## Greetings, today our manna is Ruth 2; Acts 27; Jeremiah 37; Psalms 10.

# August 9 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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## Ruth 2

#### **Ruth Meets Boaz**

Rth 2:1 And Na'omi had a relative on her husband's side, a man of great wealth, of the clan of Elimelek, and his name was Bo'az.

Rth 2:2 And Ruth, the Mo'abitess, said to Na'omi, "Please let me go to the field, and glean heads of grain after him in whose eyes I find favour." So she said to her, "Go, my daughter."

Ruth requested that Naomi let her go glean the fields for barley grain. For now, it appears it would be up to both Ruth and Naomi as widows to care for one another. Sometimes the owners of the fields would allow those in need to glean the corners. This was Ruth's hope.

Rth 2:3 And she left, and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers. As it turned out, she came to the part of the field belonging to Bo'az, the near relative of Elimelek.

Rth 2:4 And see, Bo'az had come from Běyth Leḥem, and said to the reapers, be with you!" And they answered him, "יהוה bless you!"

Rth 2:5 And Bo'az said to his servant who was appointed over the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?"

By divine appointment, Ruth ends up gleaning from the corners of Boaz's fields. He sees her and inquires as to who she is. Boaz is a type and shadow of Yahusha. When we reach out to glean from His Word, he takes notice of who we are. He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds. He cares for the widows and the orphans. He takes note of those helping and caring for others.

Rth 2:6 So the servant who was appointed over the reapers answered and said, "It is the young Mo'abite woman who came back with Na'omi from the fields of Mo'ab, Rth 2:7 and she said,

'Please let me glean, and gather among the sheaves behind the reapers.' And she came and has remained from morning until now – she sat a little in the house."

Boaz looks out after Ruth to bless her with grain for her and Naomi; but also, to protect her from harm. He had heard the good report of all that Ruth had done for Naomi. Boaz himself was known to be a very generous and caring person.

#### Rth 2:8 And Bo'az said to Ruth,

- "You have heard, have you not, my daughter? <u>Do not go to glean in another field, nor go from here, but stay close to my young women.</u>
  - o We are only to glean from Him; the Bread of Life, and none other.
- Rth 2:9 "Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and you shall go after them. Have I not commanded the young men not to touch you?
  - o YHWH watches over His children; those that walk-in set-apartness.
- And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn."
  - O Yahusha is our Living Water. In our thirst for righteousness, He gives us Living Water.
- Rth 2:10 And she fell on her face, bowed down to the ground, and said to him,
   "Why have I found favour in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, seeing I am a foreigner?"
  - O Mat 15:22 And see, a woman of Kena'an came from those borders and cried out to Him, saying, "Have compassion on me, O Master, Son of Dawid! My daughter is badly demon-possessed." 23 But He did not answer her a word. And His taught ones came and asked Him, saying, "Send her away, because she cries after us." 24 And He answering, said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Yisra'ěl."d Footnote: dSee Mat 10:6. 25 But she came and was bowing to Him, saying, "Master, help me!" 26 And He answering, said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." 27 But she said, "Yes Master, for even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." 28 And יהושע answering, said to her, "O woman, your belief is great! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that hour.
- Rth 2:11 And Bo'az answered and said to her, "I have been told all that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband, and how you have left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and have come to a people whom you did not know before.

- Luk 18:29 And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the reign of Elohim, 30 who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come everlasting life." Footnote: aSee Mat 6:33, Mat 19:29, Mar 10:29.
- Rth 2:12 "הוה repay your work, and your reward is complete from יהוה Elohim of Yisra'ěl, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge."
  - o Psa 61:4 Let me dwell in Your Tent forever, Let me take refuge in the shelter of Your wings. Selah.
- Rth 2:13 And she said, "Let me find favour in your eyes, my master, because you have comforted me, and have spoken to the heart of your female servant, though I am not like one of your female servants."
  - o Php 2:3 doing none at all through selfishness or self-conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.
- Rth 2:14 And Bo'az said to her, "Come here at mealtime. Then you shall eat of the bread and dip your piece of bread in the vinegar." And she sat beside the reapers, and he passed roasted grain to her. And she ate and was satisfied, and had left over.
  - o Mat 14:20 and all ate and were satisfied. And they picked up the pieces left over twelve baskets, filled.
- Rth 2:15 And she rose up to glean, and Bo'az commanded his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not embarrass her.
  - O Jas 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of Elohim, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it shall be given to him.
- Rth 2:16 "Rather, <u>draw out from the bundles for her, and leave it for her to glean,</u> and do not restrain her."
  - o Heb 6:10 For Elohim is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His Name, in that you have attended to the set-apart ones, and *still* attend.
- Rth 2:17 And she gleaned in the field until evening, and beat out that which she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.
  - o Pro 31:27 She watches over the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness.

