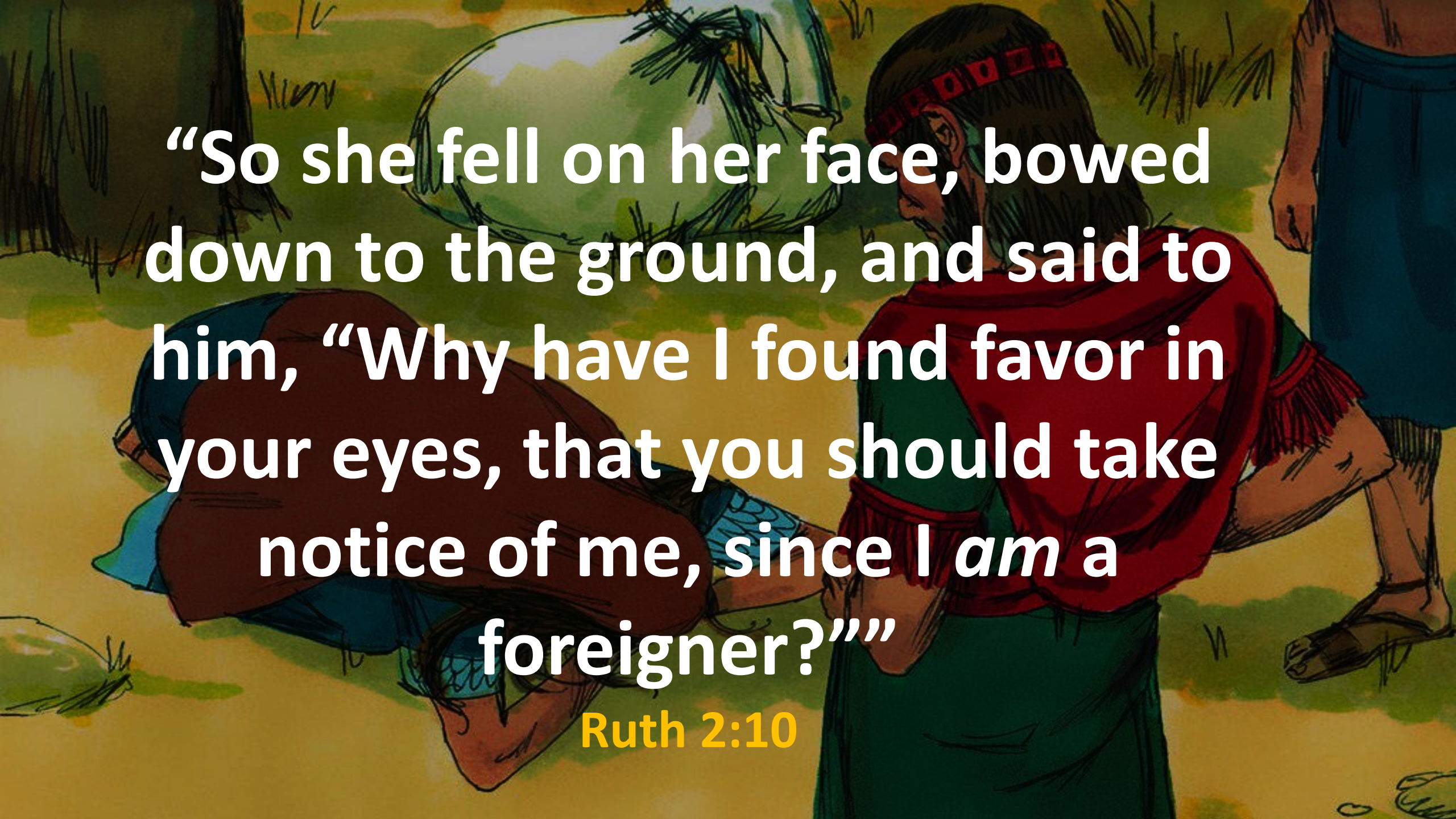




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Ruth 2:10

A wooden cross stands on a rocky hill against a dramatic sunset sky with purple, orange, and blue clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow.

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God's Plan of Redemption in a Love Story

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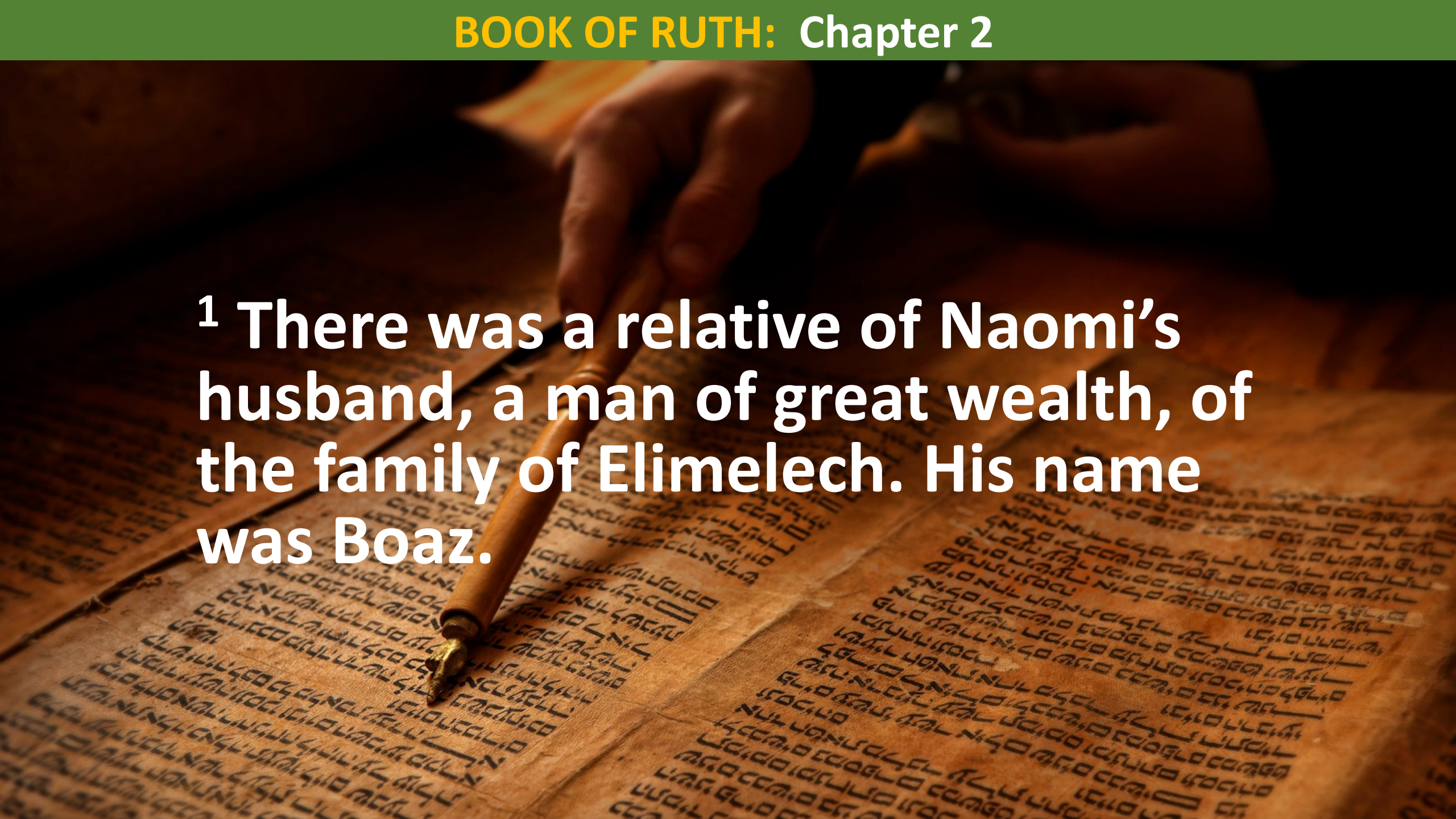
¹⁹ And her mother-in-law said to her, “Where have you gleaned today? And where did you work? Blessed be the one who took notice of you.” So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, and said, “The man’s name with whom I worked today is Boaz.”

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²⁰ Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, “Blessed be he of the Lord, who has not forsaken His kindness to the living and the dead!” And Naomi said to her, “This man is a relation of ours, one of our close relatives.”

²¹ Ruth the Moabite said, “He also said to me, ‘You shall stay close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest.’ ”

²² And Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, “It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, and that people do not meet you in any other field.” ²³ So she stayed close by the young women of Boaz, to glean until the end of barley harvest and wheat harvest; and she dwelt with her mother-in-law.

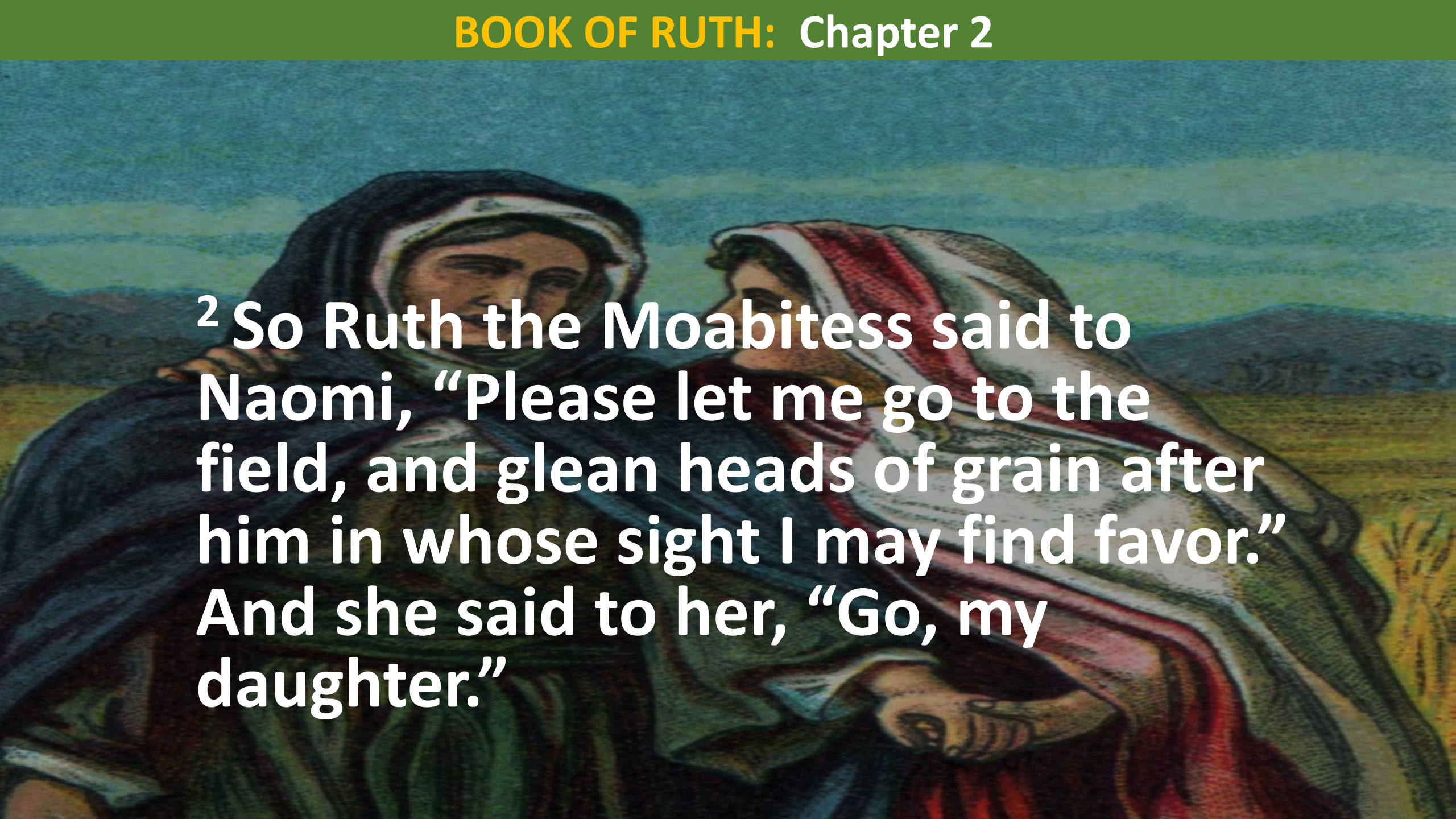
A close-up photograph of a hand holding a quill pen, poised to write on an open book. The book's pages are filled with dense, handwritten text in Hebrew script. The lighting is warm and focused on the pen and the immediate text, creating a sense of historical or scholarly study. The background is softly blurred, showing more of the book's pages.

