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The Book of Ruth

- While gleaning Ruth encountered Boaz:
  - Gleaning-Leviticus 19:9-10; 23:22
  - Gleaning is the practice of harvesting what is left after the regular harvest.
  - Gleaning was the provision for the poor to have food while preserving their dignity and responsibility by allowing them to harvest from the field of others.

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The Book of Ruth

- While gleaning Ruth encountered Boaz:
  - Boaz is a grand example of the person who does not get swept up into the chaotic culture around him.
  - Boaz's greeting to his workers reveals the place of Yahweh in his life and his influence on his workers to know Yahweh.
  - Boaz showed genuine interest in this stranger who was gleaning in his field.
  - Boaz provided his protection over Ruth by instructing her to make sure to only glean from his fields and instructing his young men to leave her alone.

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The Book of Ruth

- While gleaning Ruth encountered Boaz:
  - Boaz is a grand example of the person who does not get swept up into the chaotic culture around him.
    - The generosity of Boaz is evident in providing Ruth to eat with her workers until she was satisfied and had food left over.
    - Boaz further revealed his generosity by instructing the reapers to deliberately leave grain for her to glean.
    - Boaz was a man who lived with discernment.

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The Book of Ruth

- While gleaning Ruth encountered Boaz:
  - Ruth's character further emerges as she goes out to glean.
    - We have already seen her love, loyalty, and devotion to her mother-in-law.
    - Here she shows she is a person of initiative and industry.
    - She reveals humility and gratitude in her initial interaction with Boaz.
    - She reveals good judgment in following the advice of Boaz.

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The Book of Ruth

- While gleaning Ruth encountered Boaz:
  - Naomi's response to Ruth's day of gleaning
    - The food that Ruth brought back and the amount she gleaned (an ephah is about one half of a bushel) would have caught her attention.
    - Naomi's praise to God comes from the fact that God has led Ruth to the field of one of their "redeemers".

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The Book of Ruth

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- The go 'el
  - Definition-A redeemer or deliverer.
  - Specific application in the Law: The nearest living blood male relative.

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redeem, redeemer, avenger

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- The go 'el
  - Duties
    - Provide a son for a brother who had died before leaving a male heir. Deuteronomy 25:5-10
    - Purchase back land that a poverty-stricken brother has sold. Leviticus 25:25
    - Rescue a relative who has sold himself into servitude. Leviticus 25:47-49
    - Avenge the blood of a murdered relative. Numbers 35:16-21

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The Book of Ruth

- The go 'el
  - God as the redeemer of His people (selected passages, see additional material)
    - God's deliverance of His people from Egypt. Exodus 6:6; Deuteronomy 7:8; 9:26; 13:5;15:15; 24:18; 2 Samuel 7:23; 1 Chronicles 17:21
    - God's deliverance of the first-born males of the Israelites at Passover. Exodus 13:15
    - God's deliverance for individuals. 2 Samuel 4:9; 1 Kings 1:29; Job 19:25; 33:28
    - God's ongoing deliverance of His people. Nehemiah 1:10

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The Book of Ruth

- The go 'el
  - Jesus, our Redeemer

- Matthew 20:25-28
- Acts 20:28
- Romans 3:21-26
- 1 Corinthians 1:30-31
- Galatians 3:13;4:5
- Ephesians 1:7-10
- Colossians 1:13-14
- 1 Timothy 2:5-6
- Titus 2:14
- Hebrews 9:11-15
- 1 Peter 1:13-19
- Revelation 5:8-10

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## God the Redeemer of His People

<sup>6</sup> Say therefore to the people of Israel, ‘I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment.

Exodus 6:6 (ESV)

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<sup>15</sup> For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’

Exodus 13:15 (ESV)

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<sup>13</sup> “You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

Exodus 15:13 (ESV)

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<sup>15</sup> And if the donor wishes to redeem his house, he shall add a fifth to the valuation price, and it shall be his.

Leviticus 27:15 (ESV)

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<sup>8</sup> but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 7:8 (ESV)

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<sup>26</sup> And I prayed to the LORD, ‘O Lord GOD, do not destroy your people and your heritage, whom you have redeemed through your greatness, whom you have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

Deuteronomy 9:26 (ESV)

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<sup>5</sup> But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has taught rebellion against the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of slavery, to make you leave the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

Deuteronomy 13:5 (ESV)

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<sup>15</sup> You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you; therefore I command you this today.

Deuteronomy 15:15 (ESV)

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<sup>8</sup> Accept atonement, O LORD, for your people Israel, whom you have redeemed, and do not set the guilt of innocent blood in the midst of your people Israel, so that their blood guilt be atoned for.’

Deuteronomy 21:8 (ESV)

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<sup>18</sup> but you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this.

Deuteronomy 24:18 (ESV)

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<sup>9</sup> But David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, “As the LORD lives, who has redeemed my life out of every adversity,  
2 Samuel 4:9 (ESV)

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<sup>23</sup> And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making himself a name and doing for them great and awesome things by driving out before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt, a nation and its gods?  
2 Samuel 7:23 (ESV)

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<sup>23</sup> And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making himself a name and doing for them great and awesome things by driving out before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt, a nation and its gods?  
2 Samuel 7:23 (ESV)

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<sup>29</sup> And the king swore, saying, “As the LORD lives, who has redeemed my soul out of every adversity,  
1 Kings 1:29 (ESV)

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<sup>21</sup> And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making for yourself a name for great and awesome things, in driving out nations before your people whom you redeemed from Egypt?  
1 Chronicles 17:21 (ESV)

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<sup>21</sup> And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making for yourself a name for great and awesome things, in driving out nations before your people whom you redeemed from Egypt?  
1 Chronicles 17:21 (ESV)