Rth 2:18 And she took it up and went into the city, and <u>her mother-in-law saw what</u> <u>she had gleaned</u>. And <u>she brought out and gave to her what she had left over after</u> she was satisfied.

Rth 2:19 Then her mother-in-law asked her, "Where have you gleaned today? And where did you work? Blessed be the one who took notice of you." And she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, and said, "The name of the man I worked

today with is Bo'az."

Naomi realized that Ruth had found favor with someone; so, she inquired where she had gleaned.

Rth 2:20 And Na'omi said to her daughter-in-law, "Blessed be he of יהוה, who has not forsaken His loving-commitment to the living and the dead!" And Na'omi said to her, "The man is a relative of ours, one of our redeemers."

Naomi now has felt blessed by YHWH knowing that Boaz was one of her relatives; as well as one of their kinsman redeemers. Praise YHWH Yahusha, that He is our Kinsman Redeemer!

Rth 2:21 And Ruth the Mo'abitess said, "He also said to me, 'Stay close to my young people until they have completed all my harvest.'"

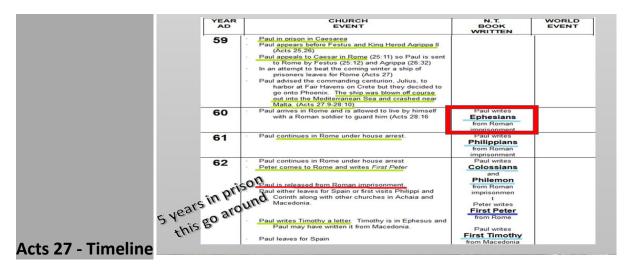
Rth 2:22 And Na'omi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, and that they do not meet you in any other field."

Rth 2:23 And she stayed close by the young women of Bo'az to glean, till the completion of barley harvest and wheat harvest, but she dwelt with her mother-in-law.

Naomi saw that YHWH had blessed them both. In her wisdom, she tells Ruth to do exactly as Boaz had instructed. She was not to go to any other field and Naomi apparently felt Ruth would be allowed to glean into the wheat harvest. During this time, Ruth dwelt with Naomi.

We too as the bride of Yahusha, first taste of the Bread of Life at the foot of the crucifixion tree. This is where we all begin knowing Him. We learn of His great love for us through Passover, the time of the barley harvest. We continue to know Him through the Feast of Unleavened Bread and First Fruit. From there, we count 50 day which is called the counting of the Omer which brings to the Feast of Pentecost, the wheat harvest.

These 'bridal rehearsals' are a picture of His betrothed maturing and making herself ready for her Groom, Yahusha HaMashiach.



#### **Paul Sails for Rome**

Act 27:1 And when it was decided that we should sail to Italy, they delivered Sha'ul and some other prisoners to one named Julius, a captain of the Augustan regiment.

Act 27:2 And having embarked in a ship from Adramyttium, about to sail along the coasts of Asia, did set sail. Aristarchos, a Makedonian of Thessalonike, was with us.

Act 27:3 And on the next day we landed at Tsidon. And Julius treated Sha'ul kindly and allowed him to go to his friends to receive attention.

Luke is recording all the events. We see Aristarchos is with them. We read about Aristarchos in Acts 19:29, as he was one in Paul's circle of set-apart ones that nearly got entangled in the riot in Ephesus. He was also with Paul on his return route on the 3<sup>rd</sup> missionary journey in Acts. 20:4.

I would imagine that the plight of Paul was well known among the Roman commanders and captains. Especially, since Lysias had become so involved in Paul's case. Either way, this captain, Julius, treated Paul and his friends kindly. YHWH always seems to provide.

Act 27:4 And from there we put out to sea and sailed close to Cyprus, because the winds were against us.

Act 27:5 And having sailed over the sea along Kilikia and Pamphulia, we came to Mura, of Lukia.

Act 27:6 And there the <u>captain</u>, <u>having found an Alexandrian ship sailing to Italy</u>, <u>did put us on board</u>.

Act 27:7 And having sailed slowly many days, and arriving with difficulty off Knidos, the wind not allowing us to proceed, we sailed close to Crete, off Salmone.

Act 27:8 And passing it with difficulty, we came to a place called **Fair Havens**, near the city of **Lasea**.

