

Reasoning out of the Scriptures

by Allegory and Type



class 1 - Cleaving (chapter 1)

series 07 - THE BOOK OF RUTH

Ruth

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Cleaving

Mystery

- For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this **mystery**, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to **Israel**, until the fulness of the **Gentiles** be come in. And so all **Israel** shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the **Deliverer**, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: (Rom 11:25-26 KJV)
 - “Mystery” to be known!

Scene

- Now it came to pass in the days when the **judges ruled** ... (Rth 1:1 KJV)
 - Judges
 - Downfall of Israel - no king
 - Ruth
 - Faithful group - redeemed by bridegroom
 - Samuel/Kings
 - Kingdom established
- And Samuel **judged** Israel all the days of his life. (1Sa 7:15 KJV)

Famine

- Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a **famine** in the land... (Rth 1:1 KJV)
- Famine of the Word
 - Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a **famine** in the land, not a **famine** of **bread**, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing **the words of the LORD**: (Amo 8:11 KJV)
- Bread
 - But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by **bread** alone, but by every **word** that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. (Mat 4:4 KJV)
- Rain
 - My **doctrine** shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: (Deu 32:2 KJV)
 - For **as** the rain cometh down ... **So** shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth ... (Isa 55:10-11 KJV)
- Famines “in the land” of promise
 - Gen 12:10 (Abraham); 26:1 (Isaac); 42:2,5 (Israel)
 - Go “down” to Egypt

Famine

- Now it came to pass **in the days** when the judges ruled, that there was **a famine** in the land... (Rth 1:1 KJV)
- And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And **the word** of the LORD was precious in those days; there was **no open vision**. (1Sa 3:1 KJV)

A Name

- Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehemjudah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons. And **the name** of the man was **Elimelech**.... (Rth 1:1-2 KJV)

Eli = my God

Melech = king

Eli + Melech =

My God is King

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, **Eli**, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, **My God**, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? (Mat 27:46 KJV)

What's in a Name

- Naomi → Mara
 - Rth 1:20-21
- Order matters
 - For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; **first** being by interpretation King of righteousness, and **after that** also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; (Heb 7:1-2 KJV)
- Eureka (vol 4, pg 206)
 - **The name** of a person or thing, according to the Hebrew style, frequently imports the **quality** or **state** thereof. Thus in Ruth 1:20, "and she said unto them, call me not Naomi," that is, pleasant, "but call me Mara," that is bitter; "for Yahweh hath dealt very bitterly with me."

Overview

Players	Heb meaning	Type	Notes
Elimelech	my God is king	Kingdom of God/Israel	Divided...
Naomi	my delight, pleasant - bitterness (Mara)	Jerusalem of Promise, Abr Cov	Like Sarah, free, promised
Mahlon	sickly, diseased, wounded	Nation of Israel, north	wife of Ruth
Chilion	pinning, failing, consumption	Nation of Judah, south	wife of Orpah
Orpah	gazelle, fleeting, back of the neck (root)	Those who reject the call	don't cleave faithfully
Ruth	friend	Gentile bride, ecclesia	
Boaz	in him is strength	Christ, redeemer	Cp meaning to Mahlon
Near kinsman		The Law	cannot redeem

Israel Without a King

- And **Elimelech** Naomi's husband **died**; and she was left, and her two sons. (Rth 1:3 KJV)
- Dies before sons married off
- Kingdom of God
 - For **God is my King** of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth. (Psa 74:12 KJV)
- Putting away *TRUE* God
 - ...they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them. (1Sa 8:7 KJV)
 - ...Nay; but a king shall reign over us: when **the LORD** your God was **your king**. (1Sa 12:12 KJV)
 - Israel is an empty vine.... For now they shall say, We have **no king**, because we feared not the LORD; what then should a king do to us? ... So shall Bethel do unto you because of your great wickedness: in a morning shall the king of **Israel** utterly be **cut off**. (Hos 10:1, 3, 15 KJV)
- “God as King” - perished from the nation first
 - Now it came to pass in the days when the **judges ruled** ... (Rth 1:1 KJV)
 - And the children of Israel departed thence at that time, every man to his tribe and to his family, and they went out from thence every man to his inheritance. In those days there was **no king** in Israel: every man did that which was **right in his own eyes**. (Jdg 21:24-25 KJV)

