



THE OUTSIDER

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Read the book of Ruth.

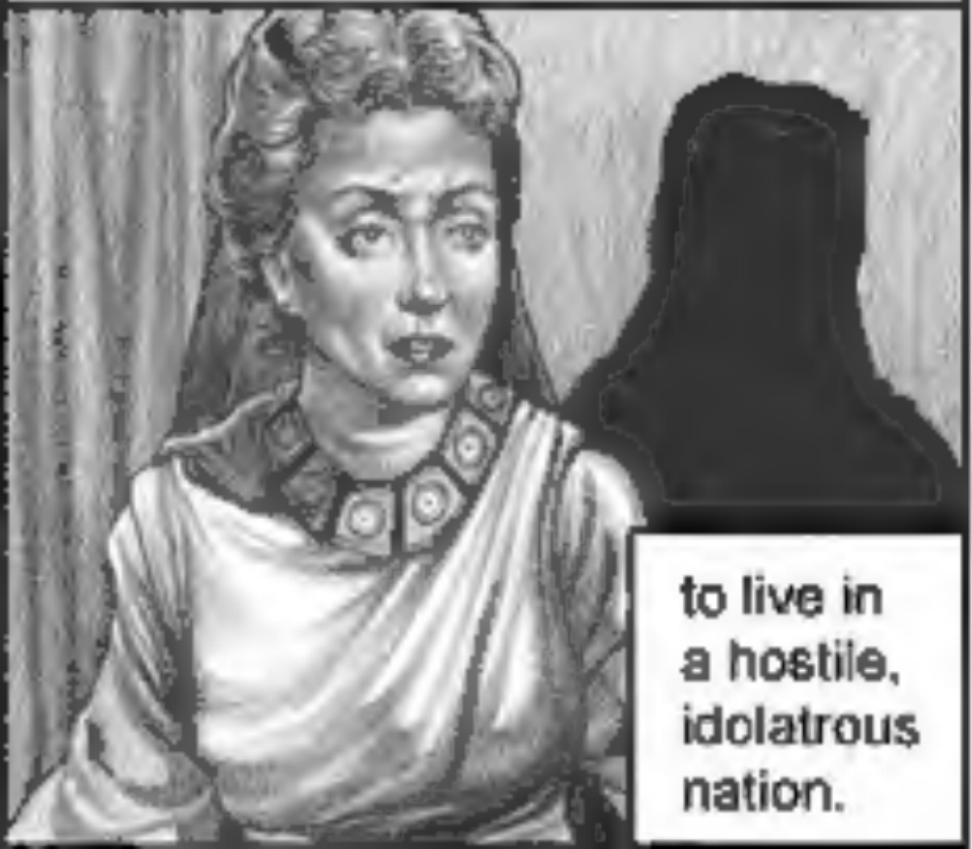
1320 B.C. a famine covered Israel.



Elimilech, why are you going to Moab?



Elimelech's wife, Naomi, was bitter about leaving Bethlehem...



to live in
a hostile,
idolatrous
nation.

Years later
disaster struck.



These events
would change world history.

Naomi's two sons disobeyed God and married Moabite women.



Their wives were named Orpah and Ruth.

Within 10 years, Naomi's two sons died also.



Life in Moab had been cruel to Naomi. Everything was gone.

The famine's over. I'm going home.



She blessed them and kissed them and they all wept.

Orpah returned to her home and her old gods... *a bad mistake!*



But Ruth refused to leave Naomi, so she became part of God's great plan.

Ruth said:



Whither thou
goest, I will go...

thy people shall be
my people, and thy
God my God.

Where thou diest,
will I die, and there
will I be buried...

...the Lord do so to
me, and more also,
if ought but death
part thee and me.