Act 27:9 And much time having passed, and the sailing now being dangerous, because

the Fast was already over, Sha'ul advised them,

TSK Cross-reference states: the fast: "The fast was on the tenth day of the seventh month." Lev 16:29, Lev 23:27-29; Num 29:7 [Yom Kippur]

Lev 23:27 "On the tenth day of this seventh new *moon* is <u>Yom haKippurim</u>.<sup>d</sup> It shall be a set-apart gathering for you. And you shall afflict your beings, and shall bring an offering made by fire to יהוה. Foonote: <sup>d</sup>Day of Atonement or Day of the Coverings.

Lev 23:28 "And you do no work on that same day, for it is Yom Kippurim, to make atonement for you before יהוה your Elohim.

Lev 23:29 "For any being who is not afflicted on that same day, he shall be cut off from his people.

Paul tries to warn of impending danger.

Act 27:10 saying, "Men, I see that this voyage is going to end with damage and great loss, not only of the cargo and ship, but also our lives."

Act 27:11 But the captain was persuaded by the pilot and the owner of the ship, rather than what Sha'ul said.

Act 27:12 And because the harbor was unsuitable to winter in, the greater part advised to set sail from there too, if somehow they were able to <u>reach **Phoenix**</u>, a harbor of <u>Crete</u> facing southwest and northwest, to pass the winter.

### Numerically labeled sailing path



The Storm at Sea

Act 27:13 And a south wind blowing softly, thinking they had obtained their purpose, having lifted *anchor*, they sailed along Crete, close *inshore*.

Act 27:14 And not long after, a stormy head wind rushed down from it, called

#### Northeaster.

Act 27:15 And when the ship was caught *in it*, and unable to head against the wind, <u>we</u> <u>let her go and were driven.</u>

Act 27:16 And having run under a small island **called Klauda**, we were hardly able to control the small boat.

Act 27:17 And having hoisted it, they used helps to undergird the ship. And fearing lest they should run aground on **Surtis**, they lowered the tackle and so were driven.

Act 27:18 And because we were exceedingly storm-tossed, the next day they began to throw overboard.

Act 27:19 And on the third day we threw out the ship's tackle with our own hands.

Act 27:20 When, now, neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small storm beat on us, all expectancy that we would be saved was taken away.

Act 27:21 And when there had been a long abstinence from food, then Sha'ul, standing in the midst of them, said, "Truly, men, you should have listened to me not to have sailed from Crete and sustained this damage and loss.

Act 27:22 "And now I urge you to take courage, for there shall be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship.

Act 27:23 "For tonight <u>a messenger of the Elohim</u> to whom I belong and whom I serve, <u>stood by me</u>,

Act 27:24 saying, 'Do not be afraid, Sha'ul, you have to be brought before Caesar. And look, Elohim has favorably given you all those who sail with you.'

When Paul needed a word of knowledge, YHWH provided! He does the same for us. Praise Yah!

Act 27:25 "Therefore take courage, men, for I believe Elohim that it shall be according to the way it was spoken to me.

Act 27:26 "However, we need to run aground on some island."

Act 27:27 And when the fourteenth night came, as we were driven up and down in the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors suspected that they were drawing near some land.

Act 27:28 So, taking soundings, they found it to be twenty fathoms. And a little farther on they took soundings again and found it to be fifteen fathoms.

Act 27:29 And, fearing lest we should run aground on the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern, and were praying for day to come.

Act 27:30 But when the sailors were seeking to escape from the ship, when they had let down the boat into the sea, under pretense of going to cast out anchors from the prow,

Act 27:31 Sha'ul said to the captain and the soldiers, "If these do not remain in the ship, it is impossible for you to be saved."

Act 27:32 Then the soldiers did cut the ropes of the boat and let it fall off.

Act 27:33 And when day was about to come, Sha'ul urged them all to take food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day you have continued without food, and eaten none at all. Act 27:34 "So I urge you to take food, for this concerns your safety, since not a hair shall fall from the head of any of you."

Take Courage - When the 'storm' of tribulation comes, the 'set-apart ones' will be those that others come to for answers. Elohim has spoken to us and told us of these things to come. However, we too must be led to a place of refuge by His Ruach HaKodesh.

Act 27:35 And having said this, he took bread and gave thanks to Elohim in the presence of them all. And when he had broken it he began to eat.

Act 27:36 And they were all encouraged, and also took food themselves.

Act 27:37 And all of us were two hundred and seventy-six beings in the ship.

Act 27:38 And being satisfied with food, they were lightening the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea.

They were throwing out <u>the wheat</u> to lighten the ship; therefore, we may deduce that this was possibly sometime after the wheat harvest. If the 'Fast' spoken of was associated with Yom Kippur, Day of Atonement; then they would have spent the whole Feast of Ingathering in the storm-tossed sea.

