

~KIN, KINSMAN (284)

[Hebrew, *Go- 'el'* , redeem, buy back, Greek, *syg-ge-nes'*]

• Relative, either by common ancestry or by marriage. Kinsman has special reference to a male relative. There are several words in the original Bible languages having the following meanings and usages.

• *Go- 'el'*, from Hebrew *ga- 'al'*, meaning, redeem or buy back has reference to the nearest male relative with the right of a repurchaser or an avenger of blood. Willful murderers were to be put to death by the avenger of blood.

- Now if it was with an instrument of iron that he has struck him so that he dies, he is a murderer. Without fail the murderer should be put to death. (**Numbers 35:16**)
- And if it was with a small stone by which he could die that he has struck him so that he dies, he is a murderer. Without fail the murderer should be put to death. (**Numbers 35:17**)
- And if it was with a small instrument of wood by which he could die that he has struck him so that he dies, he is a murderer. Without fail the murderer should be put to death. (**Numbers 35:18**)
- The avenger of blood is the one who will put the murderer to death. When he chances upon him he himself will put him to death. (**Numbers 35:19**)
- Boaz relationship to Naomi and Ruth was that of a **repurchaser**.
- 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**)
- Then he said; Who are you? In turn she said; I am Ruth your slave girl, and you must spread out your skirt over your slave girl, for you are a repurchaser. (**Ruth 3:9**)
- And now while it is a fact that I am a repurchaser, there is also a repurchaser closer related than I am. (**Ruth 3:12**)

- **Lodge here tonight, and it must occur in the morning that if he will repurchase you, fine! Let him do the repurchasing. But if he does not take delight in repurchasing you, I will then repurchase you, I myself, as sure as Yehowah lives. Keep lying down until the morning. (Ruth 3:13)**
- **As for Boaz, he went up to the gate and began to sit there. And, look! The repurchaser was passing by, whom Boaz had mentioned. Then he said; Do turn aside, do sit down here, So-and-so. Hence he turned aside and sat down. (Ruth 4:1)**
- **He now said to the repurchaser; The tract of the field that belonged to our brother Elimelech, Naomi, who has returned from the field of Moab, must sell. (Ruth 4:3)**
- **To this the repurchaser said; I am unable to repurchase it for myself, for fear I may ruin my own inheritance. You repurchase it for yourself with my right of repurchase, because I am not able to do the repurchasing. (Ruth 4:6)**
- **So when the repurchaser said to Boaz; Buy it for yourself, he proceeded to draw his sandal off. (Ruth 4:8)**
- **And the women began to say to Naomi; Blessed be Yehowah, who has not let a repurchaser fail for you today, that his name may be proclaimed in Israel. (Ruth 4:14)**
- **Yehowah himself, the Great Father or Life-Giver, is both an Avenger and a Repurchaser for his servants.**
- **And they began to remember that God was their Rock, and that God the Most High was their Avenger. (Psalms 78:35)**
- **Do not be afraid, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel. I myself will help you, is the utterance of Yehowah, even your Repurchaser, the Holy One of Israel. (Isaiah 41:14)**
- **This is what Yehowah has said; the Repurchaser of you people, the Holy One of Israel. For your sakes I will send to Babylon and cause the bars of the prisons to come down, and the Chaldeans in the ships with whining cries on their part. (Isaiah 43:14)**
- **This is what Yehowah has said; the King of Israel and the**

Repurchaser of him, Yehowah of armies, I am the first and I am the last, and besides me there is no God. (**Isaiah 44:6**)

- This is what Yehowah has said; your Repurchaser and the Former of you from the belly; I, Yehowah, am doing everything, stretching out the heavens by myself, laying out the earth. Who was with me? (**Isaiah 44:24**)
- This is what Yehowah has said, your Repurchaser, the Holy One of Israel; I, Yehowah, am your God, the One teaching you to benefit yourself, the One causing you to tread in the way in which you should walk. (**Isaiah 48:17**)
- For your Grand Maker is your husbandly owner, Yehowah of armies being his name, and the Holy One of Israel is your Repurchaser. The God of the whole earth he will be called. (**Isaiah 54:5**)
- For you are our Father, although Abraham himself may not have known us and Israel himself may not recognize us, you, O Yehowah, are our Father. Our Repurchaser of long ago is your name. (**Isaiah 63:16**)
- Their Repurchaser is strong, Yehowah of armies being his name. Without fail he will conduct their legal case, in order, that he may actually give repose to the land and cause agitation to the inhabitants of Babylon. (**Jeremiah 50:34**)
- **Hebrew, *She 'er'***, meaning, **organism**, has reference to a fleshly relative or blood relative. God's laws forbade having sexual relations with a close **blood relation**, such as ones aunt.
- You people must not come near, any man of you, to any close fleshly relative of his to lay bare nakedness. I am Yehowah. (**Leviticus 18:6**)
- The nakedness of your father and the nakedness of your mother you must not lay bare. She is your mother. You must not lay bare her nakedness. (**Leviticus 18:7**)
- The nakedness of your father's wife you must not lay bare. It is your father's nakedness. (**Leviticus 18:8**)
- As for the nakedness of your sister, the daughter of your father

or the daughter of your mother, whether born in the same household or born outside it, you must not lay bare their nakedness. (**Leviticus 18:9**)

