

BEHIND THE SCENES

Studies in Ruth



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OPEN YOUR EYES

Ruth 2:17-3:13



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HOW DID NAOMI OPEN RUTH'S EYES?

1. Naomi instructed Ruth to remain in Boaz' field (Ruth 2:17-23).

Levirate Marriage is prescribed in Deut 25:5-6 and is also referenced in Genesis 39; Luke 20:27-33



HOW DID NAOMI OPEN RUTH'S EYES?

2. Naomi proposed that Ruth make a preemptive proposal (Ruth 2:17-23).
Inter-religious marriage was forbidden in Deut 7:1-6
Ruth would have been considered a proselyte based on Ruth 1:16



HOW DID RUTH OPEN BOAZ' EYES?

1. Ruth had to show Boaz that she was no longer mourning (Ruth 3:1-3).

David took the same steps as Ruth when he ended his mourning for his and Bathsheba's child (2 Samuel 2:20)



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The “spread your wings over” me idiom is used by God in relation to Israel in Ezekiel 16:8



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Ruth was inviting Boaz to be the fulfillment of his own blessing from Ruth 2:12



HOW DID RUTH & BOAZ OPEN OUR EYES?

We are like Ruth, needing redemption
and searching for a redeemer to cover
us with His wings (Psalm 17:6-8; 36:7)



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