

# RUTH

Ruth 4



## Ruth 4: 1-12

Meanwhile Boaz went up to the town gate and sat down there just as the guardian-redeemer[a] he had mentioned came along. Boaz said, Come over here, my friend, and sit down. So he went over and sat down. 2 Boaz took ten of the elders of the town and said, Sit here, and they did so. 3 Then he said to the guardian-redeemer, Naomi, who has come back from Moab, is selling the piece of land that belonged to our relative Elimelek. 4 I thought I should bring the matter to your attention and suggest that you buy it in the presence of these seated here and in the presence of the elders of my people.

If you will redeem it, do so. But if you will not, tell me, so I will know. For no one has the right to do it except you, and I am next in line. I will redeem it, he said. 5 Then Boaz said, On the day you buy the land from Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the dead mans widow, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property. 6 At this, the guardian-redeemer said, Then I cannot redeem it because I might endanger my own estate. You redeem it yourself. I cannot do it. 7 (Now in earlier times in Israel, for the redemption and transfer of property to become final, one party took off his sandal and gave it to the other.

This was the method of legalizing transactions in Israel.) 8  
So the guardian-redeemer said to Boaz, Buy it yourself. And  
he removed his sandal.

9 Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people,  
Today you are witnesses that I have bought from Naomi all  
the property of Elimelek, Kilion and Mahlon. 10 I have also  
acquired Ruth the Moabite, Mahlons widow, as my wife, in  
order to maintain the name of the dead with his property, so  
that his name will not disappear from among his family or  
from his hometown. Today you are witnesses!

11 Then the elders and all the people at the gate said, We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the family of Israel. May you have standing in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem. 12 Through the offspring the Lord gives you by this young woman, may your family be like that of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah.

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We take today's circumstances  
and draw conclusions about the  
whole story.



*It is easy to conclude that when  
our immediate problems are  
solved, God's work is finished.*



More often than not,  
faithfulness is simply doing  
the next right thing.

## Ruth 4:13-17

13 So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When he made love to her, the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. 14 The women said to Naomi: Praise be to the Lord, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! 15 He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth.

16 Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him. 17 The women living there said, Naomi has a son! And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.







Many people assume they are  
living the conclusion of their  
story when they may only be  
living chapter one.

Ruth 4:18-22

18 This, then, is the family line of Perez:

Perez was the father of Hezron,

19 Hezron the father of Ram,

Ram the father of Amminadab,

20 Amminadab the father of Nahshon,

Nahshon the father of Salmon,[d]

21 Salmon the father of Boaz,

Boaz the father of Obed,

22 Obed the father of Jesse,

and Jesse the father of David.

# 1. NAOMI'S PERSPECTIVE

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## 2. BETHLEHEM'S PERSPECTIVE

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# 3. ISRAEL'S PERSPECTIVE

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# 4. MATTHEW'S PERSPECTIVE

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Abraham  
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Isaac  
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Jacob  
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Judah  
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Perez  
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Hezron  
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Ram  
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Amminadab  
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Nahshon  
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Salmon  
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Boaz  
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Obed  
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Jesse  
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David  
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...  
Jesus Christ

# 5. GOD'S PERSPECTIVE

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Abraham → Isaac → Jacob → Judah →  David → ... → Jesus Christ →

## 1. CLOSE UP

### Naomi's View

She sees a baby.  
After years of  
loss and emptiness,  
God has restored  
what she thought  
was gone forever.

The miracle  
in her arms.



## 2. PULL BACK

### Bethlehem's View

They see a restored  
family.

A name that was  
fading will continue.

Emptiness has  
become fullness.

Loss has given  
way to life.

The joy of a  
restored family.



