throughout**



Nearly all men can stand
adversity, but if you want to
test a man's character, give
him power.

or a WOMAN's
Character

Abraham Lincoln



Naomi in Bethlehem – the **BACK STORY**

Somewhat important ... *certainly intriguing*

¹ Naomi had a relative—Boaz—

MAN OF STANDING in the clan of Elimelech

Ruth 4:18-22 tell of the family line

Perez was the father of Hezron

- Ram > Amminadab >
- Nahshon > Salmon >
- Boaz
- Obed > Great-Grandfather of David
- Jesse
- David

Who was Obed?

Well, going backward, *who was PEREZ?*



Why Perez instead of Judah? – we don't know

Why not Judah in lineage?

One reason COULD be that the story of Perez's birth is SIMILAR to Obed's birth

Both involved some DECEPTION,
much more for Perez

Both involved the Woman's INITIATIVE

Gen. 38, Perez son of Judah & Tamar

Judah's son oldest Er marries Tamar,
cause of wickedness – **God Kills him**

Judah asks Onan to bed Tamar provide
an "heir" – he does, not all the way ...

God was displeased & **God Kills Onan**



Sons of Jacob Sell Joseph, 1855
by Konstantin Flavitsky.

Judah suggested Joseph
be sold, rather than killed

Why Perez instead of Judah? – we don't know

Gen. 38 ... Judah & Tamar

Judah orders Tamar to live as widow

Judah's wife dies

After grieving, Judah heads to
Timnah to shear sheep

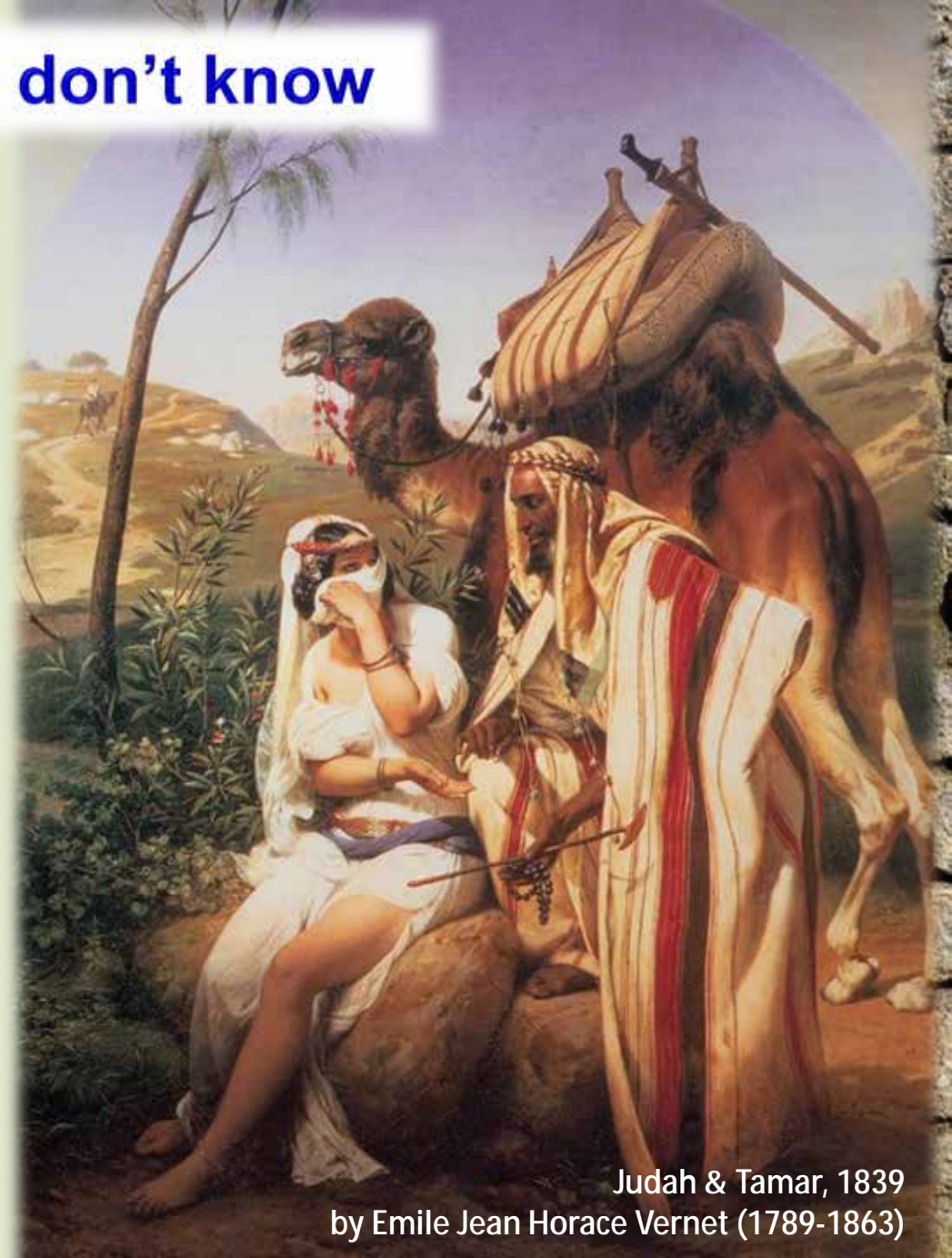
TAMAR takes INITIATIVE ... she
does NOT want to lose her inheritance

TAMAR dresses as a prostitute

Tamar MEETS Judah on road to Timnah

Tamar asks,

What will you GIVE?



Judah & Tamar, 1839
by Emile Jean Horace Vernet (1789-1863)

2:1-23 Ruth Gleans Fields of Boaz

Gen. 38 ... Judah & Tamar

Oh ... you are not expecting this ...

Judah makes an offer ...