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- Critical info provided here. New character introduced, hero of story, Boaz – and his relationship to Naomi.
- **Boaz** = “*in Him there is strength.*” Should note our own kinsman-redeemer = only strength we need! No other source.
- He’s wealthy, from Elimelech’s family. Aha! *Plot thickens.* Reader starts plotting own story.
- Words to describe Boaz can also mean man of **prominence, well-respected.** *Would not do for this story’s hero to be an ordinary guy!*

- Another ancient translation says “**Mighty man of the Law**” = an upright Israelite, practiced Law of God.
- Could also be translated “**Mighty man of war.**” Perhaps also warrior, or war hero.
- Many Canaanite battles as they overtook land. Likely.
- **Note our redeemer also mighty man of wealth, the Law, and war!**

A painting depicting two women, Naomi and Ruth, in a field. Naomi, on the left, is wearing a dark blue headscarf and a dark blue robe. Ruth, on the right, is wearing a red and white headscarf and a red and white robe. They are both looking towards the right. The background shows a hilly landscape under a blue sky.

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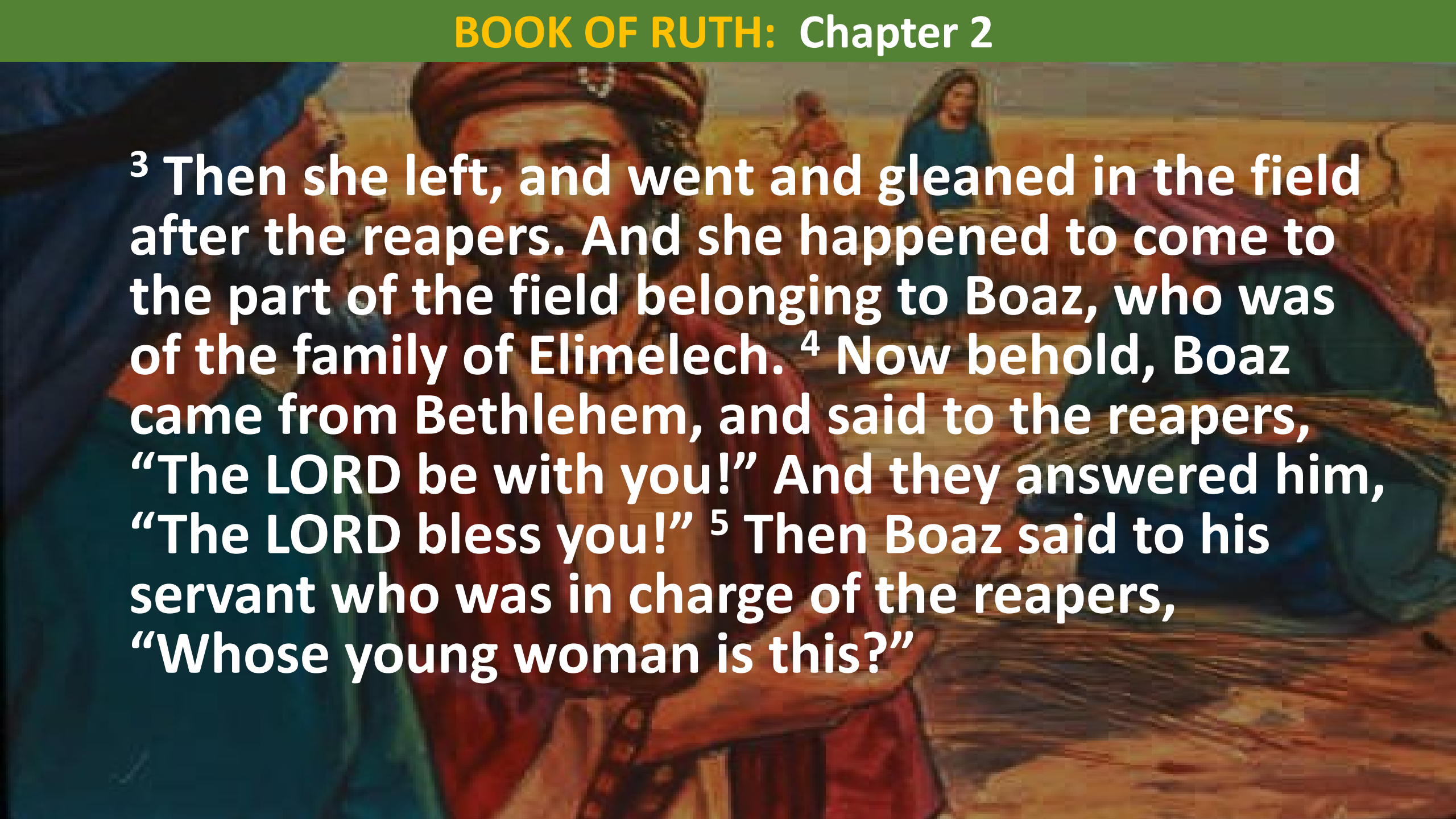
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- Ruth and Naomi obviously **settled** in somewhere. Not told where. But situation is desperate. Need food to survive.
- Don't know if Naomi or Ruth aware of Boaz at this point. Does not seem so, even though NKJV translation makes it appear this way. **TLV:** *“Ruth the Moabite, said to Naomi, “Please let me go out to the field and glean grain behind anyone in whose eyes I may find favor.”*
- **Big test for Ruth.** New land, new people, no certainty about future. Did not ask go back to Moab. Must have known about gleaning laws, *saw something she could do.*

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- Gleaning mentioned OT Law. Designed to provide for poor, but still had to work for it. *Still practiced today.*
- Some have estimated as much as 25-30% of harvest is left behind after first harvest passes. Organizations today contract/farmers to help feed poor.
- Ruth volunteers for this hard work, **reserved for poorest of poor**. Hopes to find favor/grace with someone.
- Naomi still not thinking of Boaz and kinsman-redeemer. May know she has rich relatives, but hasn't thought to contact them yet. *Or perhaps felt she could not.*

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- *“and she happened to come...”* Talked about this before. Coincidence not a kosher word! Narrator emphasizing God’s role by sarcasm. God was directing everything.
- Throughout scriptures, *and in our own lives*, see Him maneuvering, manipulating situations and circumstances **so His will is accomplished**.
- Plot thickens as we see Ruth enter fields of Boaz, the rich relative. *But she doesn’t know that*.

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- Ruth didn't have instructions. Probably first time ever did this. Had no idea what to do, where to go, just knew it was harvest, and opportunity to glean.
- **Must remember Ruth made YHVH her God, seems to be trusting Him.** *But didn't just sit and wait.*
- Apparently these fields *outside* town of Bethlehem. Could easily be same fields where shepherds who first saw angelic host and Messiah were tending their sheep.

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- **COMMENTARY:** *“It was very important for Ruth to find her way into Boaz’ field, or you could just tell the wisemen not to bother coming to Bethlehem!”*
- ***“Now behold, Boaz came...”*** Should always pay attention to **“behold.”** Here used to get reader’s attention ...plot moving right along, also God at work putting these two together.
- Boaz is boss. Title would have been **“Lord of the harvest”** (*common title for landowner*).

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- Should remind of Matthew 9:36-38 *“But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”* (also Luke 10:2)



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- ***“YHVH be with you!”*** Wouldn't it be great if we greeted each other this way?! Used frequently in scripture. *Too bad not still in use.*
- And wouldn't it be even greater if all our bosses pronounced a blessing over us?? Great **picture of right employer-employee relationship!**
- Customary for men to cut grain, women workers to follow and bind, gleaners behind them. And in midst of all these people, Boaz seems to spot Ruth quickly.

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- Gleaners common. Most likely several in field already. Why did Boaz notice Ruth?
- Some think she was beautiful. Perhaps. Maybe he had seen other gleaners and recognized them but not Ruth. *Important man in town, probably knew most.*
- Maybe **God touched Boaz** so he would notice. *We don't know.* Appears he notices Ruth before she notices Boaz.

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- Not told if Ruth was beautiful, or whether her appearance would attract. However, are told Boaz gave instructions for her protection from other men, which might be a clue that she was actually very pretty.
- Or, could be she was a hated Moabite, Boaz knew this, and *sought to protect Ruth from mistreatment.*
- Likely Boaz saw her inner beauty, knew her story of returning with Naomi.

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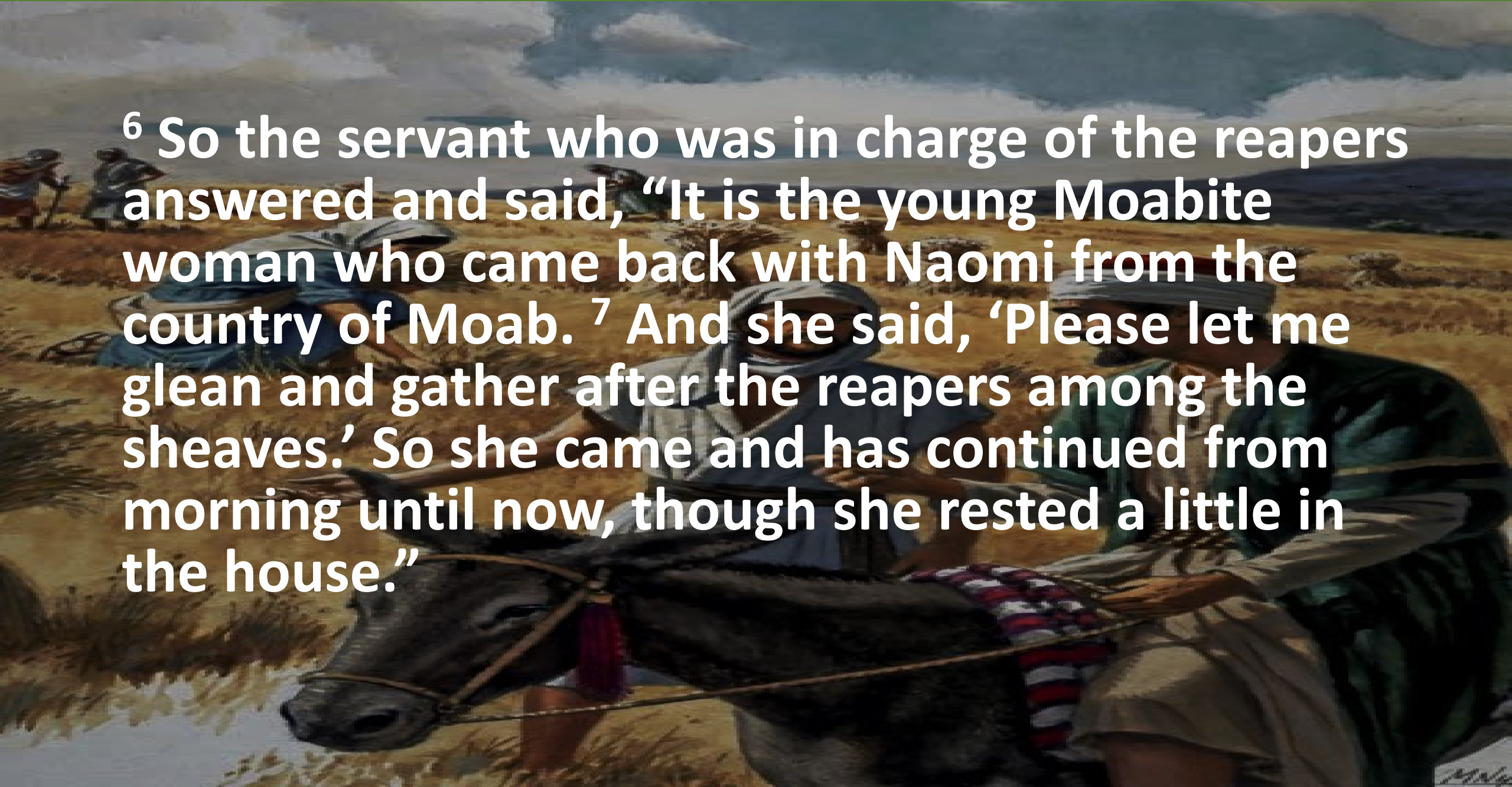