Bethlehem

- Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of **Bethlehemjudah** went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons. (Rth 1:1 KJV)

Beth = house

Lehem = bread

Beth + Lehem =

House of bread

- Cp Beth-peor / Beth-el / Beth-any / Beth-phage / Beth-esda / etc

Two Bethlehems

- Bethlehem-Zebulun
 - And Kattath, and Nahallal, and Shimron, and Idalah, and [Bethlehem](#): twelve cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the children of [Zebulun](#) according to their families, these cities with their villages. (Jos 19:15-16 KJV)
- Bethlehem-Judah
 - Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehemjudah, whose name was Jesse... (1Sa 17:12 KJV)
- Jewish tradition - *Ibzan is Boaz*
 - And after him Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel. And he had thirty sons, and thirty daughters, whom he sent abroad, and took in thirty daughters from abroad for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years. Then died Ibzan, and was buried at [Bethlehem](#). And after him Elon, a Zebulonite, judged Israel; and he judged Israel ten years. And Elon the Zebulonite died, and was buried in Aijalon in the country of [Zebulun](#). (Jdg 12:8-12 KJV)
- Ibzan of Bethlehem-Zebulun / Boaz of Bethlehem-Judah

Ephratah

- And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, **Ephrathites of Bethlehemjudah**. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there. (Rth 1:2 KJV)
- Rachel's burying place
 - And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem. (Gen 35:19 KJV)
- Christ's birthplace
 - Hath not the scripture said, That **Christ** cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? (Jhn 7:42 KJV)
 - But thou, **Bethlehem Ephratah**, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, **yet out of thee shall he come forth** unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. (Mic 5:2 KJV)

Moab

- And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehemjudah. And they came into the country of **Moab**, and continued there. (Rth 1:1-2 KJV)

- Moab - “of my fleshly father”
- Located - far side of Dead Sea
 - “bread of life” → “death”
- Contrast Ruth's decision
 - And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and how thou hast **left thy father** and thy mother, and **the land of thy nativity**, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore. (Rth 2:11 KJV)

Lot

- And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehemjudah. And they came into the country of Moab, and **continued there**. (Rth 1:2 KJV)
- Elimelech/“famine” - Lot/“well watered”
 - And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was **well watered** every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, [even] as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. (Gen 13:10 KJV)
- “Continued there” - Lot in Sodom
 - Then Lot **chose him** all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. (Gen 13:11 KJV)
 - ...and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his **tent toward** Sodom. (Gen 13:12 KJV)
 - And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who **dwelt** in Sodom, and his goods, and departed. (Gen 14:12 KJV)
 - ...also **brought again** his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people. (Gen 14:16 KJV)
 - And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot **sat in the gate** of Sodom... (Gen 19:1 KJV)

Moab Born in Immorality

Thus were both the daughters of **Lot** with child by their father. And the firstborn bare a son, and called his name **Moab**: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day. (Gen 19:36-37 KJV)

Chilion

- And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and **Chilion**, Ephrathites of Bethlehemjudah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there. (Rth 1:2 KJV)
- Meaning - pining, failing, consumption
- Root - depletion, annihilation, ending, spent (only 2x occs)
 - And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone. And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and **failing** of eyes, and sorrow of mind: And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life: (Deu 28:64-66 KJV)
 - The remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God. For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return: the **consumption** decreed shall overflow with righteousness. (Isa 10:21-22 KJV)
- Repts - Judah, south
- Wife - Orpah (Rth 4:10)

Consumed

- Further root - “consumed”
 - But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: ... Cursed shall be **the fruit of thy body**, and **the fruit of thy land**, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. ... The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou **perish quickly**; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me. The LORD shall make the pestilence **cleave** unto thee, until he have **consumed** thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it. The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish. (Deu 28:15, 18, 20-22 KJV)
- “Cleave” - same word in Ruth