COST per hour w Tamar = **ONE GOAT**

Ahhh, but Judah must **PAY FIRST**

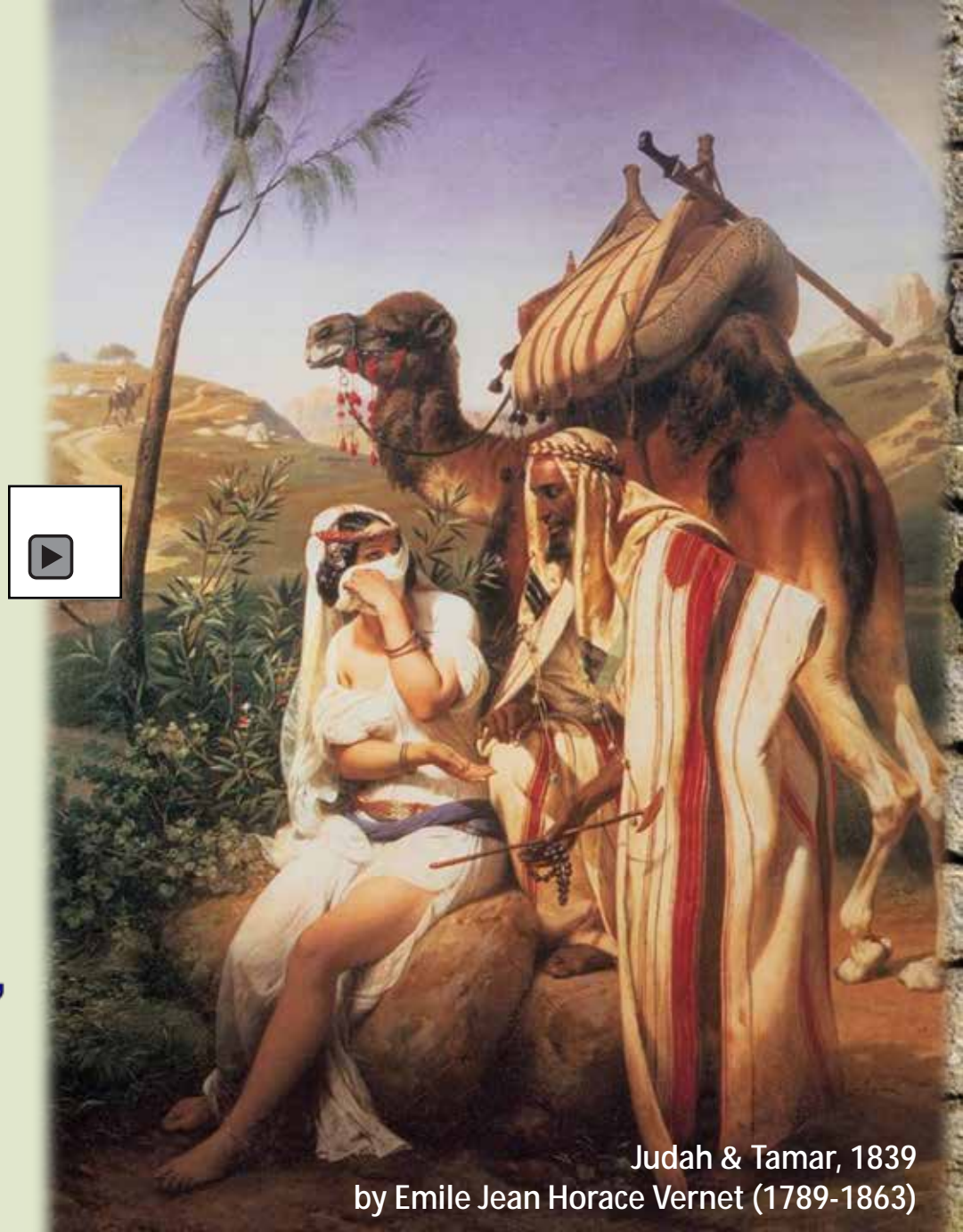
Tamar asked for collateral

“What kind of collateral?” asked Judah

**Tamar says, “Your seal and its cord,
and the staff in your hand.”**

KNOW what that is: his driver's license,
camel registration, keys to his camel

DEAL ... Judah says



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Gen. 38, Perez son of Judah & Tamar

Judah never gets his collateral back

Judah sent servant with young goat

But Tamar is no where to be seen

Town People say,

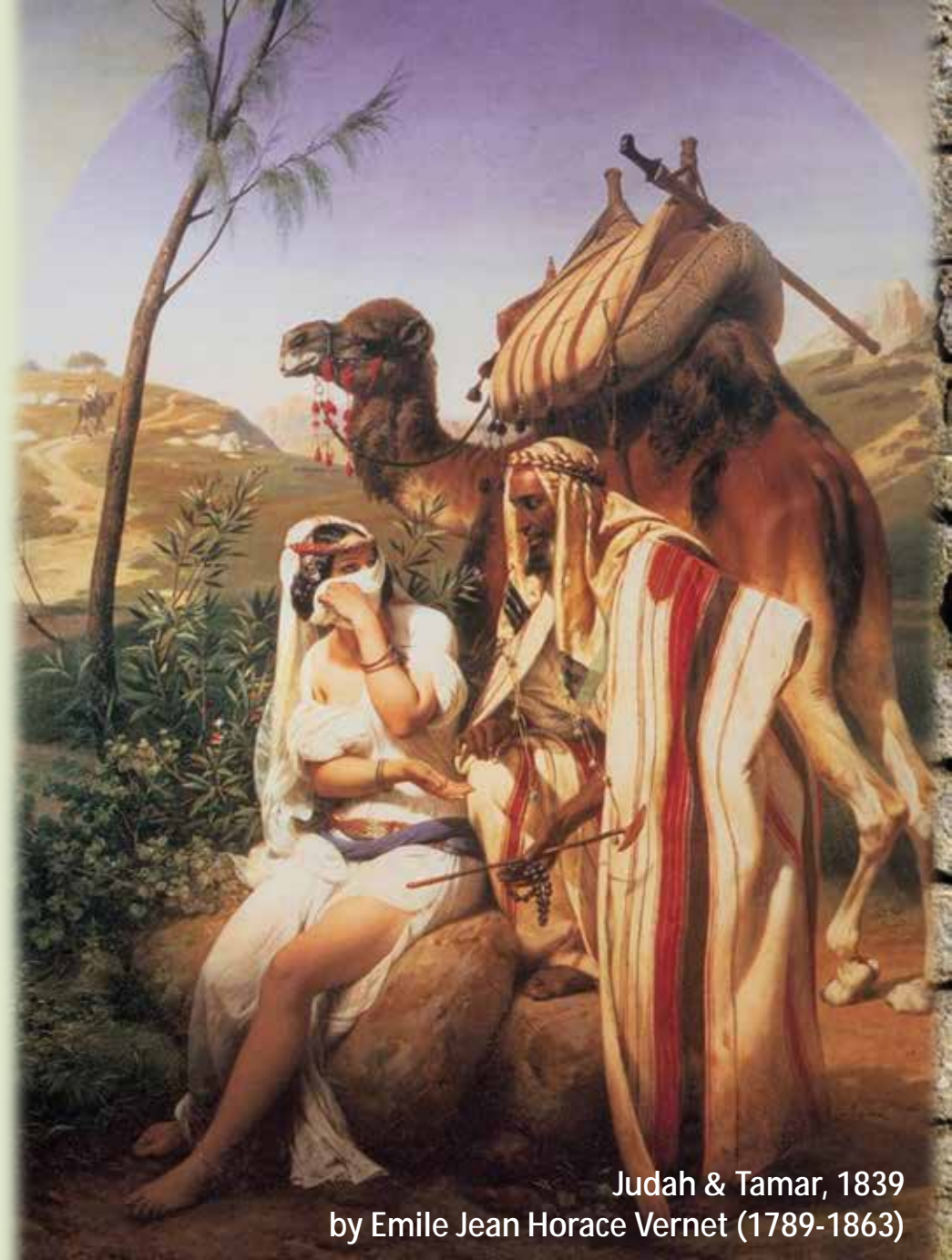
“We’ve NEVER had a temple prostitute.”

38:23, Judah said, “Let her keep what she has, or we will become a LAUGHINGSTOCK....”



3 months later, clan accuses TAMAR of prostitution—Judah’s going to KILL her

Ahh ... but she has his COLLATERAL



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Gen. 38, Perez son of Judah & Tamar

COLLATERAL?!? – *what's Judah to do?*

²⁶ Judah recognized his driver's license, camel registration ... et al ...

Gen. 38:26, JUDAH confesses, “She is more righteous than I, since I wouldn't give her to my son Shelah.”

