

~BOAZ 1 (131)

(Bo'az) [possibly, In Strength]

- A landowner of Bethlehem in Judah, a man mighty in wealth of about the 14th Century B.C.E.
- Now Naomi had a kinsman of her husband, a man mighty in wealth, of the family of Elimelech, and his name was Boaz. (Ruth 2:1)
- Boaz was the son of Salma or Salmon, and Rahab, and he was the father of Obed.
- Salmon became father to Boaz by Rahab. Boaz became father to Obed by Ruth. Obed became father to Jesse. (Matthew 1:5)
- He was a link in the family line of the Messiah, the seventh in line of descent from Judah.
- The sons of Judah were Er and Onan and Shelah. The three were born to him from Shua's daughter, the Canaanitess. And Er the firstborn of Judah came to be bad in the eyes of Yehowah, so that he put him to death. (1 Chronicles 2:3)
- And Tamar his daughter-in-law it was that bore to him Perez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah were five. (1 Chronicles 2:4)
- The sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul. (1 Chronicles 2:5)
- And the sons of Zerah were Zimri and Ethan and Heman and Calcol and Dara. There were five of them in all. (1 Chronicles 2:6)
- And the sons of Carmi were Achar the bringer of ostracism upon Israel, who committed an act of unfaithfulness respecting the thing devoted to destruction. (1 Chronicles 2:7)
- And the sons of Ethan were Azariah. (1 Chronicles 2:8)
- And the sons of Hezron that were born to him were Jerahmeel and Ram and Chelubai. (1 Chronicles 2:9)

- As for Ram, he became father to Amminadab. Amminadab, in turn, became father to Nahshon the chieftain of the sons of Judah. (**1 Chronicles 2:10**)
- Nahshon, in turn, became father to Salma. Salma, in turn, became father to **Boaz**. (**1 Chronicles 2:11**)
- Son of Jesse, son of Obed, son of **Boaz**, son of Salmon, son of Nahshon. (**Luke 3:32**)
- Son of Amminadab, son of Arni, son of Hezron, son of Perez, son of Judah. (**Luke 3:33**)
- How this very unusual turn of events came about, allowing **Boaz** to be included in the genealogy of Jesus, is preserved for us in the book of Ruth.
- **Boaz** had a close relative named Elimelech, who, along with his two sons, died leaving no male heirs. Of the widows of the two sons, one, Ruth, stuck by Elimelech's widow Naomi. It was harvesttime, and Ruth was gleaning by chance in the field belonging to **Boaz**.
- At that she went off and entered and began to glean in the field behind the harvesters. Thus by chance she lighted on the tract of the field belonging to **Boaz**, who was of the family of Elimelech. (**Ruth 2:3**)
- Now **Boaz** was a true Judean, a devout worshiper of Yehowah. Not only did he greet his harvesters with Yehowah be with you, but, after observing Ruth's loyalty toward Naomi, he also said to her; May Yehowah reward the way you act, and may there come to be a perfect wage for you from Yehowah.
- And, look! **Boaz** came from Bethlehem and proceeded to say to the harvesters; Yehowah be with you. In turn they would say to him: Yehowah bless you. (**Ruth 2:4**)
- May Yehowah reward the way you act, and may there come to be a perfect wage for you from Yehowah the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge. (**Ruth 2:12**)
- When Ruth reported these things to her mother-in-law, Naomi exclaimed; Blessed be he of Yehowah. He is one of our repurchasers.

- At that Naomi said to her daughter-in-law; Blessed be he of Yehowah, who has not left his loving-kindness toward the living and the dead. And Naomi went on to say to her, The man is related to us. He is one of our repurchasers. (**Ruth 2:20**)
- Furthermore, when the harvest ended, Naomi explained to Ruth the customary way of bringing this matter to **Boaz** attention. As **Boaz** was sleeping at his threshing floor, he awakened to find Ruth lying down at his uncovered feet, asking that he repurchase Elimelech's estate by levirate marriage. Ruth was to be the substitute for Naomi, who was beyond the age of childbearing.
- Wasting no time, **Boaz** the next morning summoned another kinsman more closely related, but this person, referred to in the Bible only as So-and-so, refused to comply with the divine arrangement. **Boaz**, however, was quick to do so and took Ruth as his wife, with the blessing of the townspeople. She bore him a son named Obed, the grandfather of King David.
- Naomi her mother-in-law now said to her; My daughter, ought I not to look for a resting-place for you, that it may go well with you? (**Ruth 3:1**)
- Then the neighbor ladies gave it a name, saying; A son has been born to Naomi. And they began to call his name Obed. He is the father of Jesse, David's father. (**Ruth 4:17**)

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- Throughout the account, from his first kind greeting to the workers to his acceptance of the responsibility for preserving the family name of Elimelech, **Boaz** is observed to be an outstanding man a man of action and authority yet having good self-control, faith, and integrity, being generous and kind, morally chaste, and fully obedient to Yehowah's commandments in all respects.