The virtuous woman
Proverbs 31:10-31

- Even though raised in land filled with idols and perversion, Ruth chose to follow YHVH, and revealed her virtues, integrity and desire to bless her mother-in-law in this way. Her **Godly attributes were definitely observable**.
- She's looking much like the **Proverbs 31 woman**.

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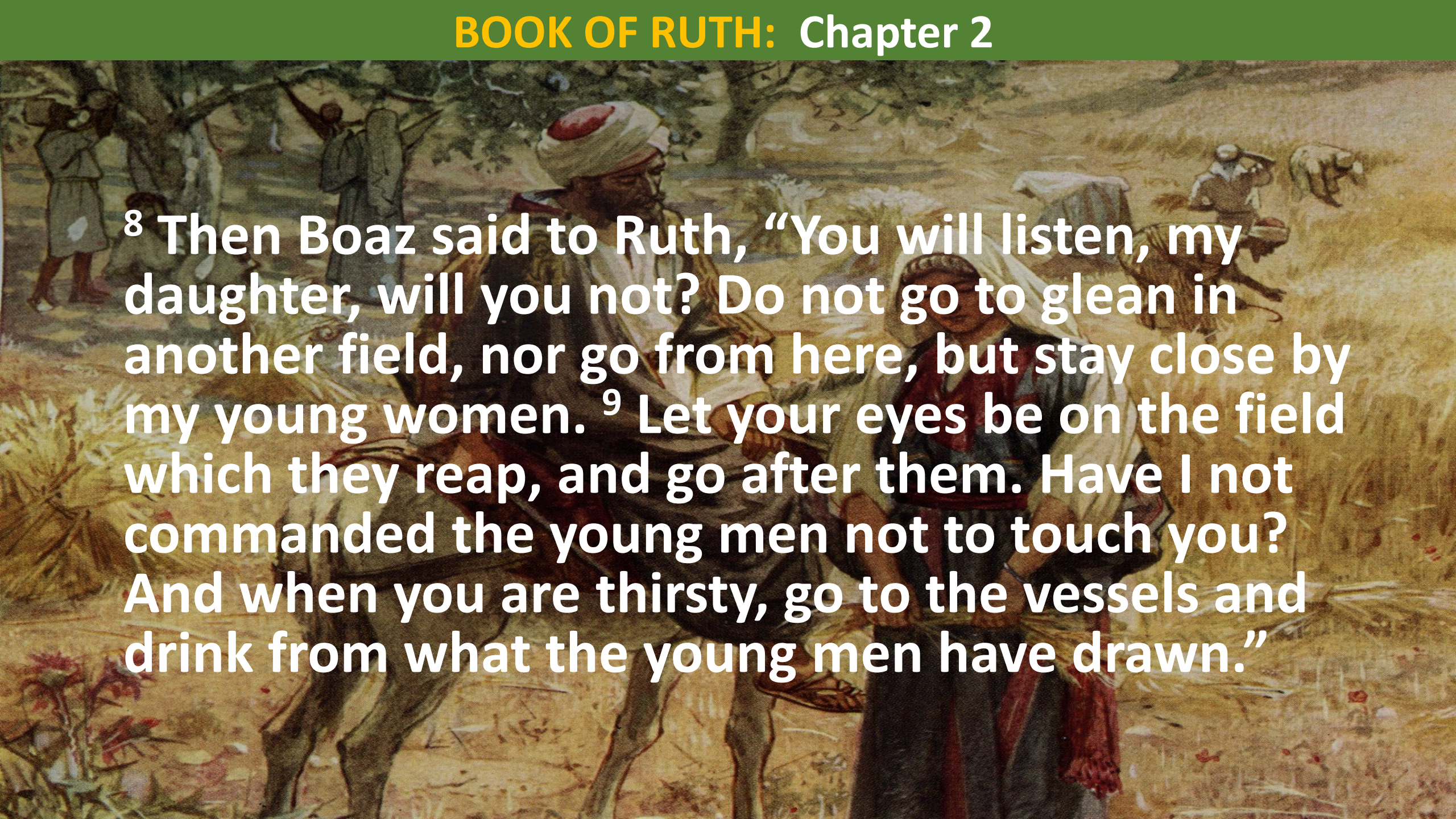


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- “*...servant in charge...*” notice “**unnamed servant.**”
Whenever we see these in scripture = clue may be type for Holy Spirit. This unnamed servant introduces Boaz to Ruth.
- Genesis 24 **unnamed servant** brings bride home for Isaac.
- Holy Spirit introduces bride to Messiah, as both Isaac and Boaz types for Yeshua, and Rebecca and Ruth types for Bride of Messiah.
- *How beautifully scripture is woven together!*

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- Possible servant intends some disrespect when calling Ruth a Moabite. Yet goes on to honor her tireless work.
- Note Ruth didn't assume "entitlement" as gleaner. She asked permission. She was a hard worker. All these in Ruth's favor.
- Very likely Boaz knew of Naomi's return, Ruth's devotion. Possible he even knew of his relationship with Naomi and *was also **protecting her by protecting Ruth.***



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- Boaz not required or expected to talk to gleaners, let alone single out one for his protection. *Reinforces immediate attraction/interest in Ruth.*
- Could even have been “love at first sight.” Boaz goes out of his way to provide protection, provision for Ruth.
- Large fields often shared by multiple landowners, Ruth could easily wander into someone else’s territory. Here **Boaz already putting his “cloak of protection”** around Ruth. Tells her to remain under his care.

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- Boaz understands Ruth's singleness, and perhaps beauty, would attract unwanted attention from "young men."
- Hebrew word for "touch" = *naga*, to smite, strike, beat, bring down, to touch in a bad, molesting way.
- **Some things never change.** Nature of man always evil. Even in those days not safe for young woman to wander alone, even in open field with other workers.
- Also an indication **Boaz NOT a young man.**

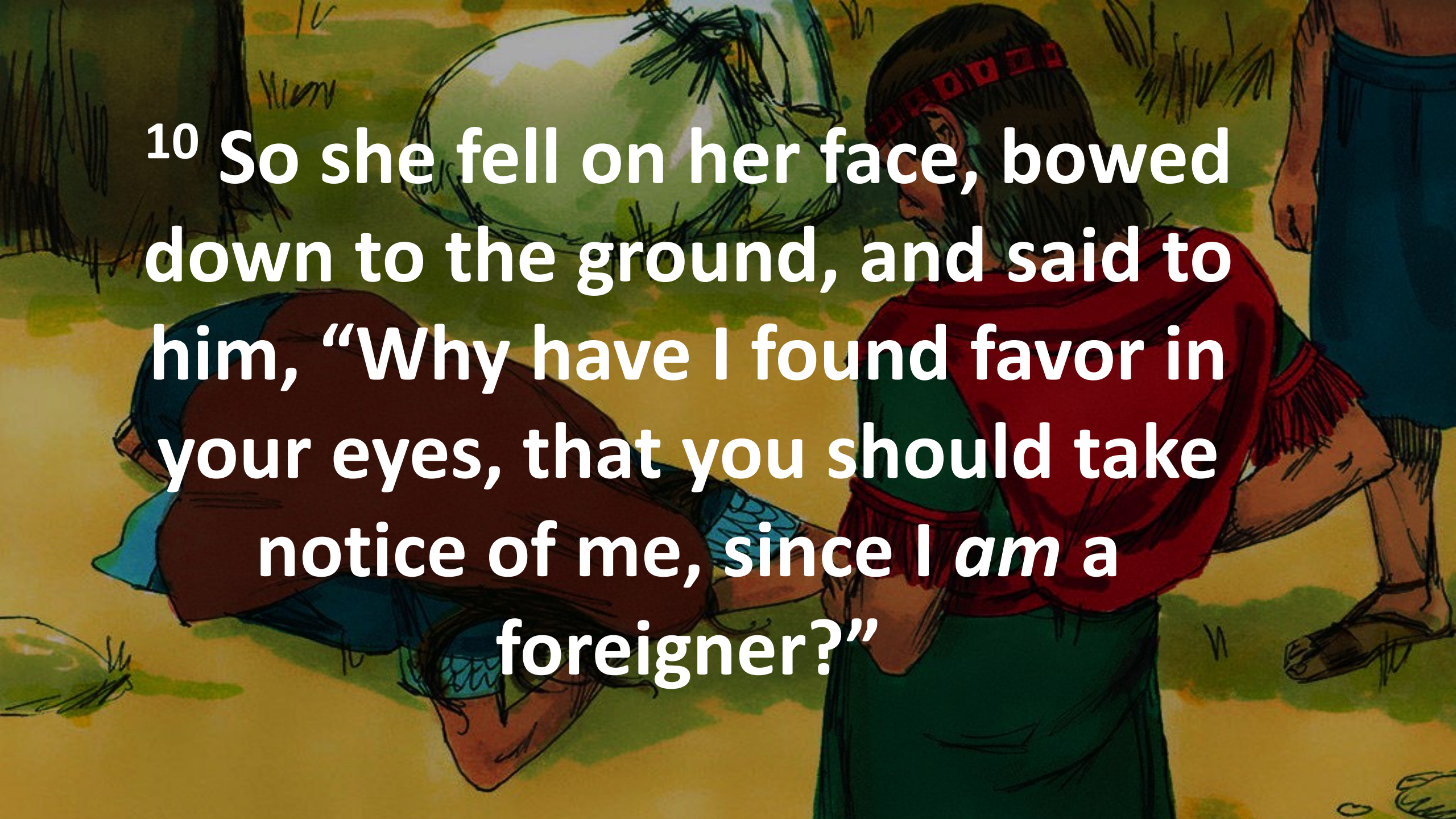
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- **Son of Rahab and Salmon** (*Rahab, prostitute of Jericho saved by YHVH for her rescue of His spies*) Boaz would likely be quite a bit older than Ruth, at this point in period of Judges.
- Boaz thinks of everything. Provides for her safety, her provision and her comfort.
- Ruth still does not know who this man is but overwhelmed by his kindness.