Naomi

- And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife **Naomi**, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehemjudah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there. (Rth 1:2 KJV)
- Meaning - my delight
 - “Thy testimonies/law are my delight” - Psa 119
 - **Because** that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws. (Gen 26:5 KJV)
- Root - pleasantness, delightfulness, beauty
- Reps - Abrahamic Covenant / Jerusalem (of promise)
 - And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abram's wife was **Sarai**; and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah. (Gen 11:29 KJV)
- Husband - God
 - For thy Maker is thine **husband**; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called. (Isa 54:5 KJV)
- Children - Israel

Widow

- And Elimelech Naomi's **husband died**; and she was left, and her two sons.
(Rth 1:3 KJV)

- Special arrangements in the Law
 - “Widow” - Naomi
 - “Stranger” - Orpah & Ruth
 - “Fatherless” - Mahlon & Chilion
- Plea of Israel
 - Remember, O LORD, what is come upon us: consider, and behold our reproach. Our inheritance is turned to **strangers**, our houses to aliens. We are orphans and **fatherless**, our mothers are as **widows**. (Lam 5:1-3 KJV)

Fall of Israel

- And they **took them wives** of the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they **dwelled** there about ten years. And Mahlon and Chilion **died** also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband. (Rth 1:4-5 KJV)
- Marry gentile women - after Elimelech dies
- “Dwelled” - trade physical famine for spiritual famine
 - Therefore **my people are gone** into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are **famished**, and their multitude dried up with **thirst**. (Isa 5:13 KJV)
 - He shall not return into the land of Egypt, but the Assyrian shall be his king, because they **refused to return**. (Hos 11:5 KJV)
- Died young - outlived by Naomi
 - Physical sickness - spiritual weakness
- No children - no fruit or seed
- Names only appear in Ruth

10 Years

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- Sarah & Naomi - no children / handmaid cannot provide “seed of promise”
 - And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt **ten years** in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife. (Gen 16:3 KJV)
 - Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar. ...and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes. (Gen 16:1, 4 KJV)
- Ten - fullness of time
 - Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these **ten times**, and have not hearkened to my voice; Surely they shall not see the land which I swore unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it: (Num 14:22-23 KJV)

Bethlehem-Judah

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- “Bethlehemjudah” (x2) - when Elimelech alive
 - Judah - I will praise (Gen 29:35)
 - “House of Bread & praise” - pre going to Moab
- “Bethlehem” alone (x5) - post death
 - “House of Bread” (alone)
 - No praise with nation now

Widow & Barren

- And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and **the woman was left** of her two sons and her husband. (Rth 1:5 KJV)

Return to YHWH

- Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might **return** from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the **LORD** had visited his people in giving them **bread**. (Rth 1:6 KJV)

“YHWH” in book of Ruth

Character	# having to do with	# directly spoken
Naomi	8	6
Ruth	4	1
Boaz	6	5

- Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that **the LORD** had visited his people in giving them bread. (Rth 1:6 KJV)
- And Naomi said unto her two daughters in law, Go, return each to her mother's house: **the LORD** deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me. (Rth 1:8 KJV)
- **The LORD** grant you that ye may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept. (Rth 1:9 KJV)
- Would ye tarry for them till they were grown? would ye stay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for it grieveth me much for your sakes that the hand of the **LORD** is gone out against me. (Rth 1:13 KJV)
- Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: **the LORD** do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me. (Rth 1:17 KJV)
- I went out full, and **the LORD** hath brought me home again empty: why then call ye me Naomi, seeing **the LORD** hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me? (Rth 1:21 KJV)
- And, behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said unto the reapers, **The LORD** be with you. And they answered him, **The LORD** bless thee. (Rth 2:4 KJV)
- **The LORD** recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of **the LORD** God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust. (Rth 2:12 KJV)
- And Naomi said unto her daughter in law, Blessed be he of **the LORD**, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man is near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen. (Rth 2:20 KJV)
- And he said, Blessed be thou of **the LORD**, my daughter: for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich. (Rth 3:10 KJV)
- Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, as **the LORD** liveth: lie down until the morning. (Rth 3:13 KJV)
- And all the people that were in the gate, and the elders, said, We are witnesses. **The LORD** make the woman that is come into thine house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and do thou worthily in Ephratah, and be famous in Bethlehem: (Rth 4:11 KJV)
- And let thy house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bare unto Judah, of the seed which **the LORD** shall give thee of this young woman. (Rth 4:12 KJV)
- So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, **the LORD** gave her conception, and she bare a son. (Rth 4:13 KJV)
- And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be **the LORD**, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel. (Rth 4:14 KJV)

