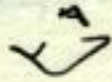


Ruth 2: 1-23



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Ruth 2:1-29

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1:22 'came to Bethlehem in the beginning of the barley harvest'
early springtime - first fruits of the harvest. More to follow.
Lev. 23:10-12 & sheep of the first fruits, on the morrow after the sabbath.
(first day after the sabbath) a wave offering with the first.
So I can. 15:20

2:2, 3a Shearing Lev. 19:9, 10; Amos. 24:19-21

2:31 her 'drop happened' (a literal one.)

To all appearances an accident she is Boaz's field. No fence. Just stone
rows, etc. for landmarks.

q. 2:16 looked as if an accident. But? of purpose? No. What
an accident - How did it or purpose.

(a) my call to Oakes. John 2:16, 13, 14. W. H. K. - Smith, June

She meets this near Boaz, nearly across from, Chinnah.
Ruth's whole future depends upon him - as one future depends
upon Christ.

Back to the 'day' now God - John 4:7; Acts 8:26; Phil 1:12

2:4 Boaz came out to the harvest.
The yield of the harvest was a goodly amount
2:5 He notices Ruth

2:8 'Do not go glean in another field --'
Two possible ways Ruth could have regarded the invitation
(1) a restriction upon her liberty of action, narrowing her to one place, confining her to a small group of associates.
(2) a high privilege to be in the place, separation.
This she did.
So Naomi in 2:22

It is good that we keep company with God's holy people.
By faith shall he be kept - Do not go glean in another field - in Samson, Solomon, Amos. 'Look not to the world -'
Here is the church, among the people, the land. Sent by marriage, age... there is a plant that bears blossom in winter -
but you need the winter: reality, suffering

2:14 'at mealtimes... + Plenty for them all. Bread not spare. One daily bread.

2:17, 19 'an ephah'. Ex. 16:16 'an omer' means the full need for a day, and it does say an omer is the tenth part of an ephah. She was able to gather ten times the amount for a full day's provisions. The result is abundant with Naomi. When we labor in the right field, God's blessings abound. Naomi sees the land, that is it all 2:20. But in 1:13 she sought the land, the land was against her. She realizes now the land had not forsaken her --

2:12 The blessing of Boaz upon her - "under whose wings"
"they shall be as my doves" Blessed as they sit fast under the wings"

The wings, the cherubim - in this story we see what
we meant when we fashioned the wings of the cherubim.

(1) At the outer gate of the garden, Eden - entrance, way, being
the way of the tree of life

(2) In the Tabernacle, one place with the mercy seat. The rods
of it were covered with the preciousness, of blood of the sacrifice, the
cherubim looking full upon it, wings covering it, its preciousness

(3) Entrance in the courtyard of the gate of the door, the veil. Come
in. The way to the Lord. No condemnation to those who shall
have. Here comes death, (rest); - from death, wisdom, growth,
comes to the tenth generation.

(4) The Psalms 17:8; 61:4; 63:7; 91:4; 99:1
(91:1-4)

Under His wings I am safely abiding;
Tho' the night deepens and tempests are wild,
Still I can trust Him;
I know He will keep me;
He has redeemed me, and I am His child.

Under His wings, what a refuge in sorrow!
How the heart yearningly turns to His rest!
Often when earth has no balm for my healing,
There I find comfort, and there I am blest

Under His wings, O what precious enjoyment!
There will I hide till life's trials are o'er;
Sheltered, protected, no evil can harm me;
Resting in Jesus, I'm safe evermore.

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Under His wings, under His wings
who from His love can sever?
Under His wings my soul shall abide
safely abide forever.