

*Gleaning in the Fields of Boaz (Ruth 2)*  
*Running thru Ruth: Message #3*

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**INTRODUCTION**

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**REVIEW**

(1:1–5) While the judges ruled, an Ephrathite family of Bethlehem (Elimelech, Naomi, Mahlon, and Chilion) went to the plains of Moab to escape a food shortage, Elimelech died, Mahlon & Chilion died childless after 10 years of marriage to Moabitesses

(1:6–10) Naomi plans to go to Judah alone, wishing God's blessing on them

(1:11–14) Naomi urges Orpah/Ruth to return to Moab, because she is past childbearing; Orpah reluctantly obeyed, but Ruth clung to Naomi

(1:15–18) Naomi's peer pressure, but Ruth's oath caused her to cease

(1:19–22) Naomi and Ruth return & are welcomed, but Naomi is bitter

**NEW EXPOSITION**

**Ruth Finding Boaz's Field (2:1–3)**

(2:1) Boaz was an upright close relative of Elimelech

A better contextual meaning than *great wealth* (cf. Ruth 3:11)

(2:2) Ruth plans to glean in the fields of a man who would allow her; Naomi agrees

(2:3) Ruth *happened* to find the field of Boaz, the near kinsman

**Boaz Asks about Ruth (2:4–7)**

**(2:4) Boaz came to the field & extended the Lord's greeting to the workers**

**(2:5–6) Boaz asked his foreman about Ruth's husband's identity, who said that she was the Moabitess who returned w/ Naomi**

**(2:7) He also said that she asked permission to glean & to gather her gleanings, which she has done with little break-time**

**Boaz Protecting Ruth/Naomi (2:8–13)**

**(2:8–9) Boaz urged Ruth to remain under his protection**

**(2:10) Ruth asked why Boaz would be so gracious with a foreigner**

**(2:11) Boaz said that he knew of her selflessness toward Naomi since her husband died in leaving family in Moab and coming to Judah**

**(2:12) Boaz wished for the Lord who would protect her to reward her**

**(2:13) Ruth expressed her gratitude for treating her as though she were not a foreigner**

**Generosity of Boaz to Ruth/Naomi (2:14–16)**

**(2:14) Boaz asked her to join the crew for lunch; she had an abundance**

**(2:15–16) Boaz commanded the workers toward remarkable generosity toward Ruth**

**Ruth Shares with Naomi (2:17–23)**

**(2:17) Ruth winnowed the barley & took home about 30 pounds**

**(2:18) Ruth carried the barley to their place and gave Naomi leftovers from lunch**

**(2:19) Naomi asked who had been so generous; Ruth said that he was Boaz**

**(2:20) Naomi wished the Lord's blessing on Boaz who did not forsake his covenant relation with Elimelech's family (that arose from him being) a near relative (of Elimelech)**

**(2:21–22) Ruth spoke of Boaz offering her protection & Naomi urged her to heed the offer**

**(2:23) Ruth accepted protection from Boaz, *intending to* glean through both the barley and wheat harvests**

**CONCLUSION**