

I. The Table of Presence—as Betrothal

Read the following verses and reference The Tabernacle image to answer the questions below.

Ruth 1 (all)	Ruth 2:1-14	Ruth 3:12	Ruth 4:1-12
Genesis 9:12-13	Genesis 17:2-7	Psalm 105:8	Hebrews 8:7-10
Jeremiah 31:31-34	Hosea 1:1-5	Hosea 2:16-23	Hosea 2:1-5
Ephesians 5:25-27	Isaiah 54:5	Isaiah 56:6	Revelation 19:7-9
Revelation 21:9	Matthew 26:26-28	2 Corinthians 11:2	Luke 22:19-20
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John 4:34	1 Samuel 17:12	John 7:42	Matthew 2:1
Genesis 14:17-20	Matthew 27:34		

1) In Ruth, chapter 1, verses 1 through 4, we learn that Elimelech of Bethlehem-Judah, and his wife, Naomi, had two sons and each took wives from what country?

2) Biblically, according to verse 4, Ruth's people are *not* of the tribes of Israel, so she would be considered a _____.

3) We learn in verse 5 that Ruth is no longer married, because her husband died, she is *also* considered a _____.

4) In verse 8, Naomi, Ruth's mother-in-law, tells the daughters-in-law to return to the land of their mothers. Continue reading through verse 17, what is Ruth's response to Naomi, specifically?

5) According to verse 7 and verses 19 through 22, Ruth accompanied Naomi to Bethlehem in Judah. Being that Ruth was not born in the land of Israel, she would be considered a _____.

6) Notice in verse 19, both Ruth and her mother-in-law Naomi arrive at the city of _____. This city literally means House of Bread. Skip ahead in the biblical timeline and read 1 Samuel, Chapter 17, verse 12, then John, Chapter 7, verse 42. Whom else was born in the city of Bethlehem? _____ and _____.

7) Notice in verse 22, what season or harvest marked the arrival of Ruth and Naomi to Bethlehem? _____.

8) Read the Genesis, chapters 9 and 17 verses listed above, and the Psalm 105 and Hebrews, chapter 8 verses provided to answer these questions:

- What is a covenant?

- Is a covenant, according to scripture, *written* or *verbal* or *both*? _____
- What are some other words, synonyms, for **covenant**?

9) Based on your responses to Q#147, would you consider Ruth's response to Naomi, her former mother-in-law, to be a vow, a proclamation, **and** covenant, to the Holy God of Israel? Yes? Or No? Explain your answer.

10) If Ruth only made the vow/proclamation/covenant to Naomi, why would this be a covenant *with God*? Explain.

11) In the second chapter of Ruth, we meet Boaz. Is he a gentile or an Israelite? _____

12) What is Boaz referred to in Ruth, chapter 2, verses 1 and 4 and chapter 3, verse 12?

13) In Ruth, chapter 2, verse 14, Boaz, this *redeeming* kinsman, offers Ruth, the gentile, what, specifically, to dip in wine/vinegar?

14) After Ruth eats of the bread, what happens, ceremonially, in Ruth, chapter 4, verses 1-12?

15) Do you believe you can have a marriage without a covenant? Elaborate.

16) Read Jeremiah chapter 31, verses 31-34. What is God's promise in verse 31?

17) What does our Lord refer to Himself in verse 32 of that same chapter?

18) What is His promise in verse 33 and 34 of this same chapter of Jeremiah?

19) In Hosea, chapter 2, verse 16, Adonai declares that one day His people will call Him what, specifically? Isaiah foretells the same thing in Isaiah, chapter 54, verse 5.

20) In the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 26, verse 26, and in Luke, chapter 22, verses 19-20, what does Yeshua offer His disciples?

21) How is this ceremonially like the story of Boaz and Ruth? Was Yeshua simply offering bread for the sake of eating bread? Explain your answer.

22) In Matthew 26, verse 28, as our Lord offers the disciples the wine, He says it *represents* what, specifically?

23) Read the following verses, and answer the questions below:

- a. **Ephesians 5:25-27:** Who is *her* that Christ “gave Himself up for? _____
- b. **2 Corinthians 11:2:** Who is the *bride* implied in this passage? _____
- c. **Revelation 19:7:** Who is the *groom* implied in this passage? _____
- d. **Revelation 19:9:** Will there be a formal *wedding* ceremony, one day? _____
- e. **Revelation 21:9:** The *bride* is the wife of whom? _____

24) This new covenant makes us, the body of believers, the _____ of Christ.

25) Based on the story of Ruth and Boaz, and the Father’s promise of a new covenant, and Christ fulfilling that covenant, offering the bread and wine to all who hear it, and drink and “eat” of it, do you believe it has been the Father’s plan all along, from the very beginning, to offer salvation for all people, Jews, Hebrews, or Gentiles?

26) Read Hosea, chapter 2, verses 1-5, the Father says His people have turned to *other gods* for water, wool, flax, olive oil, and _____.

27) Read John 4:34, and Hosea, chapter 1, verses 1-5, and reflect on the previous section (Obedience). How much more does the concept of “eating” of the forbidden tree, play into our relationship, commitment, covenant, and **place** beside our God? Elaborate.

28) How does it feel when someone is unfaithful to you, be it a spouse, some close intimate relationship, friendship, employer, child, etc.? Identify some of those feelings.

29) How does it feel when someone is faithful to you? What is it like when someone is committed to you, honest with you, loyal, etc.?

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30) We all fall short of God's glory: Is he faithful, despite our short-comings, setbacks, etc.? What does that mean to you, today?

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31) Knowing now, that we are more than simple *believers* in God, and followers of the Christ, but we are being reborn new into His Kingdom, washed clean of sin and iniquity, forgiven of transgressing His Laws and His Commandments, choosing to enter His gate, laying ourselves at His alter, and entering in a covenant as His bride, spend a moment identifying *Your* faithfulness and lack of faithfulness to Him. Spend this time reflecting on areas you need to confess, seeking Him for repentance, and make a commitment to be more faithful to your Heavenly Husband. Write a prayer confessing to your King, Master, Maker, and Husband.

Why Wear The Cross