

# RUTH 2 vs 1

The story of Ruth, the Moabite, comes from the time of the Judges in the 12<sup>th</sup> century bc; though it was written much later. The reader is reminded repeatedly, (8 times) that Ruth is a Moabite woman: she is a foreigner, and who is Moab? The birth of Moab was the result of the incest of drunken Lot and his older daughter who gave birth to Moab – Genesis 19.



Ruth's right to glean; and its result,

**<sup>1</sup> And Naomi had a kinsman / a close relative of her husband, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz.**

**<sup>2</sup> And Ruth, the woman of Moab/** this foreign woman from an unseemly country; who probably spoke with an irritating accent, **said to Naomi,**

**Let me now go to the field, and glean fallen grain after him in whose sight I will find grace. And she said to her, Go, my daughter.**

**<sup>3</sup> And she departed, and went, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and she happened to land on a portion of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.**

**<sup>4</sup> And, behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said to the reapers, The LORD be with you. And they answered him, The LORD bless you.**

**<sup>5</sup> Then Boaz said to his servant who oversaw the reapers, Whose young woman is this?**

**<sup>6</sup> And the servant that oversaw the reapers answered and said, She is a woman of Moab, the young woman who returned with Naomi from the country of Moab:**

**<sup>7</sup> and she said / in her irritating accent, please, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and has continued from the morning until now, and has waited in the house only a little while.**

Boaz protects and provides for Ruth,

**<sup>8</sup> Then Boaz said to Ruth, Listen, my daughter, Do not go to glean in another field, nor go from here, but stay here with my maidservants:**

**<sup>9</sup> Let your eyes be on the field that they reap, and follow with them: I have ordered the young men not to touch you.**

**When you are thirsty, go to the water jars, and drink from what the young men provide.**

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**10 Then she fell on her face bowing to the ground, and said to him, Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should notice me, since I am a foreigner?**

**11 And Boaz answered and said to her, All you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband was fully reported to me: and how you left your father and your mother, and the land of your birth, and came to a people who you did not previously know.**

**12 May the LORD reward your work, and your wages be full from the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings you take shelter.**

**13 Then she said, I am finding favor with you, my lord; for you have comforted me, and spoken kindly to your maidservant, even though I am not of your maidservants.**

**14 And at mealtime, Boaz said to her, Come here, and eat of our bread, and dip your slice in the vinegar. So she sat beside the reapers: and he handed her roasted grain, and she did eat, and was satisfied, and had some leftover.**

**15 And when she arose to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not scold her:**

**16 and also pull out some stalks from the bundles and leave them for her to glean, and do not criticize her.**

The report of her gleaning,

**17 So she gleaned in the field until evening, and beat out what she had gleaned: and it was about a bushel of barley.**

**18 And she took it, and went into the city: and her mother-in-law saw what she gleaned: and she also produced what was left over after her hunger was satisfied, and gave to her what she had.**



**19 And her mother-in-law said to her, Where did you glean today? Where were you working? Blessed is he who took notice of you. And she explained to her mother-in-law whom she worked with, and said, The name of the man I worked with today is Boaz.**

**20 And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, Blessed is he of the LORD, who has not ceased to be kind to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said to her, The man is a relative of ours, he is one of our next kinsmen.**

**21 And Ruth, the woman of Moab said,**

**Yes, he also told me, you can keep close with my young men, until they have finished all my harvesting.**

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<sup>22</sup> But Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, It is good, my daughter, that you accompany his maidservants, so that the reapers do not meet you in any other field.

<sup>23</sup> So she kept close to the maidservants of Boaz as she gleaned till the barley and the wheat were harvested; and she stayed with her mother-in-law.

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