

A woman wearing a dark hijab is shown in profile, looking down, standing in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. The background is a bright, hazy sunset or sunrise, creating a warm, golden glow. The word "Rutba" is written in a white, cursive script across the center of the image.

Rutba

ACT 6

“Our
Redeemer
Lives”

Ruth 4:1-11



“‘Who are you?’ And she answered, ‘I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer.’” (Ruth 3:9)

Redeem:

- To compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something
- To gain or regain possession of something in exchange of payment
- To fulfill or carry out promise

Redemption (lit. *“buying back”*)

- Paying the price and bearing the cost in order that someone else might recover from a loss and see their future secured

“And now it is true that I am a redeemer. Yet there is a redeemer nearer than I... If he will redeem you, good; let him do it. But if he is not willing to redeem you, then, as the LORD lives, I will redeem you.” (Ruth 3:12-13)

Ruth 4:1-2

1 Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the redeemer, of whom Boaz had spoken, came by. So Boaz said, "Turn aside, friend; sit down here." And he turned aside and sat down. 2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down.

Ruth 4:3

3 Then he said to the redeemer, “Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our relative Elimelech.”

Ruth 4:4

4 “So I thought I would tell you of it and say, ‘Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people.’ If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you will not, tell me, that I may know, for there is no one besides you to redeem it, and I come after you.” And he said, “I will redeem it.”

Ruth 4:5-6

5 Then Boaz said, "The day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead, in order to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance." 6 Then the redeemer said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it."

What God Yearns to See Redeemed:

- Israel's ancestral land (Lev. 25:25-28)
- His people (Lev. 25:39-42)
- Our names beyond the grave (Deut. 25:5-10)

What Causes Our Need for Redemption?

- Poverty (our experience of lack)
- Debt (our inability to meet our obligations)
- Enslavement (bondage to an outside force)
- Death

“If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the dead man shall not be married outside the family to a stranger. Her husband’s brother shall go in to her and take her as his wife and perform the duty of a husband’s brother to her. And the first son whom she bears shall succeed to the name of his dead brother, that his name may not be blotted out of Israel.” (Deuteronomy 25:5-6)

Ruth 4:7

7 Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one drew off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was the manner of attesting in Israel. 8 So when the redeemer said to Boaz, “Buy it for yourself,” he drew off his sandal.

Ruth 4:8-9

8 So when the redeemer said to Boaz, “Buy it for yourself,” he drew off his sandal. 9 Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, “You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and to Mahlon.”

Ruth 4:10-11

10 “Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day.” 11 Then all the people who were at the gate and the elders said, “We are witnesses...”

Requirements for a Redeemer:

- Must be near of kin
- Must be able to redeem, free of calamity or the need of redemption
- Must be willing to redeem
- Must pay the price in full

“For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.” (Job 19:25-27)

- Jesus, as our near kinsman, has the right to redeem us.
- Sinless and strong, Jesus is able to redeem us.
- Jesus declares He is willing to redeem us.
- On the cross, He paid the price in full!