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- Some suggest care of Ruth not just for Ruth. **It is for Boaz** “taken” with Ruth, wants her safe and nearby.
- How like Yeshua! *“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am...”* John 17:24 (Jesus’ prayer in garden)
- When we understand how these characters represent a greater love story, **favor of Boaz for Ruth becomes even more beautiful.**
- Boaz = kinsman redeemer, Ruth = all Gentile believers. Boaz’ love and concern for Ruth is our Savior’s love for us.

An illustration depicting a scene from a story. A woman with long dark hair, wearing a blue dress and a red headband, is bowing low to the ground, her face pressed against the earth. She is looking up at a man who stands before her. The man has a beard and is wearing a red cloak over a green tunic, with a red headband. He is looking down at her. The background is a simple, sketchy landscape with green grass and a brown ground. The text is overlaid on the scene in a large, white, sans-serif font.

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- Ruth knew her status as a hated Moabite would likely not afford her anything but bad treatment. *She was not expecting kindness.* Humbled and thankful.
- **So like our situation.** Sinners, evil hearts through and through. We do not deserve salvation, let alone kindness. Reminds of words of **David in Psalm 8:** *“What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?”* (8:4) and also Romans 5:8 – *“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

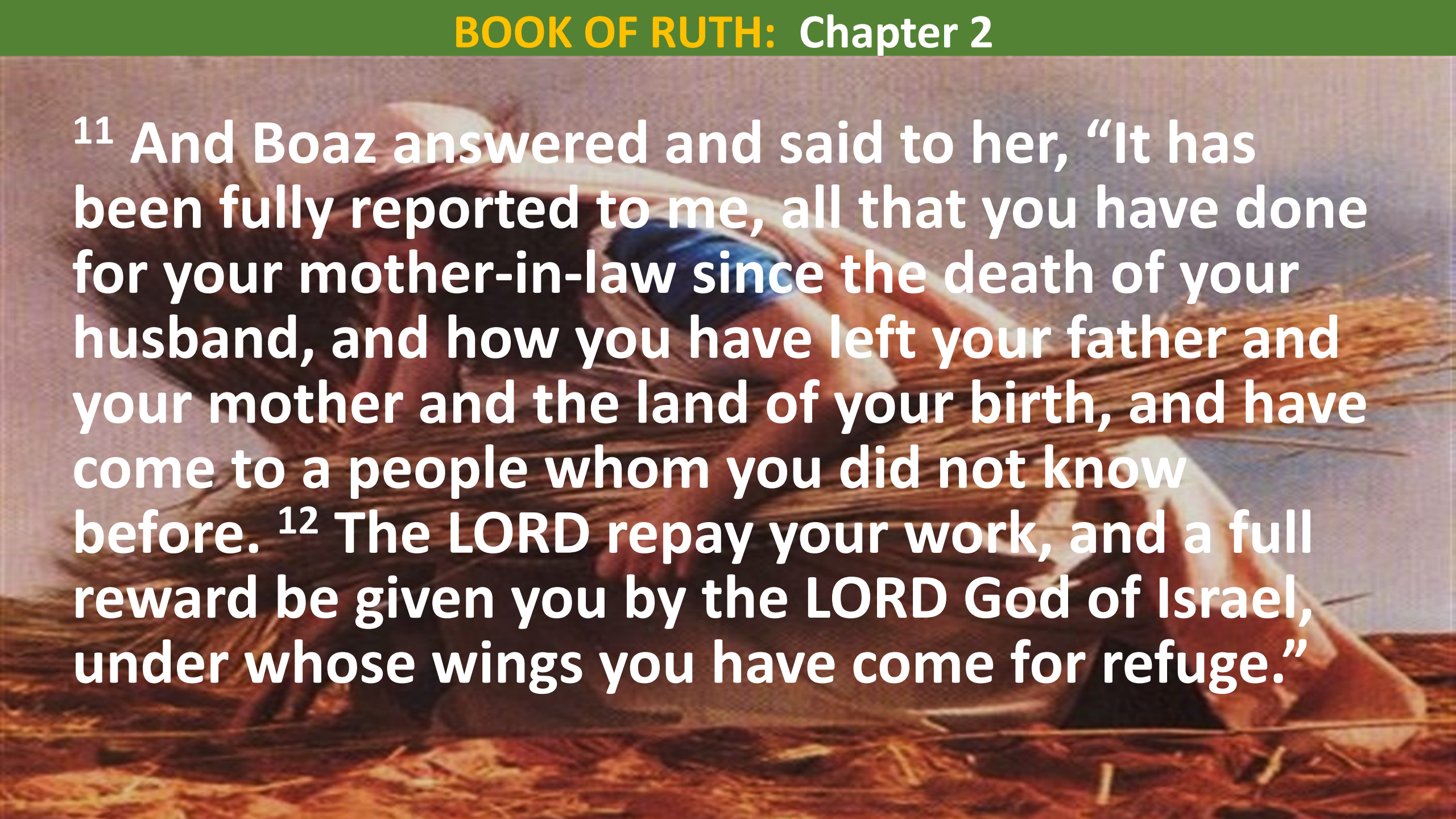
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- When faced with overwhelming grace and kindness of Sovereign God of the Universe (*Lord of the harvest!*) **we can ask same question Ruth did of Boaz: “*Dear Jesus, why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me...*”**
- Final words also important. **“Since I am a foreigner.”** God’s Law made provision for foreigners to join camp and people of Israel. Gentile believers foreigners to nation of Israel, but *gladly welcomed into God’s people* (**one new man, Ephesians 2-3**) and shown same kindness and salvation He freely gives to all.

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- Ephesians 2:12-13 *“...at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”*
- Types and comparisons in book of Ruth just keep coming.

A woman in a blue shirt and white pants is harvesting wheat in a field. She is using a sickle to cut the wheat, which is golden-brown and ripe. The background shows a vast field of wheat under a clear sky.

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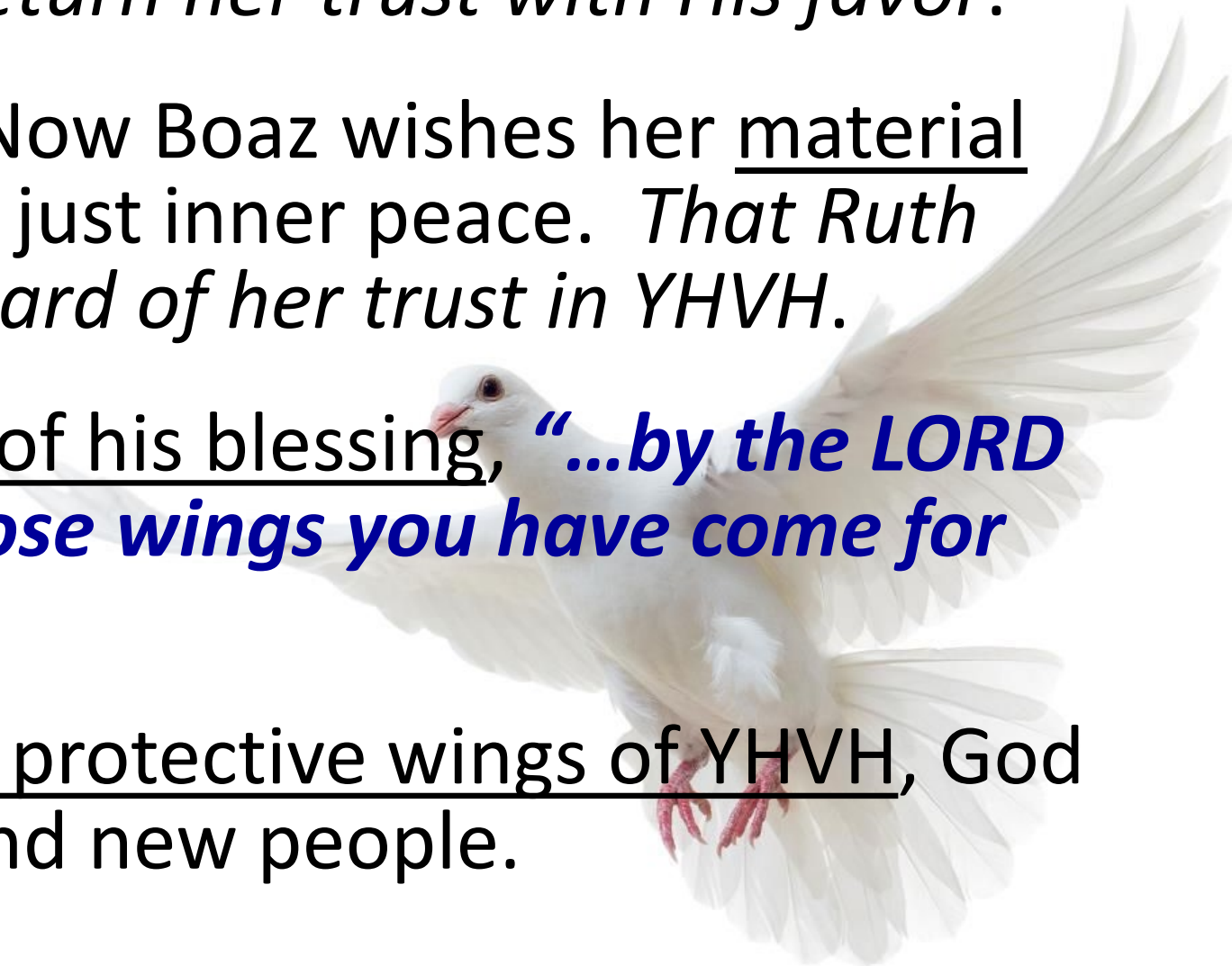
- Now we know Boaz knew of Ruth and Naomi's return and situation. In small town like Bethlehem, word travels fast!
- Interesting that gossip (*Bethlehem abuzz with gossip about Naomi and Ruth!*) generally portrays negatives in people, rarely good.
- Apparently Ruth did not demonstrate any negatives, only good qualities, which were seen and talked about around town. No fuel for negative gossip. (*another lesson!*)

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- Boaz' words to Ruth beautiful. He knows about her commitment, her leaving her homeland coming to people she didn't know. Understands what she has done, *is doing, not easy*. He is impressed. *And he encourages*.
- Obviously man of integrity, and one able to see integrity in others. Integrity, commitment, loyalty and hard work are beautiful things.
- ***“May YHVH repay your work...”*** Hebrew repay = *shalam*, interesting word = pay, give peace, recompense, reward, render, restore. **To be in covenant of peace, be in peace, live in peace.** *This repayment = spiritual/emotional.*

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- Boaz wishing her peace, to live in God's peace. *That the God she is trusting will return her trust with His favor.*
- ***"...and a full reward..."*** Now Boaz wishes her material and physical reward, not just inner peace. *That Ruth would have tangible reward of her trust in YHVH.*
- And most beautiful part of his blessing, ***"...by the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge."***
- Ruth taken refuge under protective wings of YHVH, God of Israel, her new land and new people.