Back at Bethlehem

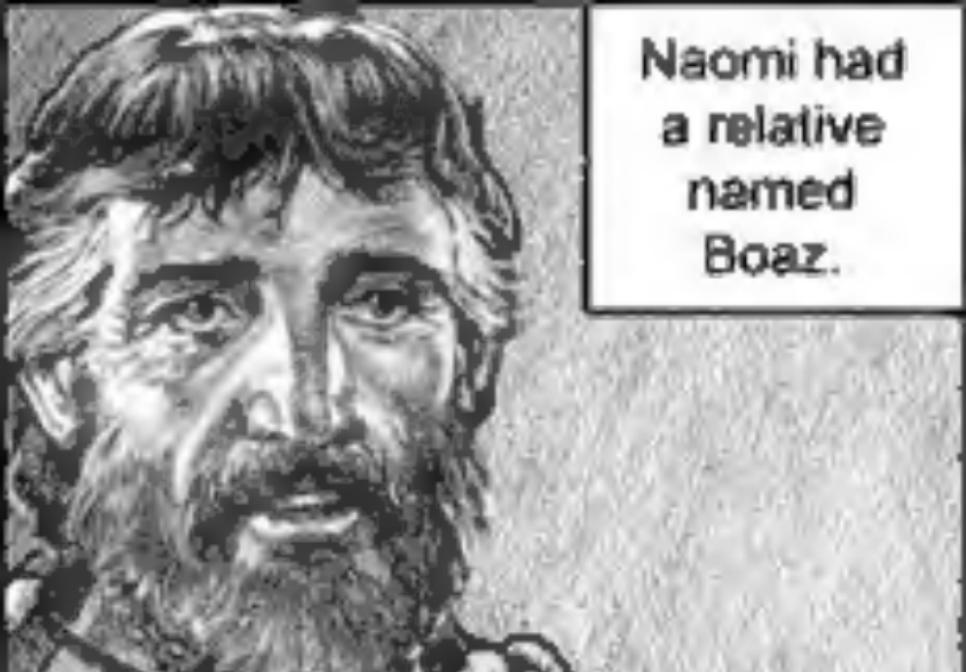
It's Naomi!

Look!
There's a
Moabite
with her.

The Almighty afflicted me.

I went away full and
returned home empty.

They were on the lowest scale of
Jewish society because Naomi
was a widow and Ruth an outsider.



Naomi had a relative named Boaz.

He was a kind man who loved the Lord. He owned many fields and was very wealthy.

When barley was harvested, the kernels that fell to the ground were to be left for the poor.



May I go to the fields and pick up kernels so we can survive?

Go, my daughter.

Ruth went into a field owned by Boaz.

Who is she?

That's Naomi's daughter-in-law.

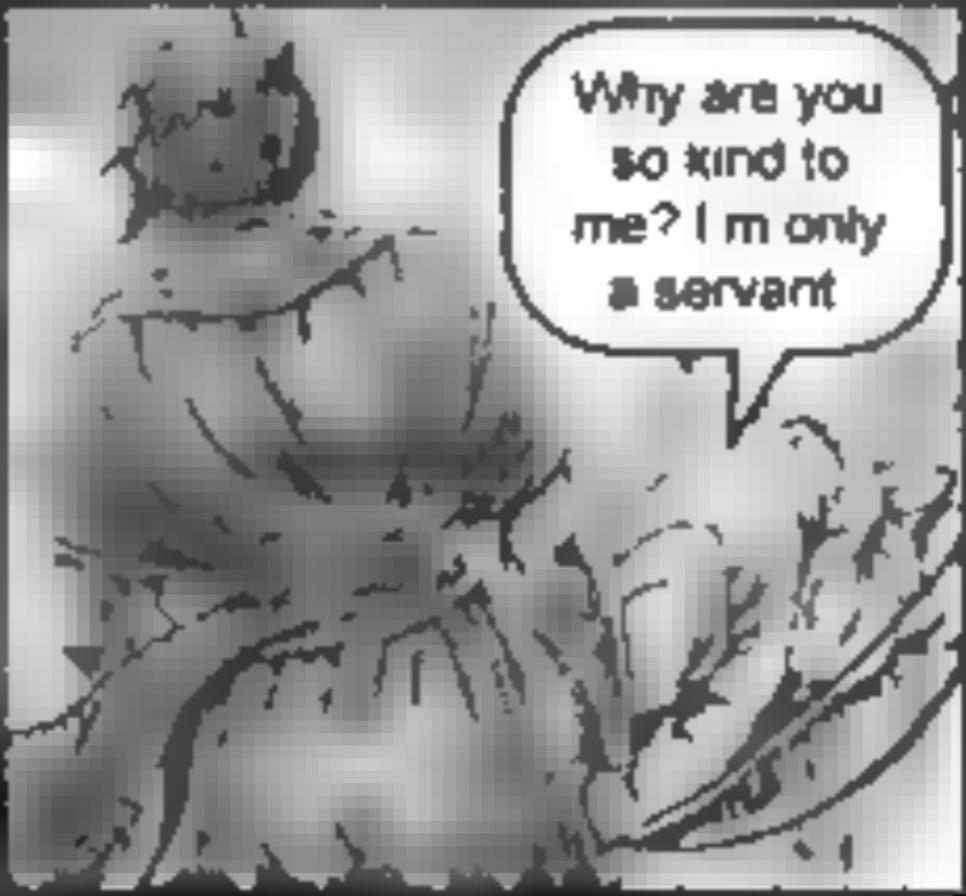
When Boaz heard those words, his heart skipped a beat.



