

Ruth

The book of Ruth takes place during the unlawful period of the judges and shows us God's grace and faithfulness in response to Emuna (trust obedience faith).

The book has many spiritual lessons and many level of understanding. The rabbis teach us that Paradise (which came from Pardes a fruit garden euphemism for the garden of Eden) is an acronym for what is paradise for a man of God. To understand the word in all its different levels:

P. Peshat Literal understanding.

R. Remez Allusion

D. Derash Deduction

S. Seter Hidden understanding

An important principle is that we need to start with the literal understanding and all others have to be in agreement with it.

With that in mind let us get some overview of this important book starting with the names.

Names in Hebrew describe the character of the bearer.

Elimelech Naomi's husband means 'God is my Father.'

He represents the Father who left Judah Beth Lechem, House of Bread where the lambs were grown for the sacrifice to go to Moab. The Father dispersed Israel due to their sin and to spread the word among the nations. Even Moab sinners will be reached by the word. The living bread came out of Judah to reach the world.

Naomi 'My pleasure.' The bride finds pleasure in her husband Yeshua. However she leaves because of famine, and allow her sons to marry outside the camp they became **Machalon** 'Sickness' and **Chilion** 'Disaster'.

Upon their death and the restoration of Israel, Naomi wants to return to Israel. Today there are some messianic believers who try to discourage non-Jews from joining Israel and the Torah. However a true believer is not discouraged. Even a Moabite can become Israel by faith. Boaz In him there is strength is a picture of the Messiah that accept all who put there trust in him and become their provider and their husband. No one else can redeem us.

Ruth symbolizing the non-Jewish believer is willing to leave her father's palace and beg from Judah. She was willing to humble herself obey her mother in law and throw herself at the mercy of Yeshua. Even though she only knew him from the testimony of a fallen woman. Yeshua never rejects the foreigner who joins himself/herself to him and his people. He will protect them from anyone and order his people to care for them. He is the author and finisher of our faith as Boaz pursues the redemption of Ruth until she became his wife. Ruth brought Naomi to jealousy and restored her to Yeshua.

What a beautiful picture how YHWH pursues his people regardless of their origin and by faith become the future and hope of his people.