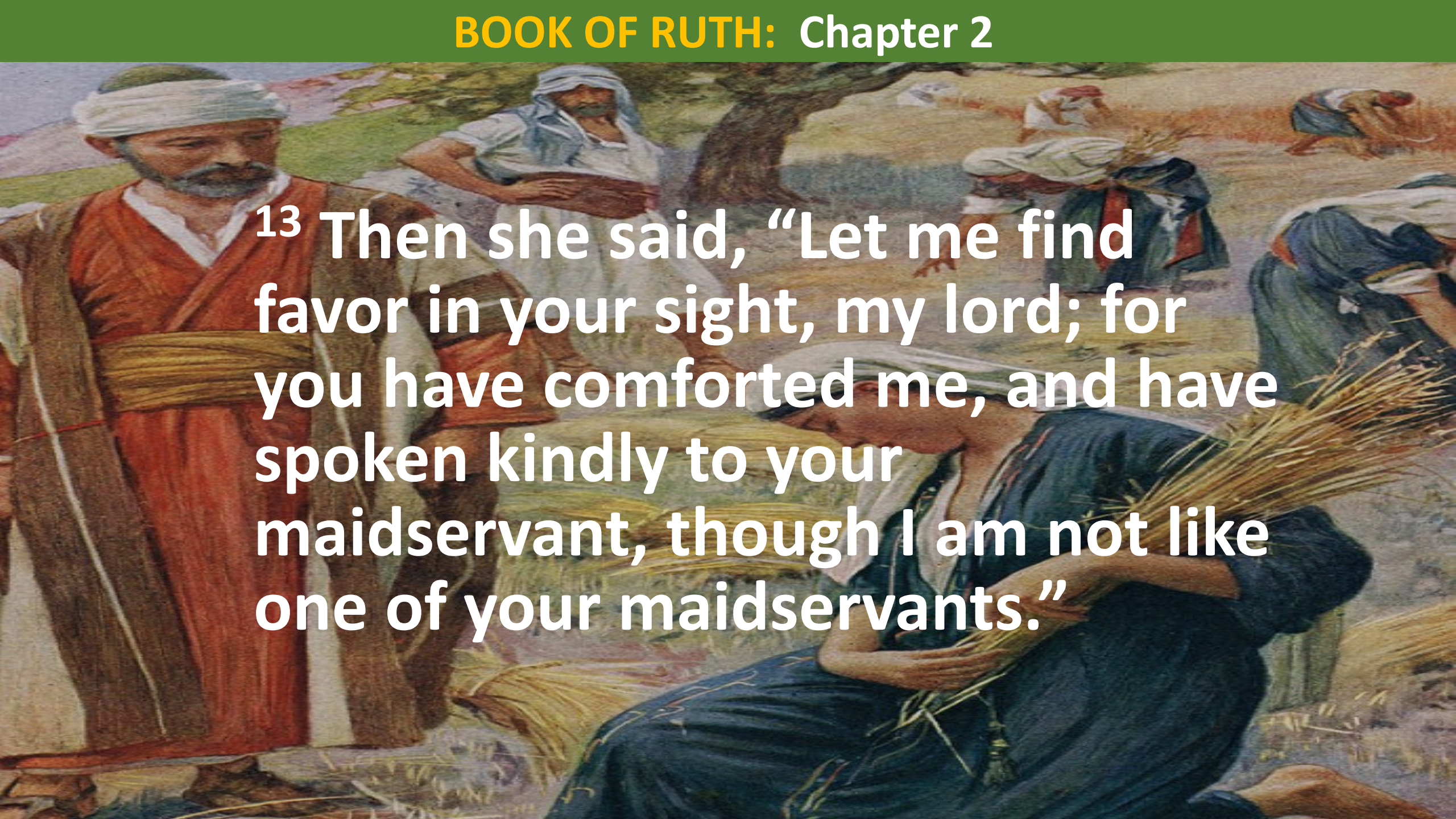
Beautiful concept, scriptural theme:

- *Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings, (Psalm 17:8)*
- *How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings. (Psalm 36:7)*
- *Because You have been my help, Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice. (Psalm 63:7)*
- *He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. (Psalm 91:4)*

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- Interesting these Psalms written well before time of Boaz and Ruth. In fact, first three written by great grandson King David!!
- Here in Ruth first time this concept seen. *Not the last!*
- *“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! See! Your house is left to you desolate; for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ ”*
(Matthew 23:37-39)

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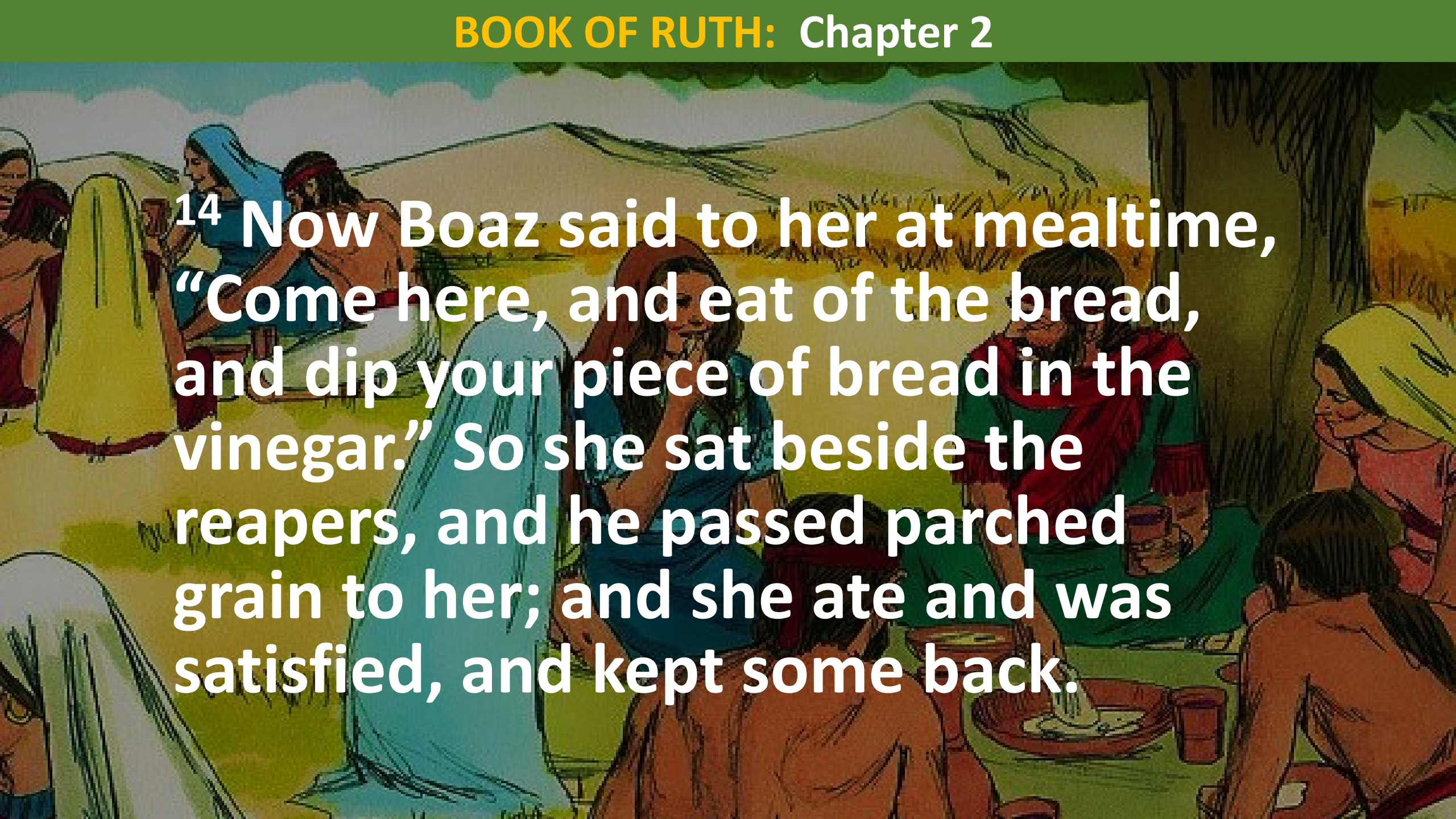
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- Ruth very aware of her condition as “undeserving” Gentile. Not just any Gentile *but hated Moabite*. And she is not even one of Boaz’ workers, or even like them.
- Yet despite her condition/situation, she has **found a place of favor, place of refuge**.
- Ruth genuinely touched by Boaz’ kindness and attention. **So like our God**. We seek favor (*as Ruth did*) and return with so much more than we ask.
- *More than we can dream*. If we ask and we trust!

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- Entire “Church” (*called out ones*) largely also undeserving Gentiles. Mysterious reference to Church in OT.
- Paul called entire concept of Church a “mystery.” But clearly in Ruth. She represents called out ones, those called out of the nations (Gentiles).
- We may be corporate “Body of Messiah” but wonderful to **feel His individual touch. This love story between two individuals is our love story. Me and My Bridegroom. Me and My Kinsman-Redeemer. Me and One who Loves ME.**
- Make this love story yours. This is *your personal love story.* You and Your Messiah.

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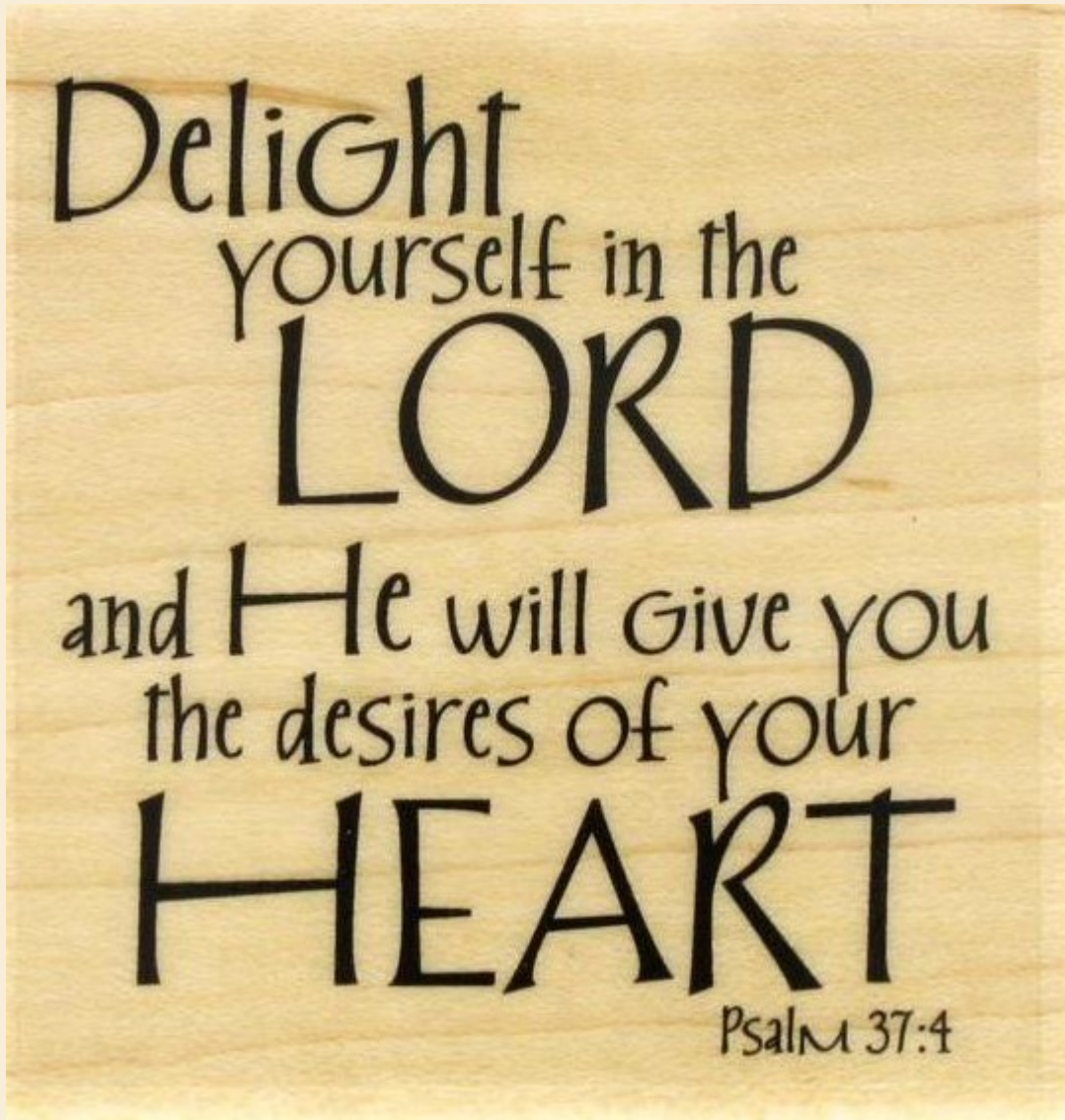