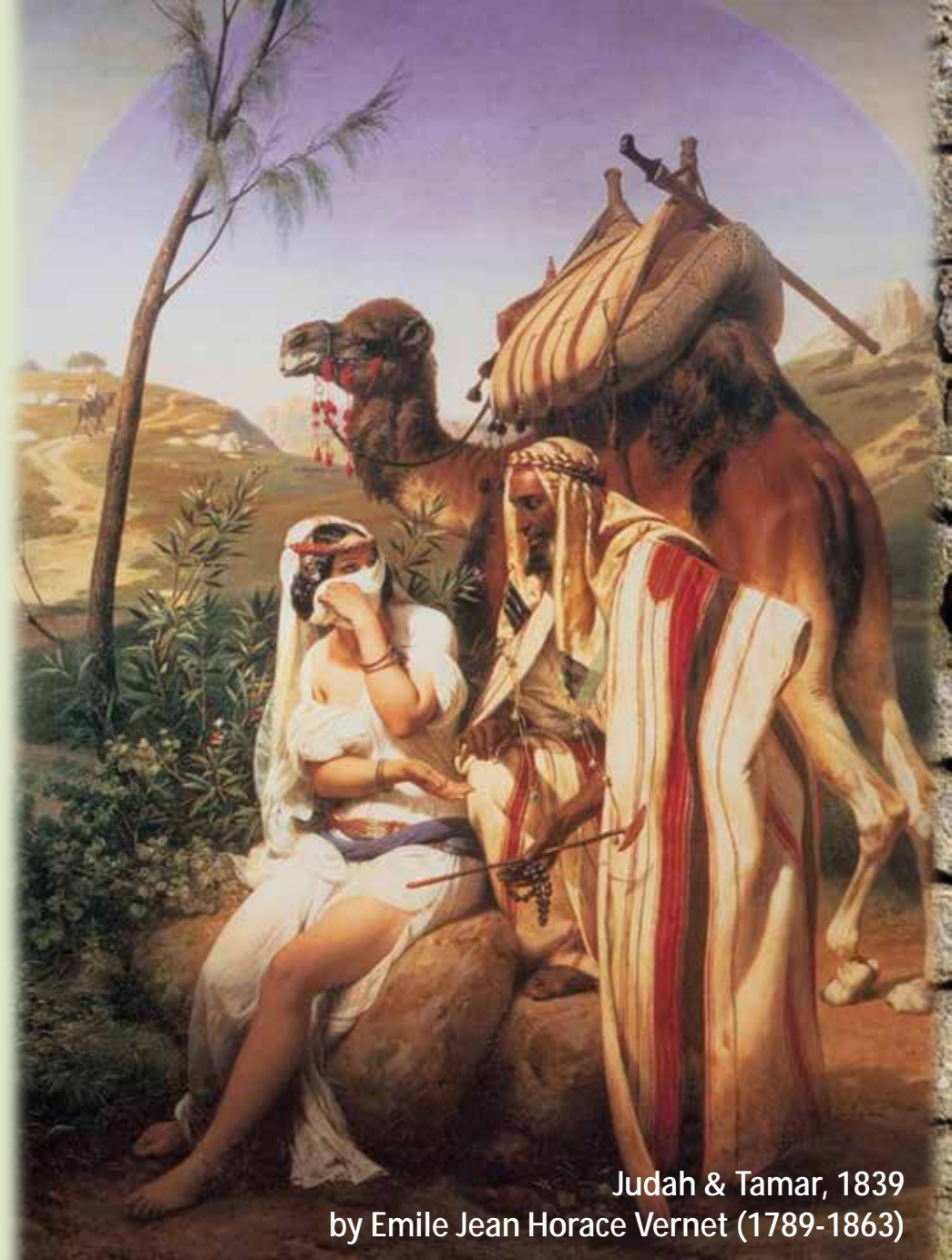
Really now ... since he wouldn't *what?*

Hah ... Tamar survives ...

Tamar has TWIN boys, **Perez & Zerah**

Book of Ruth was likely BY Samuel ...

What does all this mean?



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2:1-23 Ruth Gleans Fields of Boaz

Perez was the father of Hezron

- Ram > Amminadab >
- Nahshon > Salmon >
- **Boaz & Ruth >**
- Obed > Jesse >
- **David**

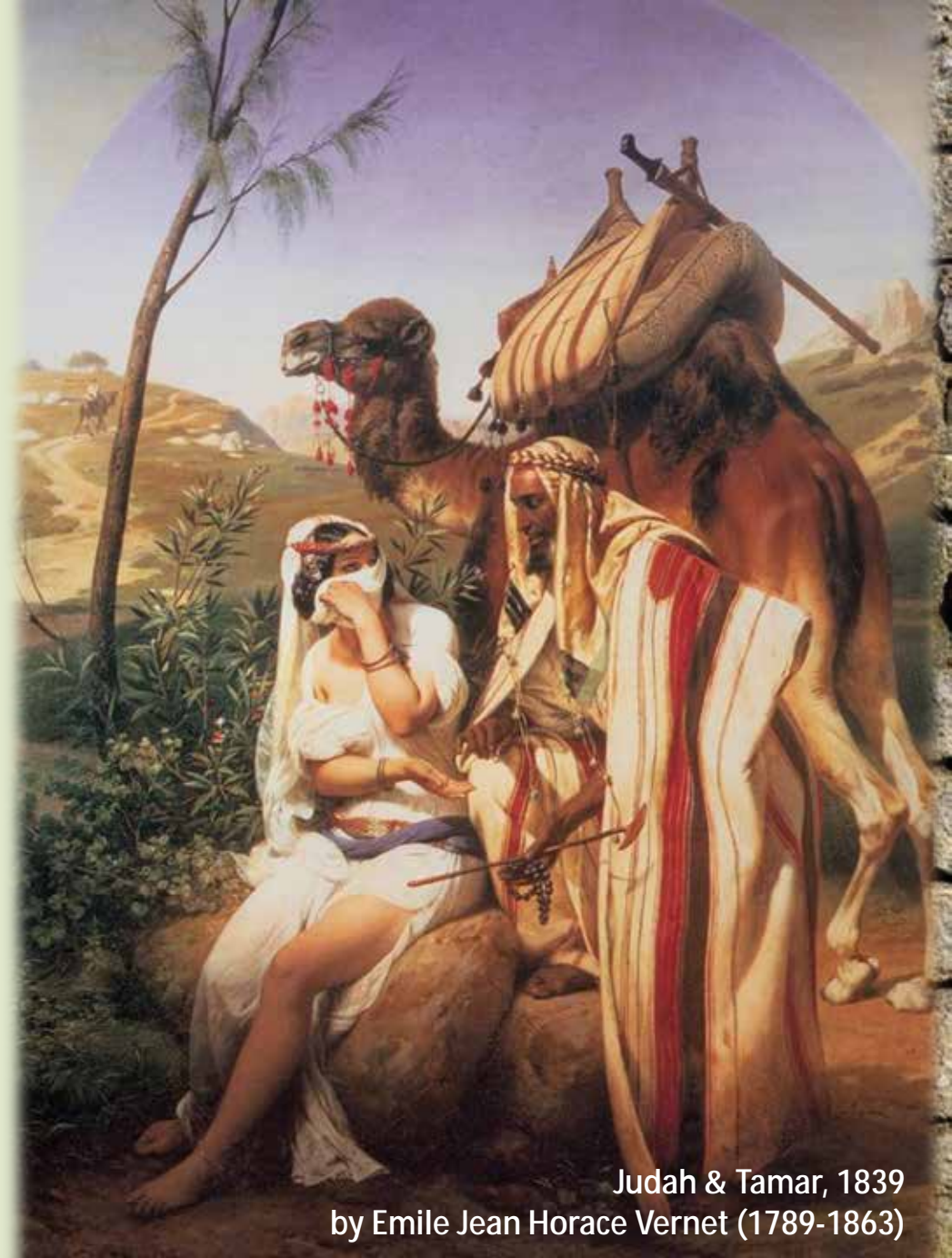
It's clear, the lineage of King David
is **CONNECTED** to Perez & Tamar

