

*Boaz – The Kinsman Redeemer*  
or  
*Boaz – The Great Man of Valor*

**Boaz**

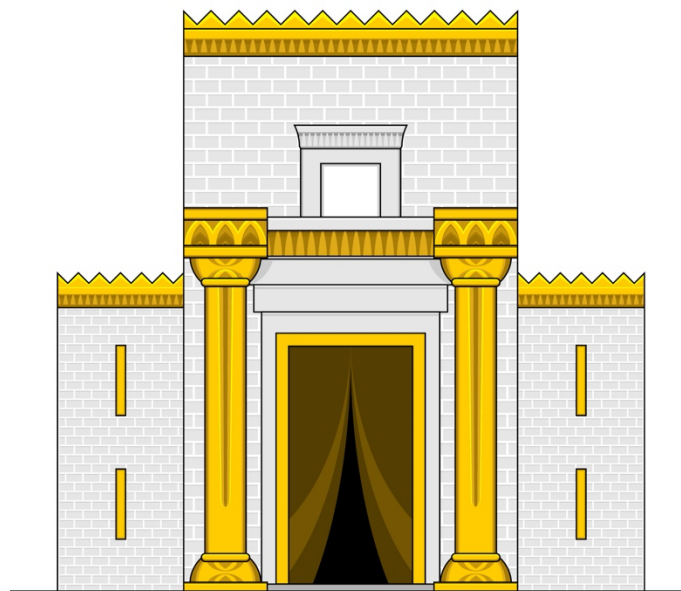
בֹּעַז

עֶז

(*az*) = “strength”

## 2 Chronicles 3:17

[Solomon] erected the pillars in front of the temple, one on the right and the other on the left, and named the one on the right **Yachin** and the one on the left **Boaz**.



בעז

Boaz

יכין

Yachin

*“He will  
establish”*

## Psalm 96:6

Splendor and majesty are before Him, **Strength** (עֹז) and **beauty** (תְּפִאֶרֶת) are in His sanctuary.

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## Boaz: A Picture of Messiah

2:1 – He is a “man of great valor”.

אִישׁ גִּבּוֹר חַיִּל

2:5 – Notices Ruth before she notices him.

2:8 – He first instruction to Ruth is “hear” (שָׁמַע).

2:8-16 – Boaz’ attributes:

- 8 Hospitality
- 9 Protection
- Inclusion
- 11 Awareness

- 12 Source of blessing
- 13 Acceptance  
Comfort
- 14 Provision
- 15-16 Generosity  
Gentleness

2:20 – Ruth’s discovery: Boaz is her **Goel** (גאֵל)!

**What are the responsibilities of a *goel* (גאֵל)?**

## **1. To restore a lost inheritance**

### **Leviticus 25:25**

If a fellow countryman of yours becomes so poor he has to sell part of his property, then his nearest **kinsman** is to come and buy back what his relative has sold.

## 2. To rescue another from poverty

### Leviticus 25:47-49

Now if the means of a stranger or of a sojourner with you becomes sufficient, and a countryman of yours becomes so poor with regard to him as to sell himself to a stranger who is sojourning with you, or to the descendants of a stranger's family, then he shall have **redemption** right after he has been sold. One of his brothers may **redeem** him, or his uncle, or his uncle's son, may **redeem** him, or one of his blood relatives from his family may **redeem** him; or if he prospers, he may **redeem** himself.

### 3. To avenge a wrongful death

#### Numbers 35:10-12,19

Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, “When you cross the Jordan into the land of Canaan, then you shall select for yourselves cities to be your cities of refuge, that the manslayer who has killed any person unintentionally may flee there. The cities shall be to you as a refuge from the **avenger**, so that the manslayer will not die until he stands before the congregation for trial...The blood **avenger** himself shall put the murderer to death. He shall put him to death when he meets him.”

**What are the qualifications of a *goel* (גֹּאֵל)?**

- a) He must be a kinsman.
- b) He must have wealth.

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### 3:9 – Boaz' question: "Who are you?"

Ruth's answer:

"cah:t"

- "I am Ruth, your אמה (*amah* – "handmaid")..."
- "Spread your כנף (*canaph* – "corner") over your אמה..."
- "You are a גאל (*goel*)."

### 3:10-13 – Boaz' response:

- He praises Ruth's conduct
- He comforts her ("Do not fear.")
- He promises to answer her requests.
- He promises to take care of everything.
- He tells her to rest until morning.

Elimelech's Field

Machlon

Chilion

Ruth

Naomi



## Job 19:25-27

“As for me, I know that my **Redeemer** lives, and at the last He will take His stand on the earth. Even after my skin is destroyed, yet from my flesh I shall see God Whom I myself shall behold, and whom my eyes will see and not another. My heart faints within me!”

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### Discussion Questions:

- From memory, identify as many parallels between Boaz and Yeshua as you can.
- From memory, identify as many parallels between Ruth and the redeemed community as you can.
- In what areas of your life are you like Ruth? In what areas are you like Orpah?
- Read Exodus 15:13 (see notes below) and discuss it. What shadows of this teaching do you find there?

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## NOTES:

**Romans 8:19** For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.<sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope<sup>21</sup> that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.<sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.<sup>23</sup> And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for *our* adoption as sons, the **redemption** of our body.

**Psalms 78:35** And they remembered that God was their rock, and the Most High God their **Redeemer**.

**Hebrews 9:12** ...and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal **redemption**.

**Genesis 49:3** "Reuben, you are my firstborn – my might and the beginning of my strength, preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power [עֶזְרָא, *az*]."

**2 Chronicles 3:17** He erected the pillars in front of the temple, one on the right and the other on the left, and named the one on the right Yachin and the one on the left Boaz.

**Isaiah 6:4** And the **foundations/columns** [אֲמוֹת, *amot*, plural of אֲמָה, *amah*] of the thresholds shook at the voice of Him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

**Ruth 4:3-6** Then he said to the **redeemer**, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is **selling** the parcel of land that belonged to our relative Elimelech.<sup>4</sup> So I thought I would tell you of it and say, 'Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people.' If you will **redeem** it, **redeem** it. But if you will not, tell me, that I may know, for there is no one besides you to **redeem** it, and I come after you." And he said, "I will **redeem** it."<sup>5</sup> Then Boaz said, "The day you **buy** the field from the hand of Naomi, you also **buy** Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead, in order to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance."<sup>6</sup> Then the **redeemer** said, "I cannot **redeem** it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of **redemption** yourself, for I cannot **redeem** it."

**Exodus 15:13** "You have led in Your steadfast loving kindness the people whom You have redeemed [גָּאֵל, *goel*]. You have guided them by your strength [עֶזְרָא, *az*] to your holy habitation."

Revelation 21:8 ~ "cowardly"