## 3. PULL BACK AGAIN

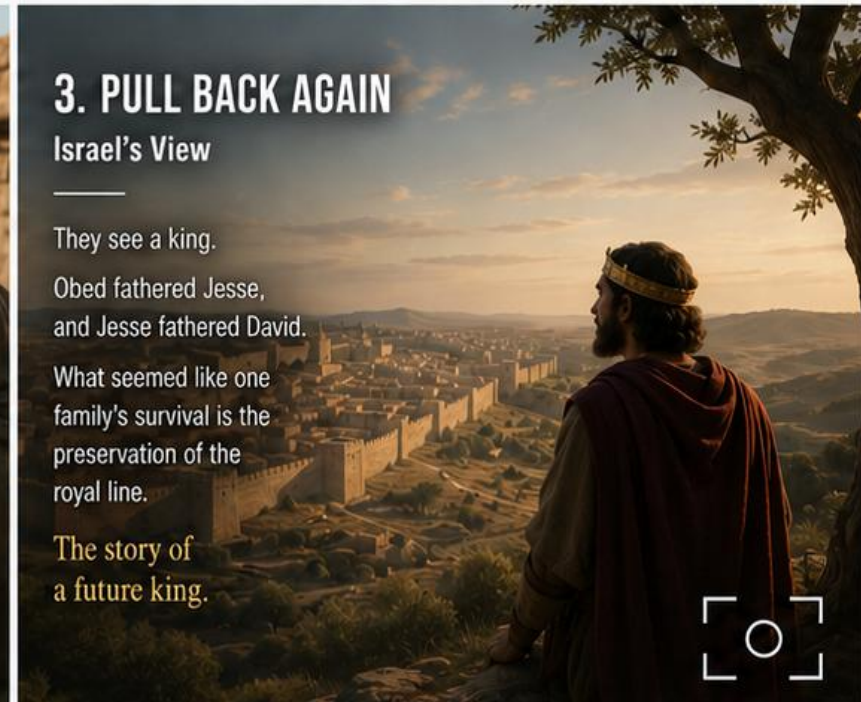
### Israel's View

They see a king.

Obed fathered Jesse,  
and Jesse fathered David.

What seemed like one  
family's survival is the  
preservation of the  
royal line.

The story of  
a future king.



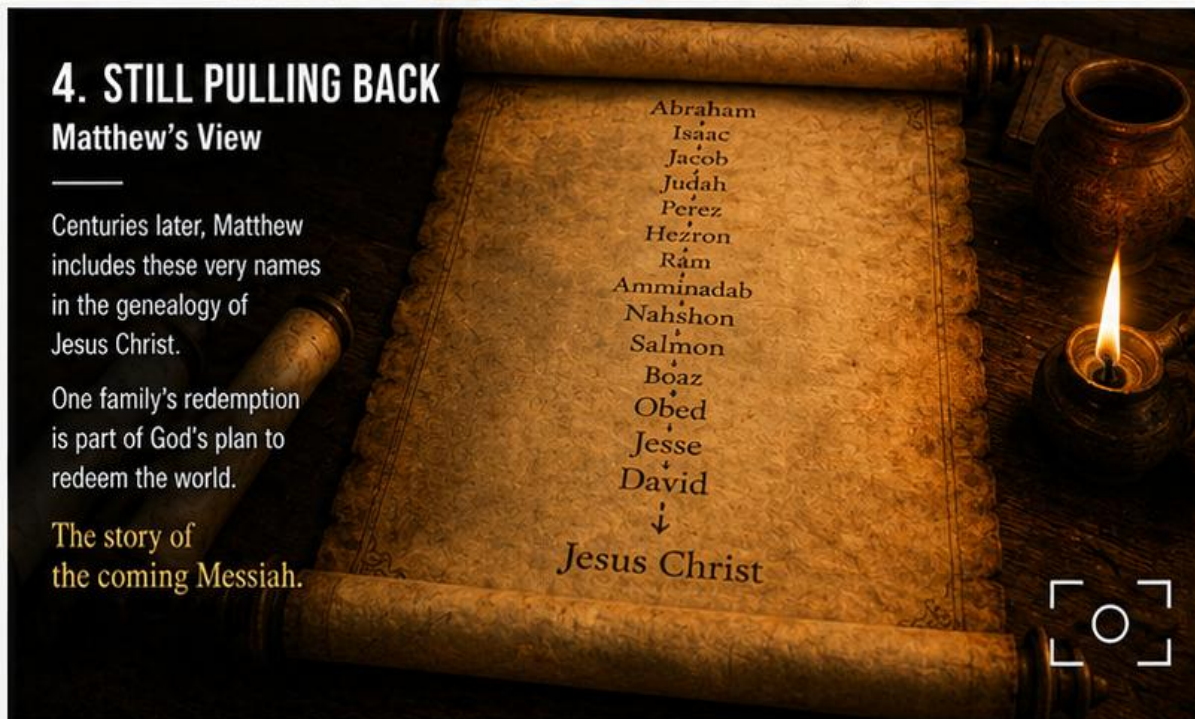
## 4. STILL PULLING BACK

### Matthew's View

Centuries later, Matthew  
includes these very names  
in the genealogy of  
Jesus Christ.

One family's redemption  
is part of God's plan to  
redeem the world.

The story of  
the coming Messiah.



## 5. THE FULL PICTURE

### God's View

We see it all.

Naomi sees a baby.

Bethlehem sees a family.

Israel sees a king.

Matthew sees the Messiah.

We see the unfolding  
plan of redemption.

From God's perspective.





Your faithfulness may bless generations  
you will never meet. Your obedience  
may become part of a story that will  
only be fully understood long after you  
are gone.



# SERMON RESOURCES