Through Boaz & Ruth

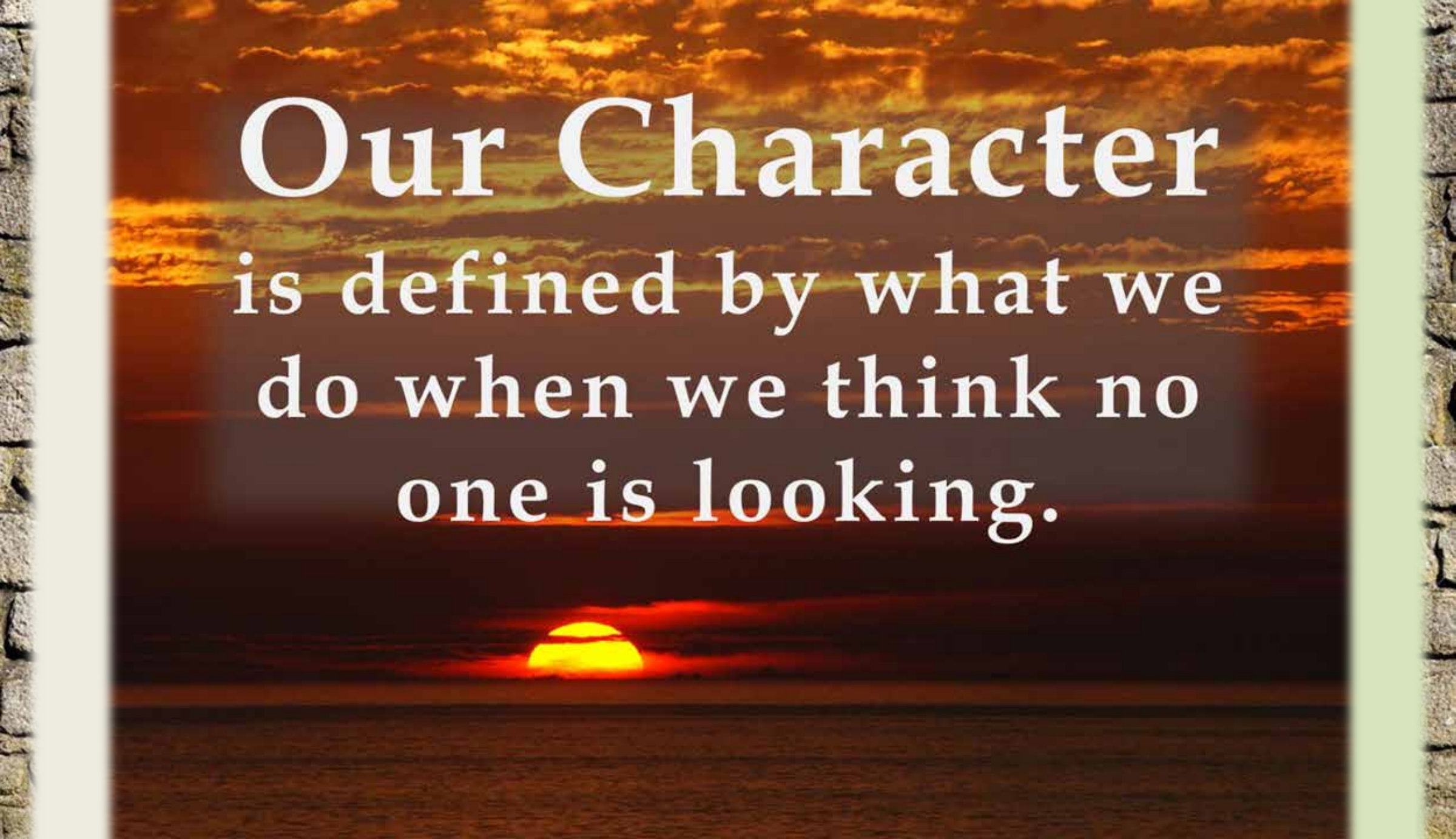
God used **GOOD** wise women to get
the lineage he wanted for David

Women led by God to **CRAFT** a solution

Look closer at Naomi & Ruth's solution!



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A sunset scene with a bright orange sun partially submerged on the horizon of a dark body of water. The sky is filled with orange and yellow clouds. On the left side, a portion of a grey stone wall is visible. The text is overlaid in white serif font.

Our Character
is defined by what we
do when we think no
one is looking.

2:1-23 Ruth Gleans Fields of Boaz

Naomi ...

¹ Naomi had a relative—Boaz—

MAN OF STANDING of the clan of Elimelek

Where? – Bethlehem ...

Book of Ruth = in the time of the Judges

The Jewish Aggadah gives expositions of ancient Jewish law in the Talmud

Therein, Boaz is thought to be

Judge Ibzan of Bethlehem, Judges 12



Book of Judges – Six Cycles

Oppressors	Judges	Verses	
1. Mesopotamian King	Othniel	Jud. 3: 7-11	
2. Moabitish King Eglon Philistines <i>brief note</i>	Ehud Shamgar	Jud. 3:12-30 Jud. 3:31	
3. Canaanitish King Jabin <i>with Deborah's song of victory, Jud. 5</i>	Deborah & Barak	Jud. 4	c. 1180 B.C.
4. Midianites <i>with history 3-yr reign of his son Abimelech brief notes on</i>	Gideon Tola & Jair	Jud. 6-8 Jud. 9 Jud. 10: 1-5	c. 1130 B.C.
5. Ammonites & Philistines <i>brief notes on 3 judges</i>	Iephthah Ibzan, Elon, Abdon	Jud. 10: 6-12: 7 Jud. 12: 8-15	
6. Philistines	Mighty Samson	Jud. 13-16	c. 1060 B.C.

2:1-23 Ruth Gleans Fields of Boaz

Judges 12:8-10

After Jephthah,

Ibzan of Bethlehem led Israel.

9 Ibzan had 30 sons and 30 daughters.

Ibzan gave his daughters in marriage
outside of his clan,

For his sons, Ibzan got 30 young women
as wives from outside his clan.

**Ibzan led Israel 7 years, then died
and was buried in Bethlehem.**

Was Boaz *really* Judge Ibzan?

Don't know ... yet, the Jewish connection is intriguing



2:1-23 Ruth Gleans Fields of Boaz

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¹ Naomi

Naomi had a relative

Boaz, man of standing
clan of Elimelek

Ruth takes initiative

Asks Naomi

Ruth gleanes in a field

Tender Chapter ...

Boaz **NOTICES** Ruth

Ruth means “a Friend”

She is captivating



2:1-23 Ruth Gleans Fields of Boaz

Naomi ...

⁵ Boaz asked the overseer of his harvesters, “Who does that young woman belong to?”

The overseer explains ...

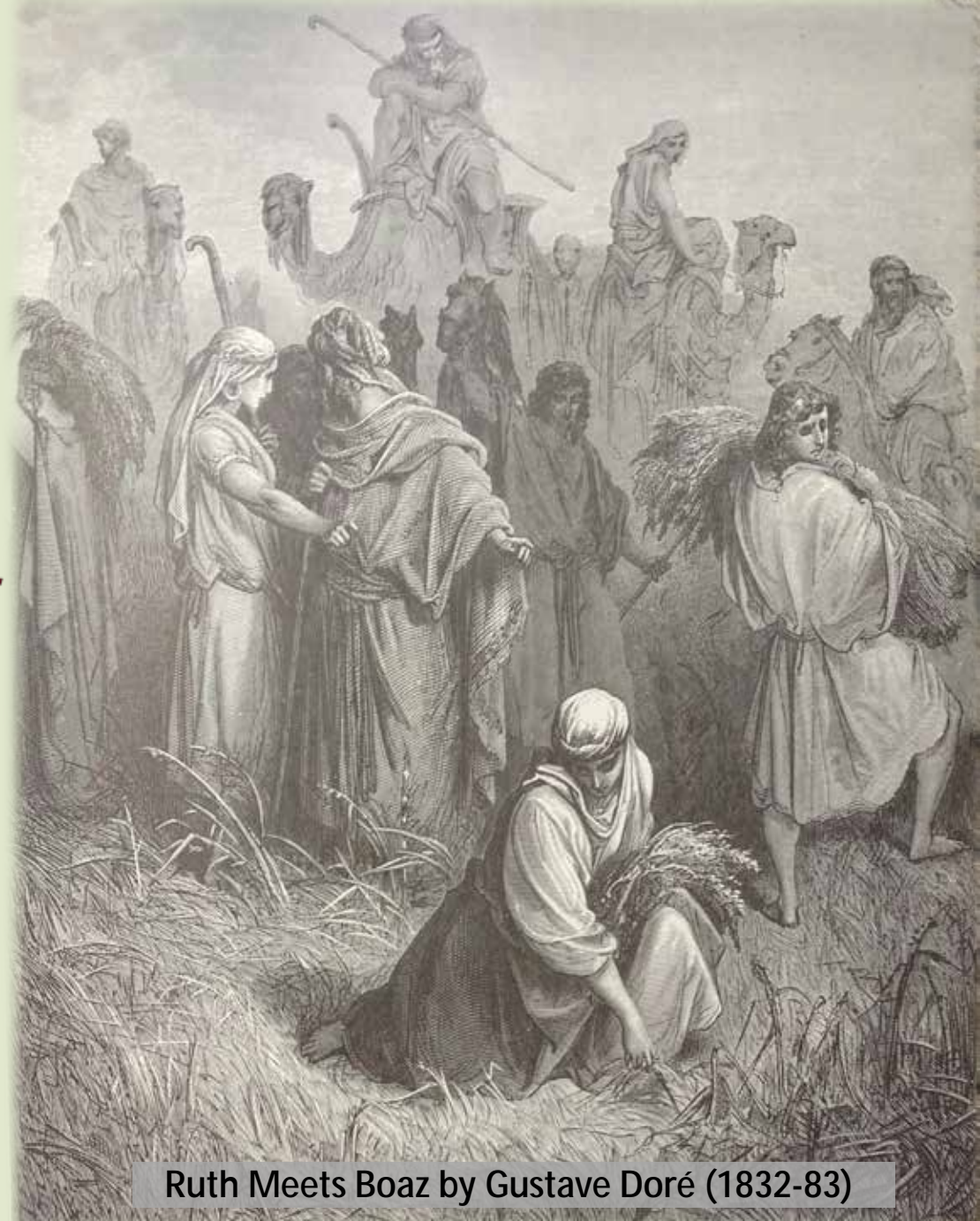
Boaz tells Ruth to go ***NO PLACE ELSE***