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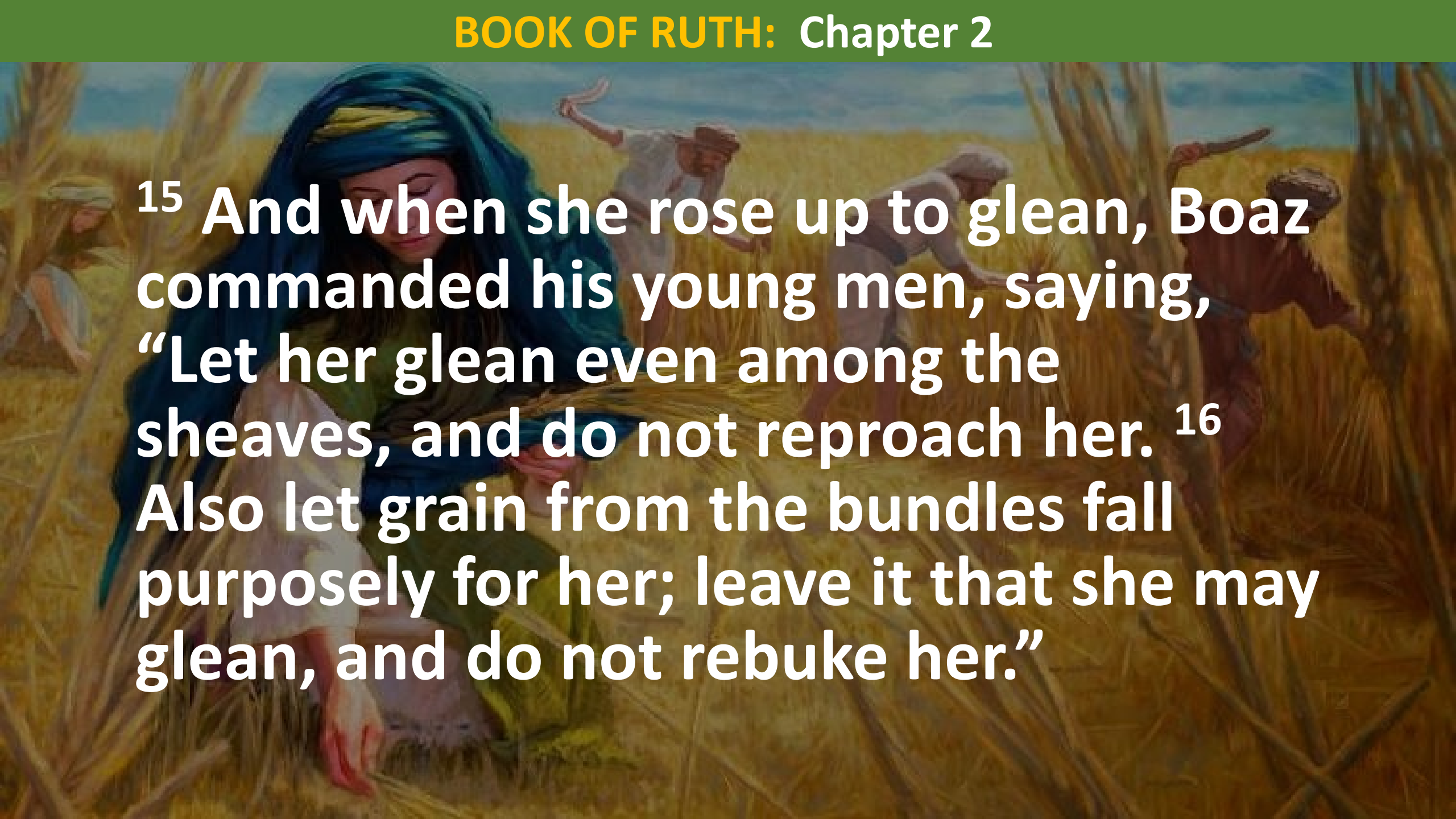
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- What Boaz does here NOT required. Were to allow gleaners in field, but were not under any law to feed or care for gleaners. Boaz' care for Ruth over the top.
- Read closely, see something amazing. **Boaz offers Ruth components of communion! Bread and wine.** "Vinegar" made of wine. *Again, main theme throughout scripture. Always indicates/relates to Messiah.*
- Notice she is sitting among reapers. Those in Boaz' employ. *No gleaners section for mealtime.* Only reapers.
- Ruth already taken into Boaz' "household." Her status immediately elevated. *She is one of them.*

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- What she does not know yet, one day will be wife of wealthy landowner, these fields will be hers as well. Will be mistress of the master's land.
- Ruth ate all she wanted, still kept some out for Naomi.
Always thinking of others. Are we?
- Notice got all she WANTED, *not just what she needed.* **Our God loves to provide desires of our hearts, not just our needs.**

A painting depicting a scene from the Book of Ruth. In the foreground, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a blue headscarf and a green dress, is kneeling in a golden wheat field, gleaning. She is looking down at the grain in her hands. In the background, several men are working in the field, some using sickles to harvest the wheat. The scene is set in a vast, open field under a clear sky.

15 And when she rose up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, “Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her. 16 Also let grain from the bundles fall purposely for her; leave it that she may glean, and do not rebuke her.”

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- Seems Boaz has fallen for Ruth. We see love story, beyond just man of integrity. Tells his overseers to let her glean freely...*even if she is doing it wrong!*
- To purposely leave grain for her to pick up. *Making her work easier!* **Not to correct her in any way.** Usually gleaners go AFTER harvesters, but Ruth allowed right among them as they cut standing grain.
- Could be seen as Boaz already extending his possessions to Ruth, not just his leftovers! Word for all Gentile believers. We share in all possessions and covenants of God's Kingdom and His people, Israel. **Not just leftovers.**

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- Boaz making sure Ruth continues to feel protected, provided for, comforted and encouraged. *Wants nothing, not even a harsh word, to mar this day for her.*
- Also note, however, Boaz didn't just fill up her baskets and tell her to go home. Still had to work for it!
- Another concept referenced here. **WORK important for spirit of all believers.** Another biblical theme.

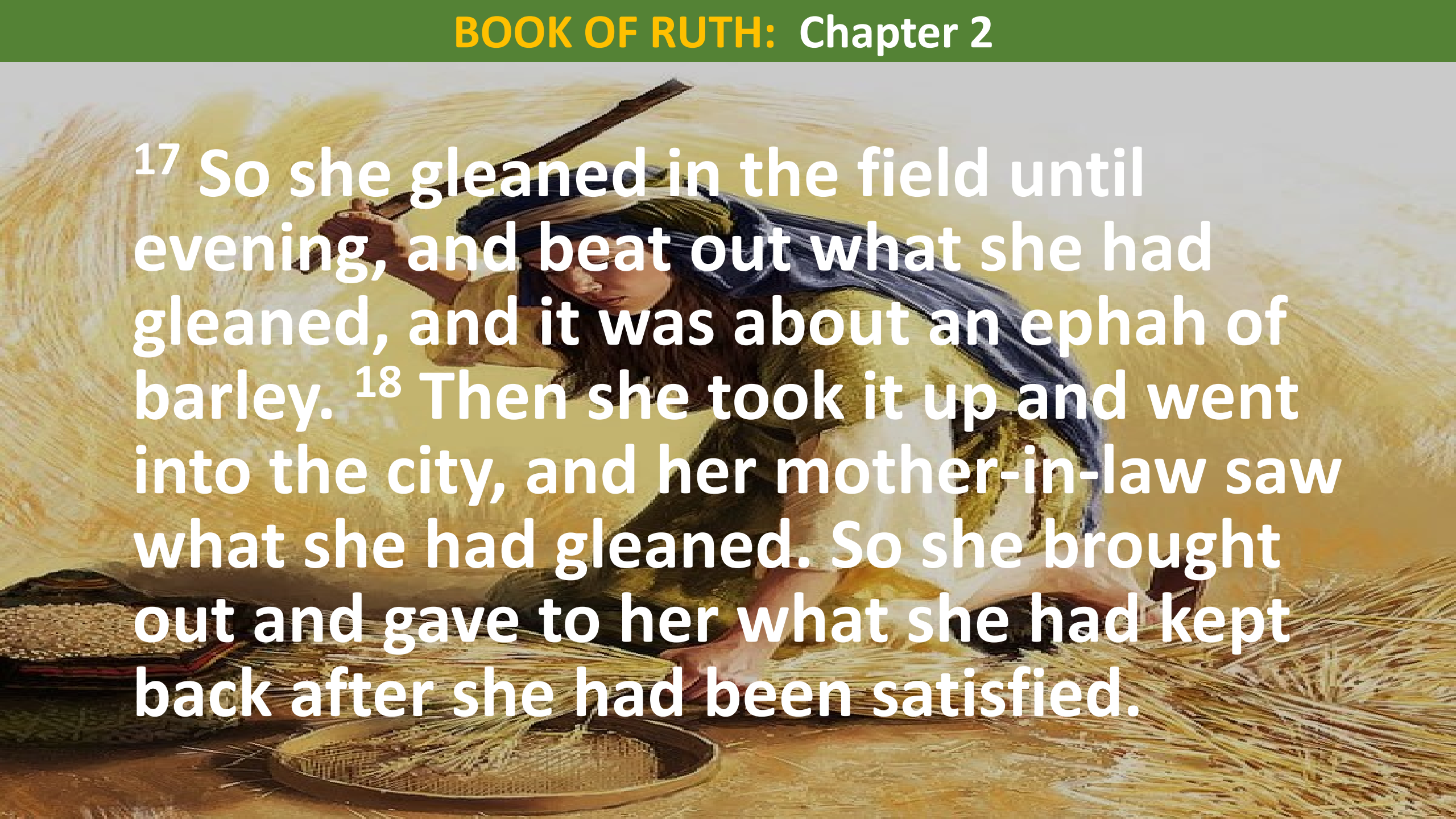


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For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, for we were not disorderly among you; nor did we eat anyone's bread free of charge, but worked with labor and toil night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us. For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies. Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread. (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12)

He who tills his land will have plenty of bread, But he who follows frivolity will have poverty enough! (Proverbs 28:19)

- Work is important for the spirit.
- When we work as believers, **we work WITH and FOR God.**
- We cannot earn our salvation, but God has prepared work for us to do on earth and in His Kingdom.
- Work is both physical toil to provide and survive (physical reward), and work in God's Kingdom (spiritual rewards).

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a blue headscarf and a blue and white garment, is shown in a field of golden wheat. She is bent over, using a wooden sickle to harvest the grain. In the foreground, there is a large, shallow, circular basket filled with harvested wheat. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with more wheat fields and distant hills under a pale sky.

¹⁷ So she gleaned in the field until evening, and beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. ¹⁸ Then she took it up and went into the city, and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. So she brought out and gave to her what she had kept back after she had been satisfied.