- As for the nakedness of the daughter of your son or the daughter of your daughter, you must not lay bare their nakedness, because they are your nakedness. (**Leviticus 18:10**)
- As for the nakedness of the daughter of your father's wife, the offspring of your father, she being your sister, you must not lay bare her nakedness. (**Leviticus 18:11**)
- The nakedness of your father's sister you must not lay bare. She is the blood relation of your father. (**Leviticus 18:12**)
- The nakedness of your mother's sister you must not lay bare, because she is a blood relation of your mother. (**Leviticus 18:13**)
- And the nakedness of your mother's sister and of your father's sister you must not lay bare, because it is his blood relation that one has exposed. They should answer for their error. (**Leviticus 20:19**)
- If a fellow Israelite fell into debt to an alien, then a brother, an uncle, a cousin, or any other **blood relative** could buy him back.
- But in case the hand of the alien resident or the settler with you becomes wealthy, and your brother has become poor alongside him and must sell himself to the alien resident or the settler with you, or to a member of the family of the alien resident. (**Leviticus 25:47**)
- After he has sold himself, the right of repurchase will continue in his case. One of his brothers may buy him back. (**Leviticus 25:48**)
- Or his uncle or the son of his uncle may buy him back, or any blood relative of his flesh, one of his family, may buy him back. Or if his own hand has become wealthy, he must also buy himself back. (**Leviticus 25:49**)
- Or if one died having no sons, daughters, brothers, or uncles, then the next closest **blood relation** received the inheritance.

- And if he has no brothers, you must then give his inheritance to his father's brothers. (**Numbers 27:10**)
- And if his father has no brothers, you must then give his inheritance to his blood relation who is closest to him of his family, and he must take possession of it. And it must serve as a statute by judicial decision for the sons of Israel, just as Yehowah has commanded Moses. (**Numbers 27:11**)
- **Hebrew, *Qa-rohv'***, meaning, **near**, includes not only one closely related but also an intimate acquaintance. If a brother became so poor that he had to sell his possessions, then one **closely related** had to buy them back for him.
- In case your brother grows poor and has to sell some of his possession, a repurchaser **closely related** to him must also come and buy back what his brother sold. (**Leviticus 25:25**)
- Job grieved that his intimate acquaintances had left him, and David lamented that his **close acquaintances** also stood aloof.
- My **intimate acquaintances** have ceased to be, and those known by me have themselves forgotten me. (**Job 19:14**)
- As for my lovers and my companions, they keep standing away from my plague, and my **close acquaintances** themselves have stood off at a distance. (**Psalms 38:11**)
- Terms related to **Hebrew, *ya-dha`***, meaning **know, be acquainted**, could mean a **kinsman** or just an **acquaintance**. Naomi had a **kinsman** of her husband named Boaz. Jehu executed all of Ahab's house including his **acquaintances**.
- 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**)
- Moreover, Jehu went on to strike down all who were left over of the house of Ahab in Jezreel and all his distinguished men and his **acquaintances** and his priests, until he had let no survivor of his remain. (**2 Kings 10:11**)

- In the **Christian Greek Scriptures** Greek *syg-ge-nes'* refers to a relative by blood, but it is never used in speaking of the relation between parents and children.
- Following this rule, note that Jesus said to his followers; You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives *syg-ge-non'* and friends.
- Moreover, you will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. (Luke 21:16)
- When the 12-year-old Jesus was missing, his parents began looking for him among **the relatives**.
- Assuming that he was in the company traveling together, they covered a day's distance and then began to hunt him up among **the relatives** and **acquaintances**. (Luke 2:44)
- When you spread a feast, Jesus counseled, do not invite your **relatives** who could pay you back but, rather, the poor people.
- Next he proceeded to say also to the man that invited him; When you spread a dinner or evening meal, do not call your friends or your brothers or **your relatives** or rich neighbors. Perhaps sometime they might also invite you in return and it would become a repayment to you. (Luke 14:12)
- But when you spread a feast, invite poor people, crippled, lame, blind. (Luke 14:13)
- And you will be happy, because they have nothing with which to repay you. For you will be repaid in the resurrection of the righteous ones. (Luke 14:14)
- When Peter brought the Good News of salvation to Cornelius, his **relatives** were also present.
- On the day after that he entered into Caesarea. Cornelius, of course, was expecting them and had called together his relatives and intimate friends. (Acts of Apostles 10:24)
- Paul, in his letter to the Romans, referred to the Israelites collectively as well as a number of individuals as his **relatives**.

- For I could wish that I myself were separated as the cursed one from the Christ in behalf of my brothers, my **relatives** according to the flesh. (**Romans 9:3**)
- Greet Andronicus and Junias my relatives and my fellow captives, who are men of note among the apostles and who have been in union with Christ longer than I have. (**Romans 16:7**)
- Greet Herodion my **relative**. Greet those from the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord. (**Romans 16:11**)
- my fellow worker greets you, and so do Lucius and Jason and Sosipater my relatives. (**Romans 16:21**)