Famine - Natural vs Spiritual

- Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the **LORD** had visited his people in giving them **bread**. (Rth 1:6 KJV)
- Still a physical “famine” of bread for them
 - And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall **find grace**. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter. And she took it up, and went into the city: and her mother in law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth, and gave to her that she had reserved after she was **sufficed**. (Rth 2:2, 18 KJV)
- Naomi’s decision - “spiritual”
 - Contrast - carnal (Rth 1:1-2)

Kindness

- Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her; and they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah. And Naomi said unto her two daughters in law, Go, return each to her mother's house: the LORD deal **kindly** with you, as ye have **dealt with the dead**, and with me. (Rth 1:7-8 KJV)
- Mother's house - cp Mat 12:48
- Kindness - Heb "chesed"
 - YHWH → Ruth/Orpah, Ruth/Orpah → the dead, Ruth/Orpah → Naomi
 - And Naomi said unto her daughter in law, Blessed be he of the LORD, who hath not left off his **kindness** to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man is near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen. (Rth 2:20 KJV)
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Naomi's "YHWH"

- And Naomi said unto her two daughters in law, Go, return each to her mother's house: **the LORD** deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me. **The LORD** grant you that ye may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept. (Rth 1:8-9 KJV)
- Impacts Ruth
 - And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and **thy God my God**: Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: **the LORD** do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me. (Rth 1:16-17 KJV)

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- **The LORD** grant you that ye may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept. (Rth 1:9 KJV)
- Would ye tarry for them till they were grown? would ye stay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for it grieveth me much for your sakes that the hand of **the LORD** is gone out against me. (Rth 1:13 KJV)
- Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: **the LORD** do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me. (Rth 1:17 KJV)
- I went out full, and **the LORD** hath brought me home again empty: why then call ye me Naomi, seeing **the LORD** hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me? (Rth 1:21 KJV)
- ...
- And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be **the LORD**, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel. (Rth 4:14 KJV)

- For the LORD will not forsake his people **for his great name's sake**: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people. (1Sa 12:22 KJV)

Promises

- And they said unto her, **Surely** we will return with thee unto thy people. And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters: **why** will ye go with me? are there yet any more sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? Turn again, my daughters, go your way; for **I am too old** to have an husband. If I should say, **I have hope**, if I should have an husband also to night, and should also bear sons; Would ye **tarry** for them till they were grown? would ye **stay** for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for it grieveth me much **for your sakes** that the hand of the LORD is gone out against me. (Rth 1:10-13 KJV)
- Naomi promises her seed
 - Ruth bears him
- “Too old”
 - Cp Sarah & Elisabeth (Luk 1:37)
- “Surely” - committed but tested
- “Grieveth” - mara, bitterness
 - Naomi’s care for the girls

Orpah

- And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her. And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister in law. (Rth 1:14-15 KJV)
- Meaning - Gazelle, timid or fleeting deer
- Root - back of the neck, stiffneck, fleeing, declining
- Reps - Those which turn from the Truth
 - And them that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; and them that worship and that swear by the LORD, and that swear by Malcham; And them that are turned back from the LORD; and those that have not sought the LORD, nor enquired for him. (Zep 1:5-6 KJV)
 - Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. (Mat 13:21 KJV)
- Husband - Chilion

Ruth

- And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her. (Rth 1:14 KJV)
- Meaning - friend, tender nourisher
- Root - feed, pasture, tend
 - His mouth is most sweet: yea, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem. (Sng 5:16 KJV)
 - Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. (Jhn 15:13-14 KJV)
- Reps - The faithful, those which cleave, gentile bride
- Husband - Mahlon (Rth 4:10)