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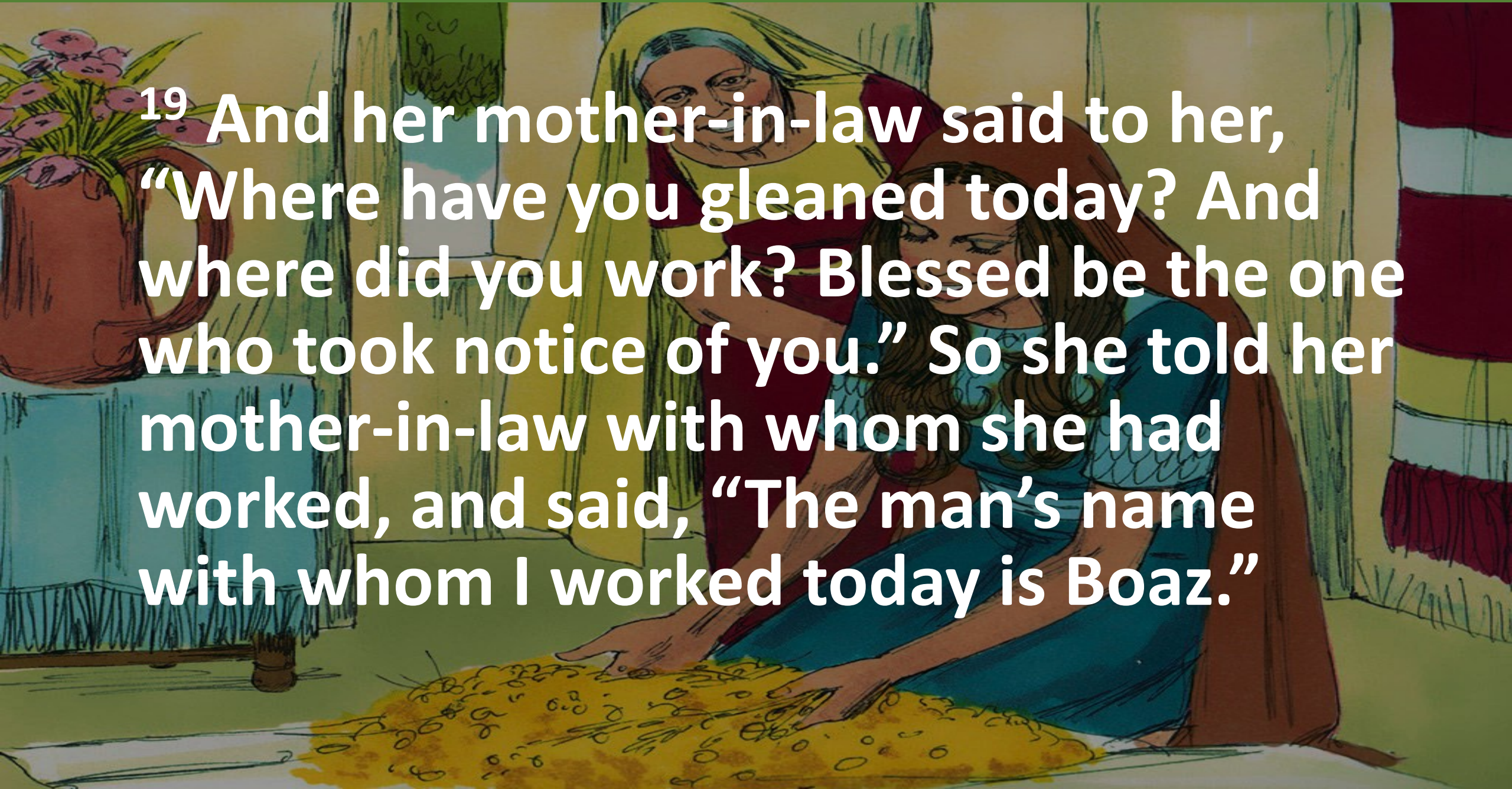
- Ruth worked all day. Made most of amazing day. Didn't stop working even though back breaking work.
- In addition to gathering grains, also took time to “**beat it out,**” **minor threshing process.** Beat with sticks to separate grain from chaff. *Also hard work!*
- Ruth thinking of Naomi. *Again, lesson about thinking of needs of others!*
- Ruth also brought home her unfinished meal for Naomi. This woman has a heart for others. *Ruth's character should be a light to guide ours as well.*

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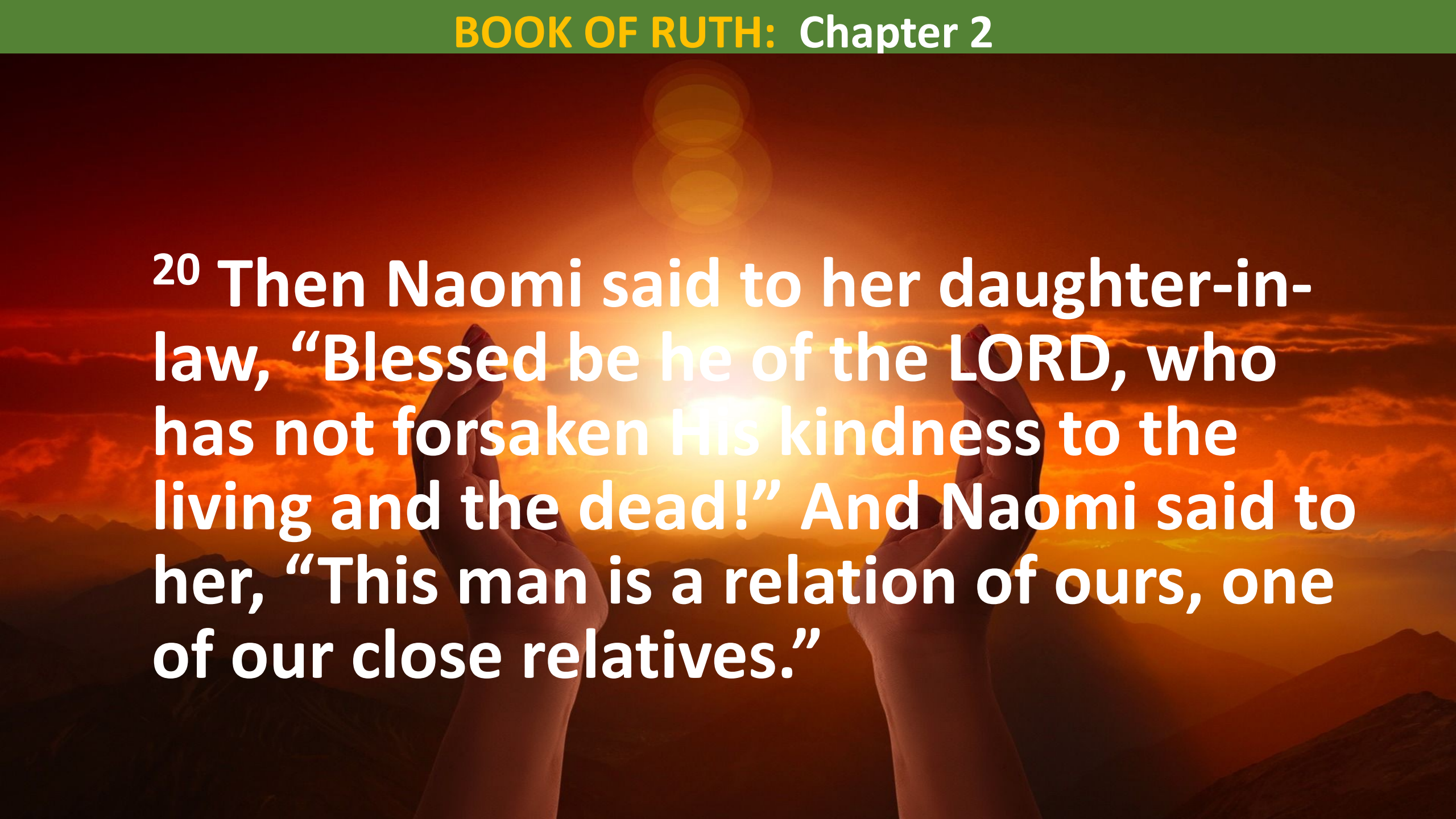
- Threshing also prevents loss carrying home. Precious cargo, didn't want to lose anything. Very careful.
- Ephah about a bushel, probably weighed 30-40 pounds. Not easy process to get it home.
- Considered **very generous large haul for gleanings**. Would last many days.

¹⁹ And her mother-in-law said to her, “Where have you gleaned today? And where did you work? Blessed be the one who took notice of you.” So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, and said, “The man’s name with whom I worked today is Boaz.”



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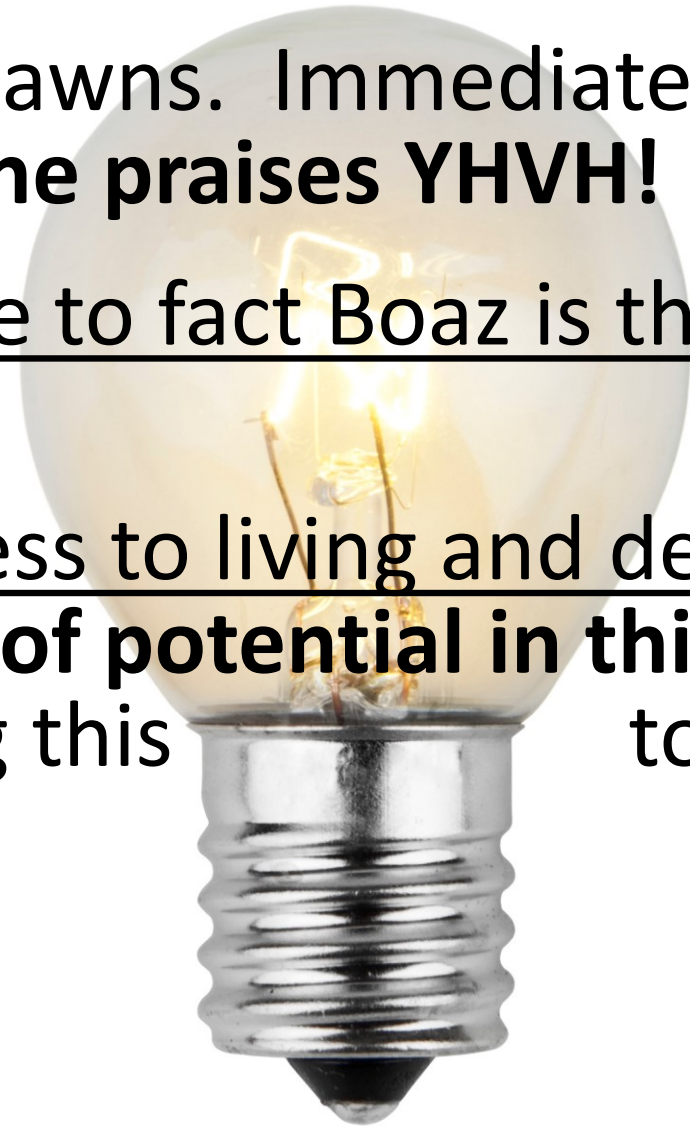
- Naomi pleasantly surprised at what Ruth brought home. Naomi familiar with gleaning. She knew what to expect, this surpassed her ideas.
- Interesting to note, gleaning hard work, pick up piece by piece, little by little. But when done she had abundance, by working hard and by TRUSTING!
- Ruth an example of **what God intends Church, called out ones, to be.**
- Naomi asks “*where in the world did you get all this!*” Ruth tells her, now lightbulbs come on for Naomi.



20 Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, “Blessed be he of the LORD, who has not forsaken His kindness to the living and the dead!” And Naomi said to her, “This man is a relation of ours, one of our close relatives.”