Work with women in his employ

Men to leave her alone ...

Ruth—if you get thirsty, help yourself

Remarkable FAVOR



Ruth Meets Boaz by Gustave Doré (1832-83)

2:1-23 Ruth Gleans Fields of Boaz

Naomi ...

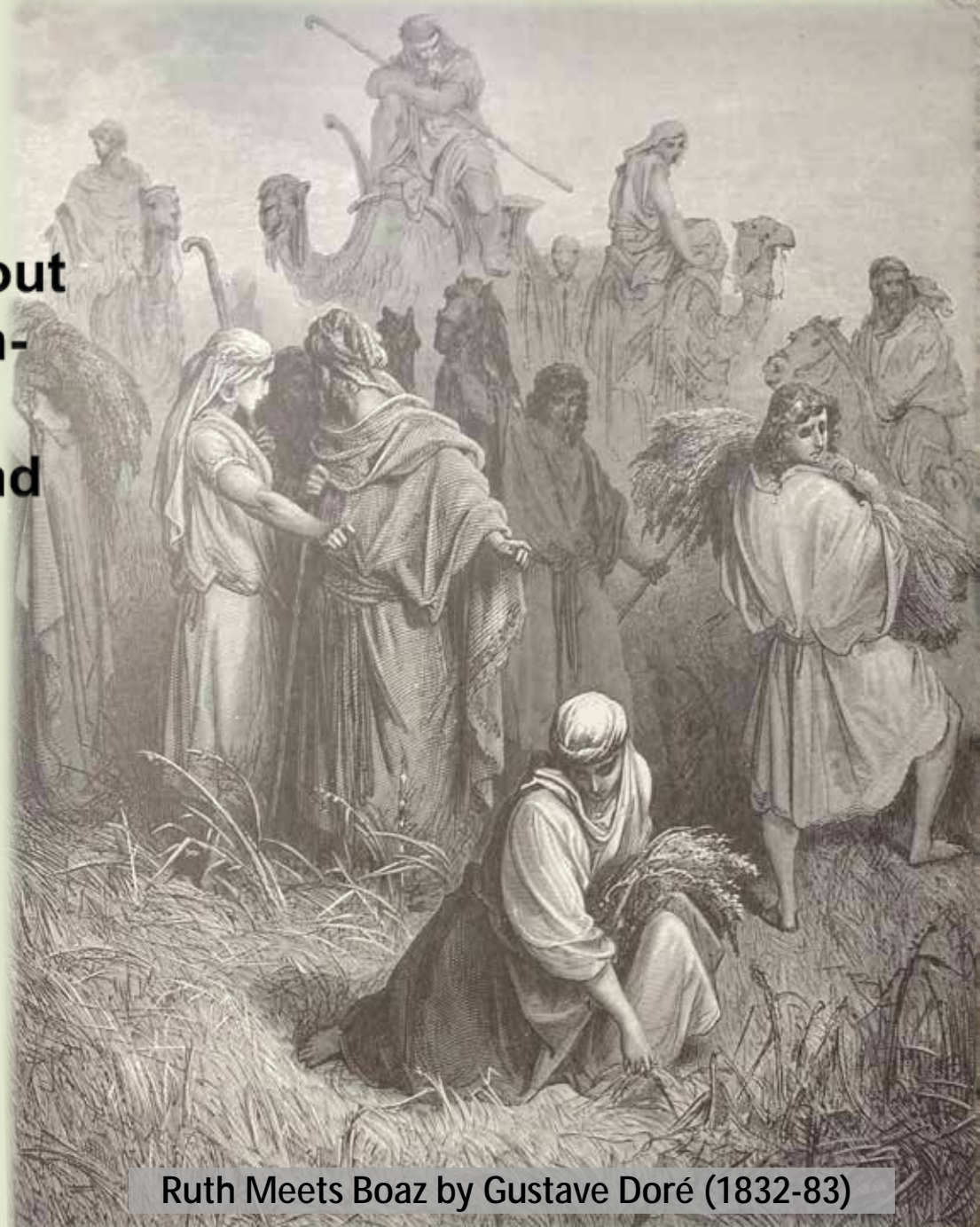
¹¹ Boaz replied, “I’ve been told **ALL** about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before.

What FAVOR?

I have been told ALL about you.

I have HEARD of you

Apparently, Boaz heard some
MIGHTY GOOD THINGS ...



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2:1-23 Ruth Gleans Fields of Boaz

Naomi ...

We know about Chapter 1 already ...

Ruth's stupendous oath ...

Now we have Boaz in verse 2:10
ALREADY knowing so much ...