Boaz heard
how courteous and diligent Ruth
was, so he rode out to meet her.



If you work in *my* fields,
no one will harm you.



Boaz was touched by her humility

Why are you so kind to me? I'm only a servant



I've heard how kind you've been to Naomi

Ruth was amazed that such a great man even spoke to her



I know how you left your homeland

to live
among
people
you didn't
even know



May the Lord God of Israel,
under whose wings you have
come to trust,

reward you for all your good works.



Thank you
for your
kindness
to me

Boaz became Ruth's protector.

As Ruth carried the gleanings home
all she could think of was Boaz



God was playing the matchmaker



Boaz likes you
so you must work
only in his fields

Yes Mother

Jewish custom required relatives
to marry childless widows to
carry on the family line



As a near kinsman
Boaz was obligated to obey that law

Boaz wasn't responding fast enough



So Naomi planned a way to guilt induce Boaz into doing his duty

At the end of the harvest, Naomi told Ruth:

Tonight when all the men are asleep in the field on the threshingfloor

go lie at Boaz feet





At midnight Boaz awoke

Who are you ?

I am Ruth
your handmaid

I am here to ask you to obey
the custom of a near kinsman

Boaz blessed Ruth and said

I will do
what you
asked
because
everyone
knows you
are a
virtuous
woman

Boaz loved Ruth, but there was
a big problem.

There is a
closer kinsman
than me

Tomorrow I will
settle the issue
with him

Ruth prayed that God would give
her Boaz instead of the other man

Boaz confronted the other kinsman

If you buy Naomi's fields, you
must take the
Moabitess also

Humm... Those
are good fields



But I don't want the woman!

Ruth and Naomi were overjoyed
They were saved from a life of
misery and possible starvation.



You are free
to do what
you want

Boaz paid
the price and the deal closed.

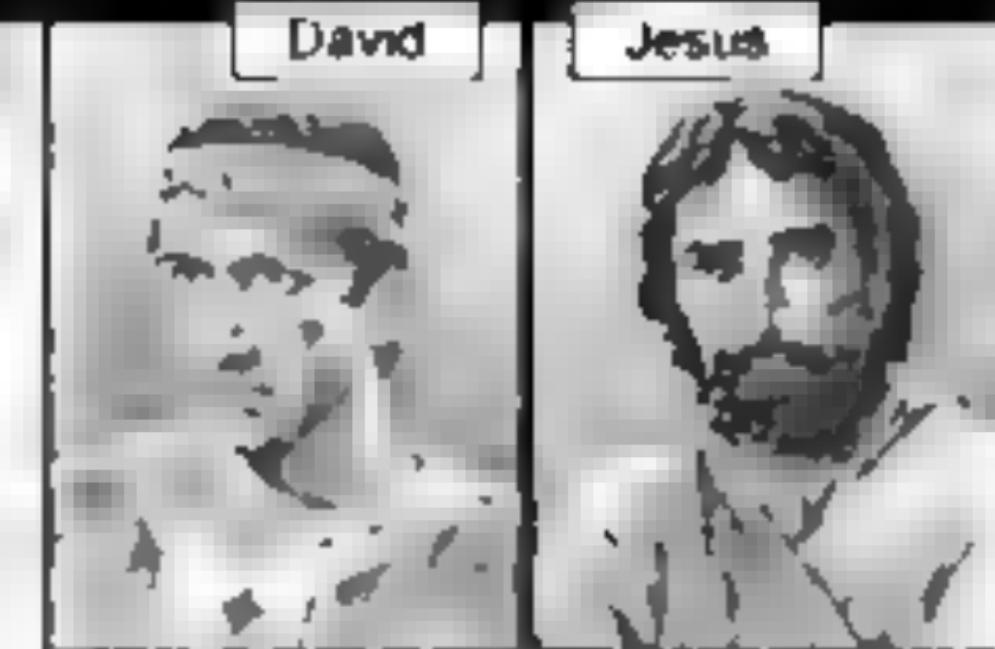


PRAISE GOD!
The family line
will continue!