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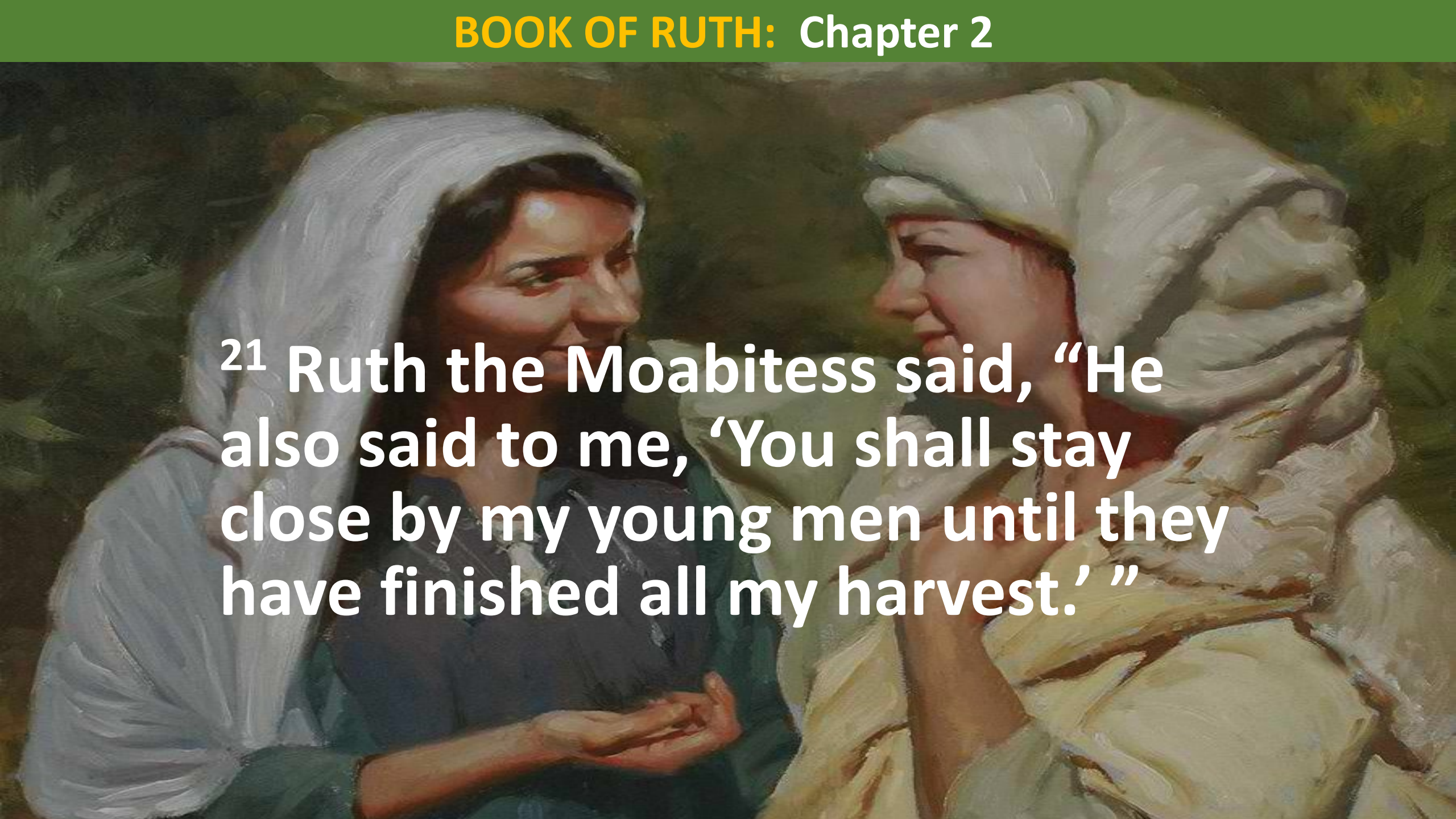
- Naomi beside herself as “light” dawns. Immediately does exactly what we all should do. **She praises YHVH!**
- Naomi’s praise includes reference to fact Boaz is their kinsman-redeemer.
- Statement about showing kindness to living and dead indicates she is **already thinking of potential in this relationship.** Perhaps Boaz doing this to acknowledge his *obligation as a near kinsman.*



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- Don't know if Naomi already knew or remembered about Boaz before this. Maybe she knew and hoped someday to call upon him in their need.
- Perhaps relationship with Ruth *came much faster than she thought*. Ruth already met him and he already showed kindness and concern.
- Or, perhaps Naomi's attitude and bitterness about her condition clouded her thinking and she could not see way out. Just like us! ***Sometimes we are so self-centered about our trials we can't see the way out either.***
- As usual, our God is way ahead of Naomi! (and us!)

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²¹ Ruth the Moabite said, “He also said to me, ‘You shall stay close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest.’ ”

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- Now Ruth provides more good news. This man has shown her amazing grace. *Things are indeed looking up!*
- Naomi now knows that **Boaz' care goes much further than what is required of him.**
- GOEL was trustee of YHVH's possession of the land. Person doing this showed loyalty to not only kin, but *to purpose of God among His people.*
- Boaz had right of redemption but under no obligation. This was through free will, **just like our Kinsman Redeemer, Goel Yeshua!**

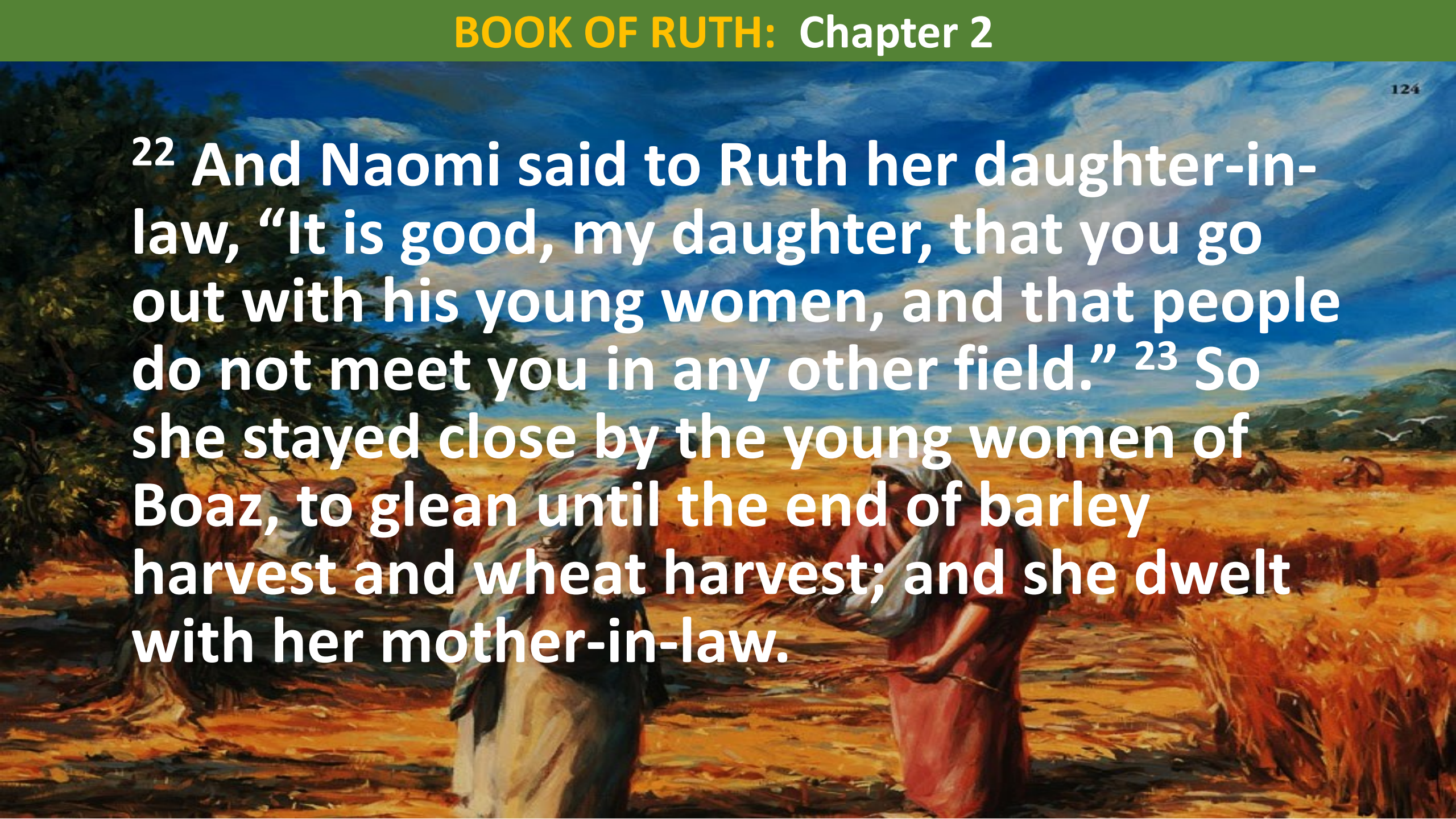
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- Interesting, only example of kinsman redeemer in scripture, in book of Ruth.
- Important to understand **this concept, KNOW** truly who Jesus is, what He did for us.
- Book of Ruth necessary to overall understanding of our salvation.

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22 And Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, “It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, and that people do not meet you in any other field.” 23 So she stayed close by the young women of Boaz, to glean until the end of barley harvest and wheat harvest; and she dwelt with her mother-in-law.



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- Naomi knows Boaz could be ticket out of their destitute standing. But she doesn't push it. Allows Ruth to continue gleaning in Boaz' fields, under his protection.
- Perhaps *hoping relationship will develop*. At any rate, she is giving it time, not pushing her agenda yet.
- Ruth continues to glean for months in Boaz' fields.
- For her safety, Naomi tells her to stay there and not pursue any other fields.

Another amazing comparison to plan of redemption:

- **First time** Ruth meets Boaz is not time of her redemption.
- Perhaps beginning, promise of her redemption *but not completion.*
- Ruth must still work hard in fields for a time.
- **Second time** she meets him is completion of plan of redemption, with details to follow.

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- **First time** we met our Goel, not time of our redemption, but promise of it.
- **Second time** we meet our Bridegroom, completion of our redemption occurs, with details to follow (Millennial Kingdom, eternity, etc.)

Don't you just LOVE how God works??

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- She gleans through **barley** and **wheat** harvests, staying with Naomi, bringing her gleanings home.
- **Three major harvests in Israel**, each aligning with three pilgrimage feasts (*appointed times*) of God. Each represents certain times in God's prophetic calendar:
- **Barley** harvest – Passover (Pesach) – Time of Yeshua
- **Wheat** Harvest – Weeks (Shavuot, Pentecost) – Time of Holy Spirit (Church age)
- **Fruit** harvest – Tabernacles (Sukkot) – Time of Millennium

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- Likely corresponds to God's timeline for plan of redemption.
- **Barley** harvest = Passover, time of Jesus, when Jews missed His coming and rejected Him.
- **Wheat** harvest = coming of Holy Spirit, age of grace, age of Church.
- **Fruit** harvest = reign of Jesus on earth (*second coming*), Millennium,



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- Ruth continued in fields until after both barley and wheat harvests.
- Her marriage to Boaz took place after wheat harvest, likely *between that and final fruit harvest*.
- May imply marriage of “called out ones” (ekklesia, church) before final harvest (2nd coming) before Millennium.
- **Appointed times (feasts) of God set around harvest periods.** So is this story. And so is God’s plan of redemption.

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- At this point certain all Bethlehem buzzing with gossip about Ruth and Boaz. Town notes his concern and care for Ruth.
- He has apparently fallen for a Moabite! *Can imagine gossip.*
- Will be a lot of hard work, a lot of hard days before Ruth's redemption. ***And before ours.***
- **But it's coming!**