#### The Shipwreck

Act 27:39 And when day came, they did not recognize the land, but they noted a certain bay with a beach, onto which they planned to run the ship if possible.

Act 27:40 And having cast off the anchors, they left them in the sea, meanwhile untying the rudder ropes. And they hoisted the foresail to the wind and made for the beach.

Act 27:41 But coming upon a place where two seas met, they grounded the ship, and the prow stuck fast and remained immovable, but the stern was broken by the pounding of the surf.

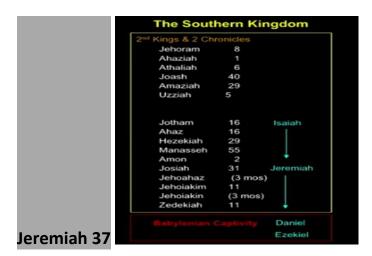
Act 27:42 And the <u>soldiers intended to kill the prisoners</u>, lest any of them should swim away and escape.

Captain Julius prevents the soldiers from killing the prisoners. Divinely, this captain made sure Paul was not harmed.

Act 27:43 But the captain, intending to save Sha'ul, kept them from their intention, and commanded those able to swim to jump first and get to land,

Act 27:44 and the rest, some indeed on boards, and some on *items* of the ship. And so it came to be that all reached the land in safety.

Just like in this account, when believers are amid the stormy waters, we may be separated from one another for a time, but we will arrive safely.



Jeremiah Warns Zedekiah

Jer 37:1 And Sovereign Tsidqiyahu son of Yoshiyahu reigned instead of Konyahu son of Yehoyaqim, whom Nebukadretstsar sovereign of Babel set up to reign in the land of Yehudah.

Zedikiah was installed as king by Nebukadretstsar. His name was changed from Mattaniah to Zedekiah [2Kings 24:17]. Konyahu, Yehoyaqim's son, reigned but 3 months, and was never really validated as a king by Nebuchadnezzar; he was taken captive instead.

2Kings 24:17 17Then the king of Babylon made Mattaniah, Jehoiachin's uncle, king in his place and changed his name to Zedekiah.

Jer 37:2 But neither he nor his servants nor the people of the land had listened to the words of יהוה which He spoke by the prophet Yirmeyahu.

Jer 37:3 And Tsidqiyahu the sovereign sent Yehukal son of Shelemyah, and the priest, Tsephanyahu son of Ma'aseyah, to the prophet Yirmeyahu, saying, "Please pray to our Elohim for us."

Jeremiah had not been placed in prison yet, so at this time he was free to come and go.

Jer 37:4 Now Yirmeyahu was still coming and going among the people, for they had not yet put him in prison.

Jer 37:5 <u>Meanwhile, Pharaoh's army</u> had set out from Mitsrayim. And <u>when the Kasdim who were besieging Yerushalayim heard news of them, they withdrew from</u>

### Yerushalayim.

YHWH has a word for Zedekiah.

## Jer 37:6 And the word of יהוה came to Yirmeyahu the prophet, saying,

Jer 37:7 "Thus said יהוה the Elohim of Yisra'ěl, 'Say this to the sovereign of Yehudah, who sent you to Me to inquire of Me,

- "See, Pharaoh's army which has come up to help you, shall turn back to Mitsrayim, to their own land.
- Jer 37:8 "And the Kasdim shall return and fight against this city, and take it and burn it with fire."

Jer 37:9 "Thus said יהוה,

- 'Do not deceive yourselves, saying, "The Kasdim shall go away from us," for they do not go.
- Jer 37:10 For though you had stricken the entire army of the Kasdim who are fighting against you, and there remained only wounded men among them, they would get up, each man in his tent, and burn the city with fire."

### **Jeremiah Imprisoned**

Jer 37:11 And it came to be, when the army of the Kasdim left the siege of Yerushalayim for fear of Pharaoh's army,

Jer 37:12 that Yirmeyahu went out of Yerushalayim to go into the land of Binyamin to receive his portion there in the midst of the people.

Jer 37:13 And it came to be, as he was <u>in the gate of Binyamin</u>, <u>a master of the guard was there whose name was Yiriyah son of Shelemyah</u>, son of <u>Hananyah</u>. And he seized Yirmeyahu the prophet, saying, "You are deserting to the Kasdim!"

Jeremiah falsely accused. He is thrown into the dungeon which could be described as 'hell' on earth.

Jer 37:14 But Yirmeyahu said, "It is a lie! I am not deserting to the Kasdim." But he did not listen to him, and Yiriyah seized Yirmeyahu and brought him to the heads.