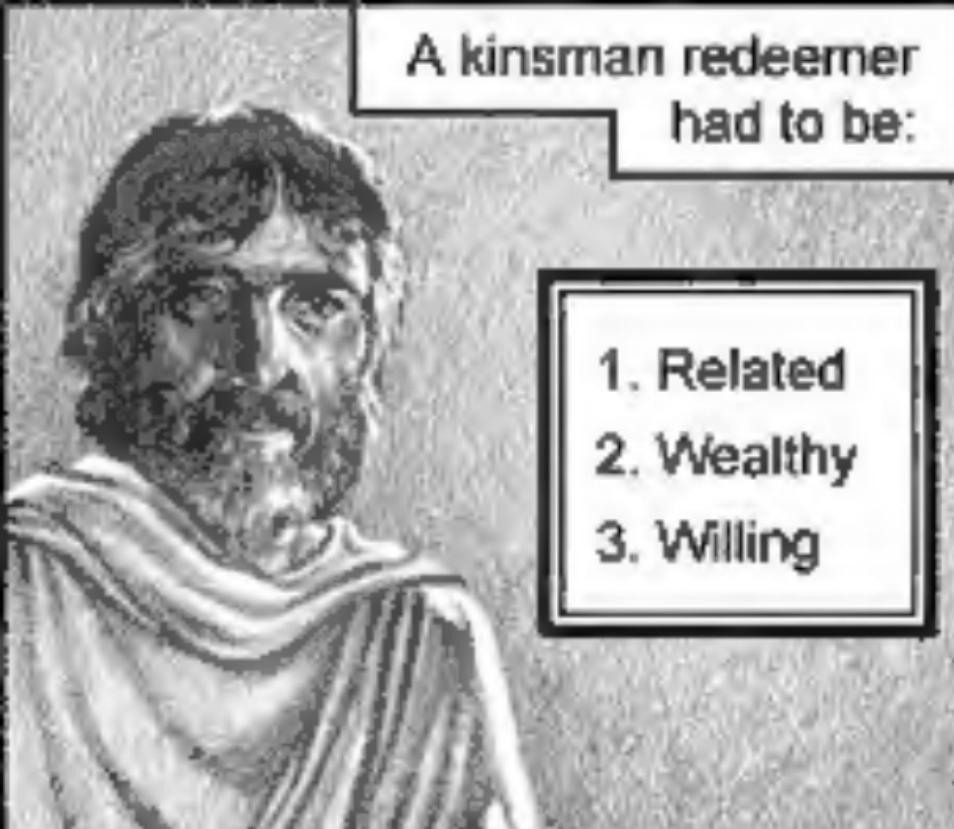
They were married and Ruth, once an outsider, became the wealthiest and most respected woman in Bethlehem.



God blessed them with a son named Obed who became the grandfather of King David



Through David's line came the Saviour of the world. Jesus Christ



A kinsman redeemer
had to be:

- 1. Related
- 2. Wealthy
- 3. Willing

Boaz redeemed a Gentile by
paying the price to save her.



Ruth was once a widow, a Gentile,
and an enemy...

who desperately
needed a kinsman
redeemer.

Her
only hope
was Boaz.

We're outsiders because we're all sinners and God allows no sin in heaven. *Like Ruth...*



WE need a redeemer. Someone had to pay the price for our sins.

Jesus Christ, the Creator of the universe, is **our** redeemer.



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

(John 3:16)

Our redeemer suffered this...
for **YOU!**



Jesus shed his blood (God's blood) to wash away our sins, and rose from the dead victoriously.

Jesus can only be **YOUR** redeemer if you let Him.



If you accept Jesus as your Saviour and Lord, you will reign with Him in heaven.

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read *The Next Step*, available at www.chick.com.