Boaz, a man of renown & influence

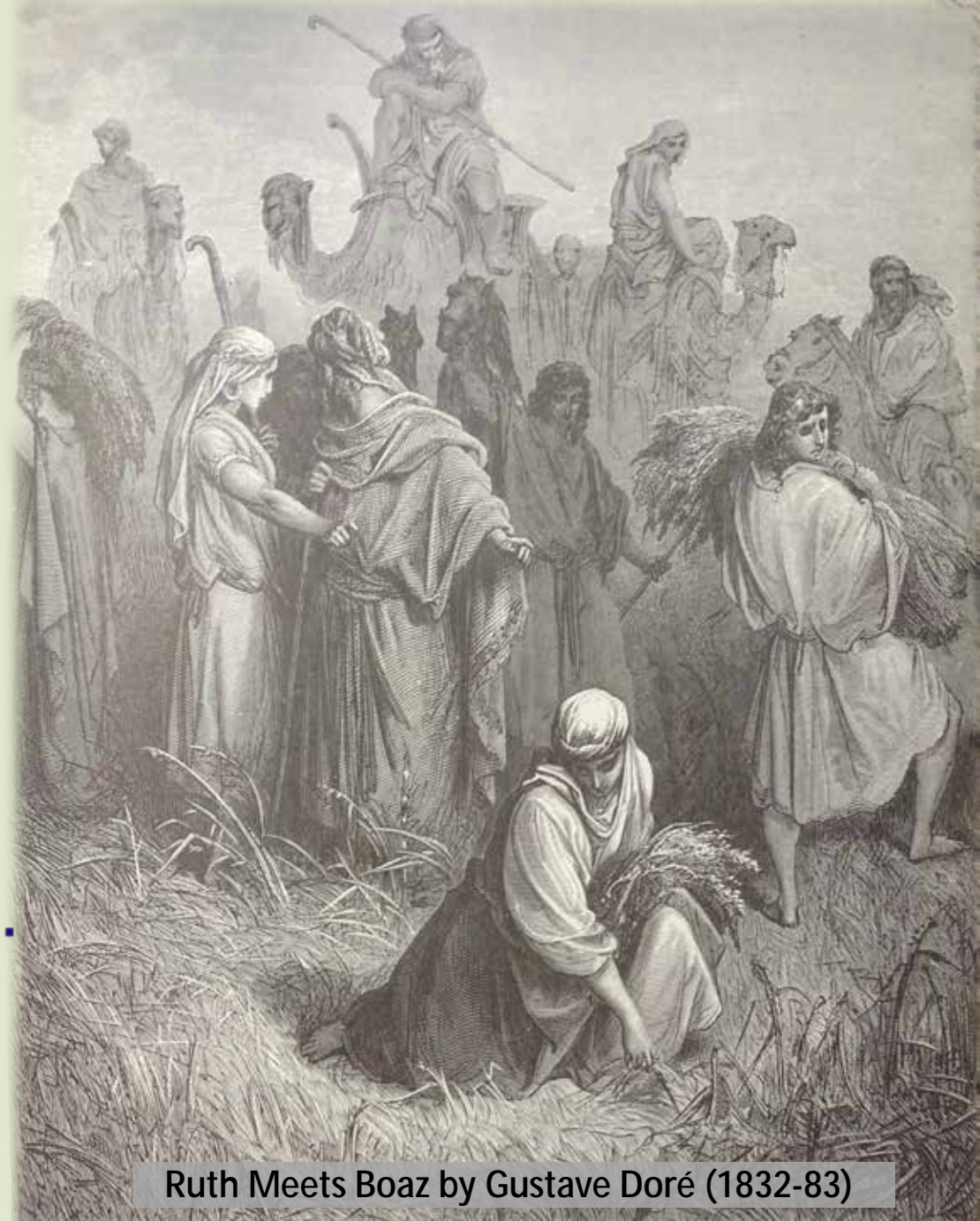
Ruth's stupendous oath ... **NOW**

Ruth was **KEEPING** her word ...

Ruth was **DOING** what she promised ...

SO MANY in Bethlehem **KNOW**

Especially Boaz ...



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2:1-23 Ruth Gleans Fields of Boaz

With Naomi in Chapter 1 and
... Ruth's stupendous oath

2:22, Naomi said to Ruth her
daughter-in-law, "It will be good for
you, my daughter, to go with the
women who work for him, because

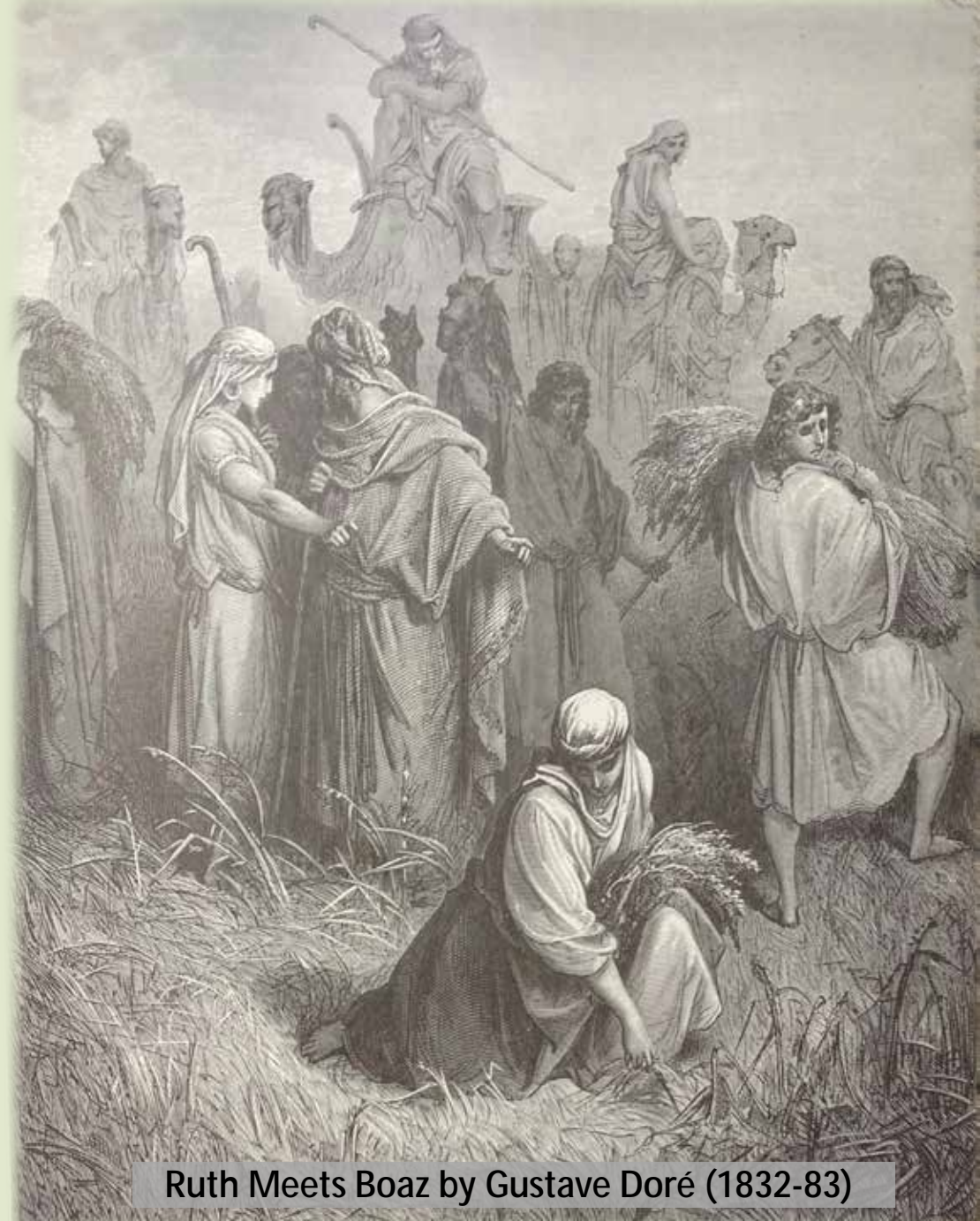
**in someone else's field you
might be harmed."**

Boaz, a man of renown & influence

Ruth's stupendous oath ... **NOW**

Ruth was **KEEPING** her word ...

Ruth was **DOING** what she promised



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2:1-23 Ruth Gleans Fields of Boaz

Ruth tells Naomi all that happened

Naomi tells Ruth what to do:

Put on her best clothes ...

Go to Boaz ... wait ...

