



Hope for the Hopeless: God is Able

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Ruth 4

Introduction



- Chap 1 — Heartbreak, Loss, Pain
- Chap 2 — Worked, Waited, Serves
- Chap 3 — Initiates, Surrenders, Trusts
- Chap 4 — Redeemed, Restored, Rejoicing

“May the LORD make this woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, both whom built the house of Israel; and may you achieve wealth in Ephrathah and become famous in Bethlehem.”

Ruth 4:11b



I. God is Able (vs. 12-13)

- “*The LORD enabled her*” (vs.13) — *YHWH way-yit-ten*.
 - “*The LORD enabled*” (NASB);
 - “*The LORD gave*” (ESV);
 - “*The LORD blessed*” (Good News)

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us.

Eph.3:20

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While you are waiting,
God is still working.

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He has an answer for every problem
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- B. Bless you abundantly.
- C. Comfort you when you're hurting.
- D. Deliver you from evil.
- E. Empowers you to do His will.
- F. Forgives all your sins.
- G. Gives you daily bread.
- H. Heals you when you're sick.
- I. Illuminates your path.
- J. Justifies you by His grace.
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YHWH way-yit-ten —God is able!

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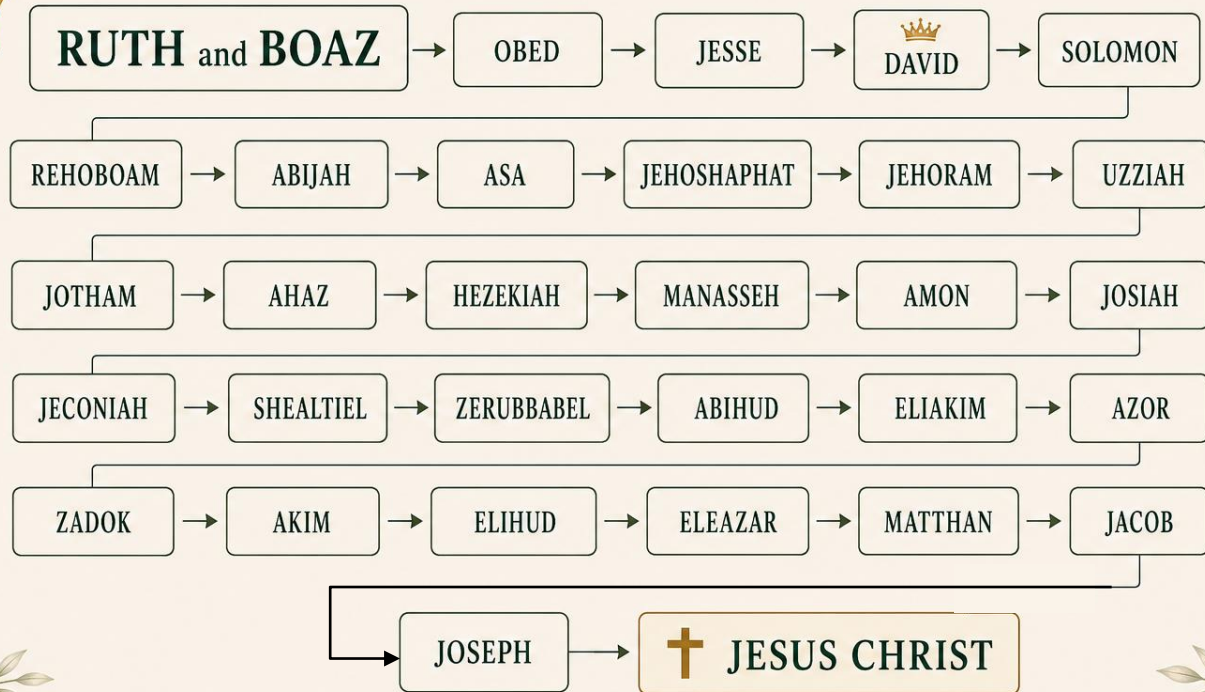
- We see God's ableness in 4:14-15, *"Then the women said to Naomi, 'Blessed is the LORD who has not left you without a redeemer today, and may his name become famous in Israel. May he also be to you a restorer of life and a sustainer of your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you and is better to you than seven sons, has given birth to him.'* "

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THE LINEAGE FROM RUTH TO JESUS

Matt. 1:5-17 (NIV)





Conclusion

- Look at Ruth's progression as she gets closer to God:
 - *"I am a foreigner"* (1:4, 2:10)
 - *"I am lower than your servants"* (2:13)
 - *"I am your servant"* (3:9)
 - *"I am your wife"* (4:13)