Cleaving

- ...but Ruth **clave** unto her. ... And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither **thou** goest, **I** will go; and where **thou** lodgest, **I** will lodge: **thy** people shall be **my** people, and **thy** God **my** God: (Rth 1:14, 16 KJV)
 1. Place - Land
 2. People - Seed
 3. God - YHWH
- “Clave” - follow hard, keep fast, abide, join, pursue
 - For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the **strangers** shall be joined with them, and they shall **cleave** to the house of **Jacob**. (Isa 14:1 KJV)
 - Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall **take hold of the skirt** of him that is a Jew, saying, **We will go with you**: for we have heard that **God is with you**. (Zec 8:23 KJV)

Her Conviction

- And they said unto her, Surely we will return with thee unto **thy people**. ... And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto **her people**, and unto **her gods**: return thou after thy sister in law. And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be **my people**, and thy God **my God**: Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: **the LORD** do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me. When she saw that she was **stedfastly minded** to go with her, then she left speaking unto her. (Rth 1:10, 15-18 KJV)
- Conviction - of Naomi's God
 - Now faith is the **substance** of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (Heb 11:1 KJV)
- Cleaving to YHWH - Naomi's God
 - Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou **cleave**, and swear by his name. (Deu 10:20 KJV)
 - Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye **stedfast**, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. (1Co 15:58 KJV)

Her Baptism

- When she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her. So they two went until they came to Bethlehem... (Rth 1:18-19 KJV)
- Covenant of Baptism
 - Bethlehem & Moab - separated by water
 - Ruth had to cross river Jordan



Widow & Barren

- And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and **the woman was left** of her two sons and her husband. (Rth 1:5 KJV)
- Naomi vs Ruth
 - Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, **trusteth in God**, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day. ... I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. (1Ti 5:5, 14 KJV)
 - Cp Rth 1:9-13

Barren

- And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me **Mara**: for the Almighty hath dealt very **bitterly** with me. I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again **empty**: why then call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me? (Rth 1:20-21 KJV)
- Mara - bitterness
 - Widow - no husband
 - Barren - no children
- How doth the city sit **solitary**, that was **full** of people! how is she become as a **widow**! ...**she dwelleth among the heathen**, she findeth no rest: all her persecutors overtook her between the straits. The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts: all her gates are desolate: her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she is in **bitterness**. (Lam 1:1, 3-4 KJV)

Hope

- I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me **home again empty**: why then call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me? (Rth 1:21 KJV)
- Sarah & Naomi - barren / looking for seed of promise
 - But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. Which things are an **allegory**: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is **free**, which is the **mother of us all**. For it is written, **Rejoice**, thou **barren** that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband. Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the **children of promise**. (Gal 4:23-28 KJV)

Hope

- ...seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me? (Rth 1:21 KJV)
- Jerusalem mother
 - Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD. ... thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited. ...for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more. For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called. ... For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.(Isa 54:1-5, 7 KJV)
 - In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer. ... For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee. O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. ... And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children. (Isa 54:8, 10-11, 13 KJV)

Contrast

- Naomi/Covenanted system
 - Lowly - bitterness - widow - barren
 - Delivered - rejoice - made full
- Jezebel/Babylonian system
 - Sits proud
 - How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and **am no widow**, and shall see no sorrow. (Rev 18:7 KJV)
 - Made low
 - But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the **loss of children**, and **widowhood**: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments. (Isa 47:9 KJV)

Abrahamic Covenant

- Seed & Land

- And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy **seed** be. ... And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this **land to inherit** it. ... In the same day the LORD made a **covenant** with Abram, saying, Unto thy **seed** have I given this **land**, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: (Gen 15:5, 7, 18 KJV)

Restore Israel

- So Naomi **returned**, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter in law, with her, which **returned** out of the country of Moab: and they came to Bethlehem in the beginning of barley harvest. (Rth 1:22 KJV)
- “Return” - restore, turn back, recompense, recover
 - And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my **strength**. And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to **restore** the preserved of **Israel**: I will also give thee for a light to the **Gentiles**, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth. Thus saith the LORD, the **Redeemer of Israel**, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee. Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a **covenant** of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to **inherit the desolate heritages**; (Isa 49:5-8 KJV)

Verse	Translated
6	return
7	return
8	return
10	return
11	turn again
12	turn again
15	gone back
15	return
16	return
21	brought again
22	returned
22	returned
Total	= 12 occ