Sneak under his feet

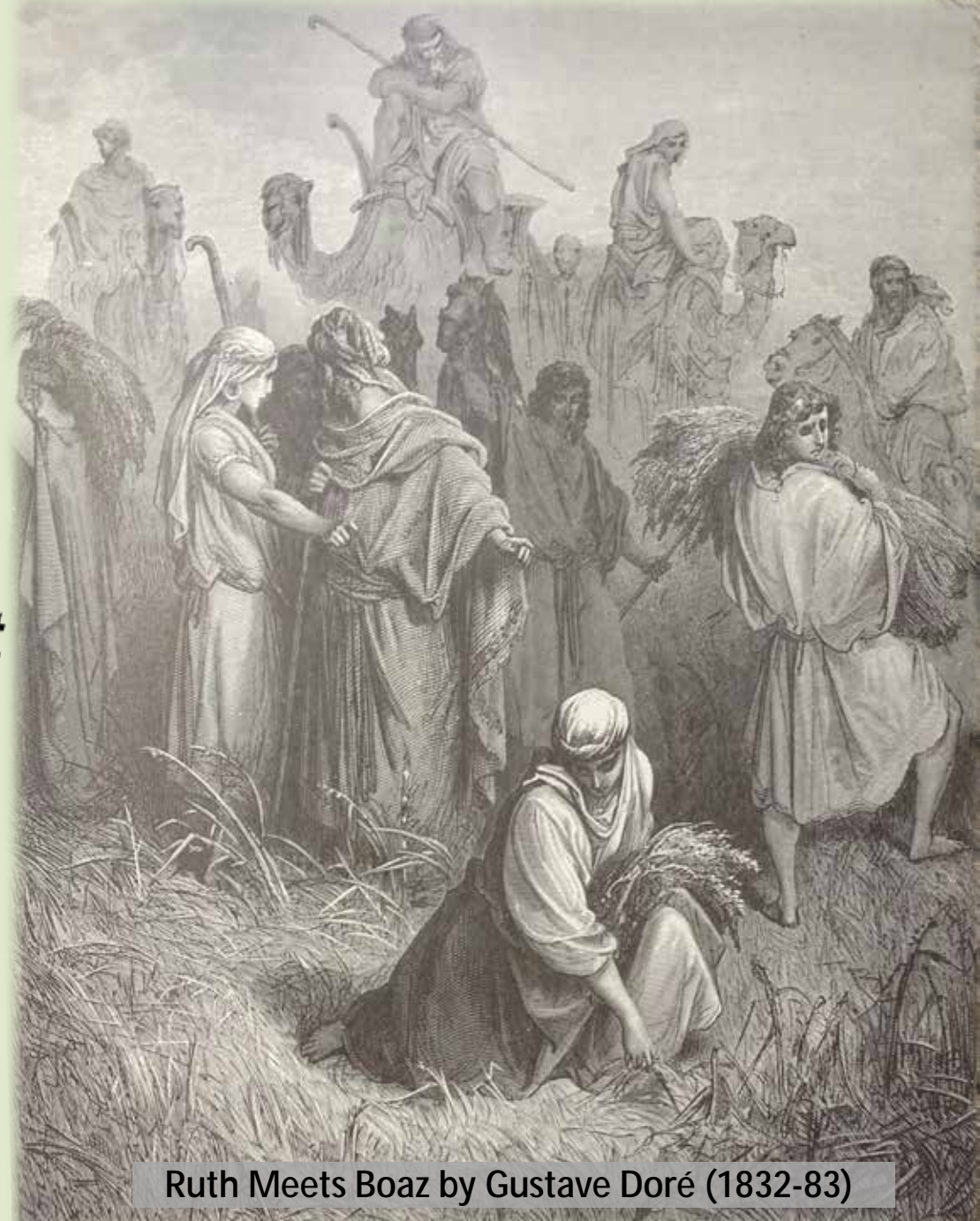
At NIGHT, sneak under his feet

THIS IS SO DANGEROUS

Ruth has LESS standing than do
the slaves of Boaz ...

Trying to TRICK an old trader like
Boaz could get her killed fast ...

Ruth does what Naomi asked



Ruth Meets Boaz by Gustave Doré (1832-83)

3:1-7 Naomi Tells Ruth to DRESS UP

At midnight ...

SURPRISE ...

⁸ At midnight, Boaz was
startled, turned over, and

lying at his feet
was a woman!

You're a 50-60-70-year-old man

An Older man of HONOR ...

You find a young woman

SLEEPING by you at **MIDNIGHT**



"Character is
what you are
in the dark."

- Dwight L. Moody



3:8-9 Inquiry – “Who Are You?” at Midnight

At midnight ...

WHAT DO YOU DO?

I suspect **SOME** of us would
look around ...

First thing some might ask:

Okay, where's the camera?

Joe Bob ... HE did this?

Yet ... Boaz ... Man of Honor

Old, Secure, Innocent ... **BLUNT**

And IF Boaz is Judge Ibzan, who **WHAT?** ... Had 60 sons & daughters?

Then Boaz ... was HONORED & had a LOT of wives ... etc. – etc. – etc.



3:8-9 Inquiry – “Who Are You?” at Midnight

At midnight ...

WHAT Does an old Lady's Man do?

9 So Boaz asked,
“Who are you?”

9 “I am Ruth, your slave,”
she replied. “Spread your
cloak over me, for you are a
family redeemer.”

As the story unfolds, it clear that
Boaz knew he was the redeemer

Boaz was redeemer, second in line ...

Yet ... NO ONE WAS going to do a thing to help Naomi



3:8-9 Inquiry – “Who Are You?” at Midnight

Do you understand that?

Boaz KNEW he was the
SECOND Family Redeemer

That is ... LISTEN CLOSELY

NO ONE WAS going to do anything

MEN were **NOT** doing what
they were **SUPPOSED** to do ...

Naomi KNEW Boaz a good man ...

Boaz just needed a little nudge ...

Men NOT doing what they were **SUPPOSED** to do ...

God used Women—Book of Ruth Clear ...



3:8-9 Inquiry – “Who Are You?” at Midnight

Connections CLEAR

Book of Ruth Clear

Lineage of David in Perez

Judah NOT doing what he should

Lineage of David in Obed

Boaz NOT doing what he should

That is:

- ✓ For Perez, it took Tamar
- ✓ For Obed, it took Naomi & Ruth

Book of Ruth – about men NOT doing what they should ...

Book of Ruth – God using Courageous Women to get job done



3:10-13 Interest – “Yes” to the Noble Ruth

¹⁰ Then he said, "May the Lord bless you, my daughter. You have shown more kindness now than before, because you have not pursued younger men, whether rich or poor.

¹¹ Now don't be afraid, my daughter. I will do for you whatever you say, **SINCE ALL THE PEOPLE IN MY TOWN KNOW THAT YOU ARE A WOMAN OF NOBLE CHARACTER.**

Quite remarkable ... Not an easy feat ...

What Ruth had done for Naomi ... noticed!

Yet, they also noticed ...

HOW Ruth LIVED



Ruth and Boaz, c. 1640-50
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3:10-13 Interest – “Yes” to the Noble Ruth

Good Character of Ruth ... stood out
Reputation & Honor of Ruth—*well known*
Boaz protected her ...

¹² Yes, it is true that I am a family redeemer, but there is a redeemer closer than I am.

¹³ Stay here tonight, and in the morning, if he wants to redeem you, that's good. Let him redeem you. But if he doesn't want to redeem you, as the Lord lives, I will. Now, lie down until morning."



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3:14 to 4:12 – Boaz Becomes “Family Redeemer”

Rest of chapter 3 ... Ruth takes barley

Ruth returns to tell all to Naomi

Chapter 4, Boaz finds the redeemer

- ❖ Asks for council at the gate
- ❖ Appears like Boaz was leader
- ❖ Boaz confronts redeemer on Naomi's wanting to sell Elimelech's land
- ❖ Boaz—you buy it, or I will

NOTICE, Ruth is part of deal to maintain Mahlon's name on property

Redeemer declines ... **Boaz YES**



Boaz Buying the Inheritance
in *Cassell Illustrated Family Bible* (1860)

4:13-17 **Inheritance** – Ruth Marries, Naomi Redeemed

13 Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When he was intimate with her, the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son.

Hmm ... one sentence ...

They are married ... are intimate

And Ruth gives birth ...