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<sup>10</sup> They are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power and by your strong hand.  
Nehemiah 1:10 (ESV)

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<sup>20</sup> In famine he will redeem you from death, and in war from the power of the sword.  
Job 5:20 (ESV)

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<sup>25</sup> For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
Job 19:25 (ESV)

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<sup>28</sup> He has redeemed my soul from going down into the pit, and my life shall look upon the light.’  
Job 33:28 (ESV)

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<sup>18</sup> He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage, for many are arrayed against me.  
Psalm 55:18 (ESV)

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<sup>18</sup> Draw near to my soul, redeem me; ransom me because of my enemies!  
Psalm 69:18 (ESV)

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<sup>23</sup> My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed.  
Psalm 71:23 (ESV)

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<sup>14</sup> From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.  
Psalm 72:14 (ESV)

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<sup>2</sup> Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage! Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.  
Psalm 74:2 (ESV)

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<sup>15</sup> You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph. Selah  
Psalm 77:15 (ESV)

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<sup>35</sup> They remembered that God was their rock, the Most High God their redeemer.  
Psalm 78:35 (ESV)

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<sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
Psalm 103:4 (ESV)

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<sup>10</sup> So he saved them from the hand of the foe and redeemed them from the power of the enemy.  
Psalm 106:10 (ESV)

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<sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble  
Psalm 107:2 (ESV)

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<sup>134</sup> Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts.  
Psalm 119:134 (ESV)

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<sup>154</sup> Plead my cause and redeem me; give me life according to your promise!  
Psalm 119:154 (ESV)

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<sup>8</sup> And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.  
Psalm 130:8 (ESV)

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<sup>11</sup> for their Redeemer is strong; he will plead their cause against you.  
Proverbs 23:11 (ESV)

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<sup>22</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob:  
"Jacob shall no more be ashamed, no more shall his face grow pale."  
Isaiah 29:22 (ESV)

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<sup>14</sup> Fear not, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel! I am the one who helps you, declares the LORD; your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.  
Isaiah 41:14 (ESV)

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<sup>1</sup> But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.  
Isaiah 43:1 (ESV)

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<sup>14</sup> Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “For your sake I send to Babylon and bring them all down as fugitives, even the Chaldeans, in the ships in which they rejoice.  
Isaiah 43:14 (ESV)

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<sup>6</sup> Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: “I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.  
Isaiah 44:6 (ESV)

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<sup>22</sup> I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.  
Isaiah 44:22 (ESV)

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<sup>23</sup> Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it; shout, O depths of the earth; break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel.  
Isaiah 44:23 (ESV)

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<sup>24</sup> Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, who formed you from the womb: “I am the LORD, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself,  
Isaiah 44:24 (ESV)

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<sup>4</sup> Our Redeemer—the LORD of hosts is his name— is the Holy One of Israel.  
Isaiah 47:4 (ESV)

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<sup>17</sup> Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go.  
Isaiah 48:17 (ESV)

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<sup>20</sup> Go out from Babylon, flee from Chaldea, declare this with a shout of joy, proclaim it, send it out to the end of the earth; say, “The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob!”  
Isaiah 48:20 (ESV)

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<sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”  
Isaiah 49:7 (ESV)

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<sup>26</sup> I will make your oppressors eat their own flesh, and they shall be drunk with their own blood as with wine. Then all flesh shall know that I am the LORD your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.”  
Isaiah 49:26 (ESV)

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<sup>2</sup> Why, when I came, was there no man; why, when I called, was there no one to answer? Is my hand shortened, that it cannot redeem? Or have I no power to deliver? Behold, by my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a desert; their fish stink for lack of water and die of thirst.  
Isaiah 50:2 (ESV)

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<sup>3</sup> For thus says the LORD: “You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money.”  
Isaiah 52:3 (ESV)

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<sup>9</sup> Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
Isaiah 52:9 (ESV)

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<sup>5</sup> For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.  
Isaiah 54:5 (ESV)

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<sup>8</sup> In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you,” says the LORD, your Redeemer.  
Isaiah 54:8 (ESV)

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<sup>20</sup> “And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression,” declares the LORD.  
Isaiah 59:20 (ESV)

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<sup>16</sup> You shall suck the milk of nations; you shall nurse at the breast of kings; and you shall know that I, the LORD, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.  
Isaiah 60:16 (ESV)

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<sup>12</sup> And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.  
Isaiah 62:12 (ESV)

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<sup>9</sup> In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.  
Isaiah 63:9 (ESV)

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<sup>16</sup> For you are our Father, though Abraham does not know us, and Israel does not acknowledge us; you, O LORD, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name.  
Isaiah 63:16 (ESV)

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<sup>21</sup> I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”  
Jeremiah 15:21 (ESV)

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<sup>11</sup> For the LORD has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.  
Jeremiah 31:11 (ESV)

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<sup>34</sup> Their Redeemer is strong; the LORD of hosts is his name. He will surely plead their cause, that he may give rest to the earth, but unrest to the inhabitants of Babylon.  
Jeremiah 50:34 (ESV)

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<sup>58</sup> “You have taken up my cause, O Lord; you have redeemed my life.  
Lamentations 3:58 (ESV)

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<sup>10</sup> Writhe and groan, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in labor, for now you shall go out from the city and dwell in the open country; you shall go to Babylon. There you shall be rescued; there the LORD will redeem you from the hand of your enemies.  
Micah 4:10 (ESV)

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<sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.  
Micah 6:4 (ESV)

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<sup>8</sup> “I will whistle for them and gather them in, for I have redeemed them, and they shall be as many as they were before.  
Zechariah 10:8 (ESV)

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<sup>68</sup> “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people  
Luke 1:68 (ESV)