

Ruth Chapter 2 - Study Guide

“Faith finds Grace”

Background Information

As we begin chapter 2 in the book of Ruth, we discover we are not in Moab anymore. Ruth and Naomi have made their way back to the land Israel. They have returned to Bethlehem; they are back in Judah. That means this is no longer a story about repentance. It is now a story of redemption. Ruth has stepped out in faith to come to the land of promise, will she find grace?

Basic Outline of Today’s Study

1. Introducing Boaz (vs1)
2. Going to Glean (vs2-3)
3. Boaz arrives (vs4-7)
4. First impressions (vs8-9)
5. Faith finds Grace (vs10)
6. Way beyond law (vs11-17)
7. Naomi’s Response (18-23)

Something Helpful:



Discussion Questions:

1. In a storybook, verse 1 would be spoken by the narrator to give us a hint that the man described there will play a prominent role in the story. What details are given about this man Boaz?
2. What does Ruth desire to do (vs2-3)? What do you learn from Leviticus 23:22 and Deut. 24:19-22 about this practice? What does this say about the heart of God and how He feels about the stranger, the fatherless and the widow?
3. As Boaz surveys the barley harvest, what report is he given concerning Ruth (vs4-7)?
4. After Boaz learns Ruth's identity from his servant, how does he show his willingness to extend care to Ruth and Naomi (vs8-9)?
5. Spend some time mediating on this question for your own life: ask the Lord, why have I found favor/grace in Your eyes?

Reference Verses:

Mighty man of Valor

Judges 6:12 Now the Angel of the Lord came and sat under the terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianites. 12 And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him, and said to him, "The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor!"

Judges 11:1 Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valor, but he was the son of a harlot; and Gilead begot Jephthah.

Boaz

1 Kings 7:21 Then he set up the pillars by the vestibule of the temple; he set up the pillar on the right and called its name Jachin (*established*), and he set up the pillar on the left and called its name Boaz (*in strength*).

Psalms 118:26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord's Provision in the Land

Deuteronomy 24:19-22 "When you reap your harvest in your field, and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. ²⁰ When you beat your olive trees, you shall not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. ²¹ When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not glean it afterward; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. ²² And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I command you to do this thing.

Leviticus 19:9 When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest.

Leviticus 23:22 "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field when you reap, nor shall you gather any gleaning from your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the stranger: I am the Lord your God."