**Whole 9 months in
one sentence**



Boaz Marries Ruth
by Jean-Baptiste Auguste Leloir (1809-92)

4:13-17 **Inheritance** – Ruth Marries, Naomi Redeemed

13 Boaz took & married Ruth.
When he was intimate with her, the
Lord enabled her to conceive and
she gave birth to a son.

The Jewish Aggadah says
Boaz was 80 and Ruth 40

Moreover and strikingly,
the day **AFTER** their wedding

THE VERY DAY after their wedding
Boaz DIED

In the Bible ... *our Bible* ...
we do not hear from Boaz again ...



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4:13-17 Inheritance – Ruth Marries, Naomi Redeemed

14 Then the women said to Naomi, "Praise the Lord, who has not left you without a family redeemer today. May his name be famous in Israel.

15 He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. Indeed, your daughter-in-law, **who loves you and is better to you than seven sons**, has given birth to him."

The intervention of these two women is OUTSTANDING



Ruth, Naomi and Obed
by Simeon Solomon (1840-1905)

4:13-17 Inheritance – Ruth Marries, Naomi Redeemed

16 Naomi took the child, placed him on her lap, and took care of him.

17 The neighbor women said, "A son has been born to Naomi," and they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Verses 18-22 go into detail, from Perez ... to Boaz ... to David

Drama of Naomi, Ruth & Boaz
Does NOT knock us off our feet

More tragic than hero-laden

GREAT DEEDS here are SUBTLE

GREAT DEEDS here are TWOFOLD



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➡ or *WOMEN*

“Associate with men of good quality
if you esteem your own reputation;
for it is better to be alone than in bad company.”

- George Washington



4:13-17 **Inheritance** – Ruth Marries, Naomi Redeemed

GREAT DEEDS here are

TWOFOLD

ONE—David Lineage includes:

- ✓ POOREST people ...
- ✓ Foreigners ...
- ✓ God using women

TWO—Ruth's Character/Honor was:

- ✓ Key to Naomi's Heart
- ✓ Key to City Leaders' Hearts
- ✓ Key to Boaz's Heart



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4:13-17 Inheritance – Ruth Marries, Naomi Redeemed

So much MISSING

All HEARD what Ruth did for Naomi

What WERE those actions?

ALL done **PRIOR** to Naomi & Ruth's plan to captivate Boaz and lead him to marriage

For months ... maybe ...

WHAT BUILT Ruth's reputation

Ruth became an exquisite Woman of Honor

WHAT DID RUTH DO?

Yes, yes, yes ... Ruth gleaned in the field



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A photograph of a forest path. Sunlight filters through the trees, creating a warm, golden glow. The path is covered in fallen leaves and moss. On the right side, there is a low stone wall. The text is overlaid on the upper part of the image.

**People with good
intentions make promises,
but people with
good character keep them.**

unknown

4:13-17 Inheritance – Ruth Marries, Naomi Redeemed

WHAT DID RUTH DO?

- Ruth left her home in Moab
- Ruth committed herself to Naomi
- Ruth gave a sublime oath to Naomi
- Ruth gleaned in the fields

Yet, “all the people in the town” did NOT hear the oath Ruth gave to Naomi? – No Sir!

TWOFOLD purpose of the Book of Ruth

1. To show the Lineage of David
2. To show the Honor of Ruth

But we are STILL in the DARK



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4:13-17 Inheritance – Ruth Marries, Naomi Redeemed

WHAT DID RUTH DO?

Ruth is TWO times HONORED!

1. ALL the Town saw her Noble Character?
2. ALL the Women felt Ruth worth MORE than 7 Sons?

You see ... I KNOW YOU DO ...

Some of the most STUPENDOUS parts of the Book of Ruth are between the lines

Not truly invisible ...

Not truly secret ...



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4:13-17 Inheritance – Ruth Marries, Naomi Redeemed

WHAT DID RUTH DO?

BEST and most **STUPENDOUS**
parts of the Book of Ruth are ...

Right here in this room ...

Lived out by the fine ladies here ...

Every day ... in many a way ...

Perhaps much like Dear Ruth

Perhaps somewhat as sacrificial

Perhaps nearly 100% like Dear Ruth

Ruth – “The Friend”



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4:13-17 Inheritance – Ruth Marries, Naomi Redeemed

WHAT DID RUTH DO?

BEST and most **STUPENDOUS**
parts are in the

LIFE of Ruth day to day ...

Like the women in THIS ROOM ...

Noble Character of Ruth was SEEN

Noble Character of Ruth was FELT

In a thousand ways & manners ...

In a thousand kindnesses ...

In a thousand niceties ...



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4:13-17 Inheritance – Ruth Marries, Naomi Redeemed

WHAT DID RUTH DO?

BEST and most **STUPENDOUS** parts were seen a thousand times:

- ✓ How *on way home* she **SHARED** gleanings w Poor Blind Beggar Man
- ✓ How she **TREATED** fellow gleaners
- ✓ How she **BOWED** to Boaz, with a curtesy of truly sincere respect
- ✓ How at Walmart, she **REFUSED** the mistaken overage in change



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4:13-17 Inheritance – Ruth Marries, Naomi Redeemed

WHAT DID RUTH DO?

Ruth's NOBLE Character was seen:

- ✓ In how **KINDLY** she spoke to an abused woman at the day's end
- ✓ In how she **RESPONDED** to the nasty cussing of men around her
- ✓ In how she did **NOT LAUGH** at nasty jokes ... yet, somehow, did not demean the jokester either
- ✓ In how **ALL** saw her with Naomi,
Ruth's single-steel-eyed devotion



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WHAT DID RUTH DO?

Her NOBLE Character was seen:

- ✓ All seemed to know, Ruth ...
RUTH the Moabite **DIDN'T GIVE UP**
- ✓ Ruth felt her oath **NOT A BURDEN**
- ✓ Ruth did **NOT FEEL** her life tough
- ✓ ALL knew Ruth told the **TRUTH**
- ✓ ALL saw Ruth **KEPT CONFIDENCES**
- ✓ ALL knew Ruth truly **CARED** for
each gleaner and **LOVED** Naomi ...



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WHAT DID RUTH DO?

All in town knew Ruth's Nobility

All the women knew Ruth worth more
than 7 sons to Naomi

We do too ... we certainly do

Because the BEST of life is NOT

- ✓ NOT Inherited
- ✓ NOT Bought with money
- ✓ NOT Seen with eyes
- ✓ NOT Heard with the ears



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1,200 years B.C., Ruth LIVED 2 Peter 1

Ruth made **EVERY** effort to **ADD**

to her **FAITH** goodness ... and

To **GOODNESS** knowledge and

To her **KNOWLEDGE** self-control and

To her **SELF-CONTROL** ...

She added perseverance; and

To her **PERSEVERANCE** godliness

To her **GODLINESS** ...



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Ruth added to her **Godliness**

And to her **GODLINESS** ...

Ruth added **Mutual Affection** and

To her **MUTUAL AFFECTION** ...

Ruth added **LOVE** ...

Ruth had **ALL** in increasing **MEASURE**

Making Ruth

effective and *productive* in her
knowledge of God ...

Long before Christ was fully revealed



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WHAT DID RUTH DO?

Ruth's Nobility and 7-sons Worth

Was in the LOVE she gave Naomi

BEST of Life is **SEEN** with the Heart

- ✓ In Loyalty
- ✓ In Truthfulness
- ✓ In Perseverance
- ✓ In Fortitude
- ✓ In Responsibility
- ✓ In **FAITH, HOPE ... and LOVE**



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WHAT DID RUTH DO?

Ruth was ... I dare say ...

the **BEST** example in

ALL of the Old Testament

of Christ's selfless

LOVE



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Would that ALL in our town
said EACH of us was a
**Man or Woman of
Noble Character**

View from Mt. Nebo



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