Jer 37:15 And the heads were wroth with Yirmeyahu, and struck him and put him in prison in the house of Yehonathan the scribe. For they had made that for a prison.

Jer 37:16 When <u>Yirmeyahu had entered into the dungeon and into the cells, then</u> **Yirmeyahu** remained there many days.

Adam Clarke: Entered into the dungeon, and into the cabins - The dungeon was probably a deep pit; and the cabins or cells, niches in the sides, where different malefactors were confined.

See Blayney.

One on one between Zedekiah and Jeremiah

Jer 37:17 And Tsidqiyahu the sovereign sent and took him out. And the sovereign asked him secretly in his house, and said, "Is there any word from יהוה?" And Yirmeyahu said, "There is." And he said, "You are given into the hand of the sovereign of Babel!"

Jer 37:18 And Yirmeyahu said to Tsidqiyahu the sovereign, "What have I sinned against you, and against your servants, and against this people, that you have put me into prison?

Jeremiah guestions where Zedekiah's false prophets were.

Jer 37:19 "Where are your prophets who prophesied to you, saying, 'The sovereign of Babel is not coming against you or against this land?'

Petition made by Jeremiah and his request granted.

Jer 37:20 "But now, please hear, O my master the sovereign. Please, let my petition be accepted before you, and do not make me return to the house of Yehonathan the scribe, lest I die there."

Jer 37:21 Tsidqiyahu the sovereign then commanded Yirmeyahu to be placed in the court of the guard, and that they should give him daily a piece of bread from the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city was gone. So Yirmeyahu remained in the court of the guard.

# Psalm 10 Why Do You Hide Yourself?

- Psa 10:1 Lamed Why do You stand afar off, O יהוה, hiding in times of distress?
- Psa 10:2 In arrogance the wrongdoer hotly pursues the poor; They are caught by the schemes which they devised.
- Psa 10:3 For the wrongdoer boasted of his cravings; And the greedy one cursed and despised יהוה.
- Psa 10:4 <u>In the pride of his face The wrongdoer does not seek *Him*, In all his thoughts there is no Elohim!</u>
- Psa 10:5 His ways are always prosperous! Your right-rulings are on high, out of his sight! He snorts at all his adversaries!
- Psa 10:6 He has said in his heart, "I shall not be moved; From generation to generation, never be in evil!"
- Psa 10:7 Pě His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit and oppression; Under his

tongue is trouble and wickedness.

Psa 10:8 He sits in the hiding places of the villages; In the secret places he kills the innocent; **Ayin** His eyes are on the lookout for the helpless.

Psa 10:9 He lies in wait in a secret place, as a lion in his den; He lies in wait to catch the poor; He catches the poor, drawing him into his net.

Psa 10:10 And he crouches, he lies low, And the helpless fall under his strength.

Psa 10:11 He has said in his heart, "El has forgotten, He has hidden His face, He shall never see."

Psa 10:12 Qoph Arise, O יהוה O Ěl, lift up Your hand! Do not forget the lowly ones.

Psa 10:13 Why do the wrong scorn Elohim? He has said in his heart, "It is not required."

Psa 10:14 **Rěsh** You have seen it, for You observe trouble and grief, To repay with Your hand. The poor commits himself to You; You are the helper of the fatherless.

Psa 10:15 **Shin** Break the arm of the wrong one and the evil one; Search out his wrongness that would not be found out.

Psa 10:16 יהוה is Sovereign forever and ever; The nations shall perish from His land.

Psa 10:17 **Taw יהוה**, You have heard the desire of the lowly ones; You prepare their heart; You incline Your ear,

Psa 10:18 To defend the fatherless and the downtrodden; So that man who is of the earth no longer oppresses!

David is longing for wrong-doers to be put in their place by YHWH. Aren't we all? The arrogance abounds; the deceit abounds; the abuse and persecution abound from generation to generation. That is why it is so important for us to intercede in prayer and to put on the full armor of YHWH. Vengeance is His.

**YHWH says:** Isa 29:13 And יהוה says, "Because this people has drawn near with its mouth, and with its lips they have esteemed Me, and it has kept its heart far from Me, and their fear of Me has become a command of men that is taught!<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup> Mat\_15:8-9, Mar\_7:6-7.

Isa 29:14 "Therefore, see, I am again doing a marvelous work among this people, a marvelous work and a wonder. And the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their clever men shall be hidden."

lsa 29:15 Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel far from יהוה, and their works are in the dark; they say, "Who sees us?" and, "Who knows us?"

# ~ Shalom ~ Líbby

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