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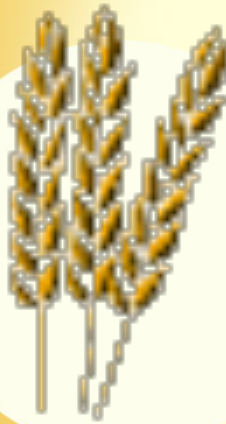
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Your god shall be my god....



**The Story of Naomi and Her Daughters-in-law**

# The Feast of Shavuot!



- ⚭ By Torah יהוה declared Shavuot is:
- ⚭ A time of rejoicing (Deut. 16:11)
- ⚭ To be forever (Lev. 23:21)
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- ⚭ *And you shall proclaim on the same day that it is a holy convocation to you. You shall do no customary work on it. It shall be a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.*

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- ⚭ A day of rest where labor was prohibited (Lev. 23:21)
- ⚭ A commanded assembly (Lev. 23:21)
- ⚭ A time when priests offered up offerings & sacrifices (Lev. 23:18-20)
- ⚭ A time when all males were to bring tithes (Exod. 23:14; Deut. 16:16)



# The Feast of Shavuot!



- ⚔ By Torah יהוה<sup>1</sup> declared Shavuot is:
- ⚔ A time when priests offered up wave offering to יהוה<sup>1</sup> two loaves of leavened bread made of freshly harvested wheat (Lev. 23:17-20)
- ⚔ To occur where יהוה<sup>1</sup> would place His Name and all were to go there to celebrate (Deut. 16:11)

## Shavuot: The Feast of Weeks!



- ❧ Shavuot literally means the Feast of Weeks
- ❧ It is the second of the three major festivals (the other two are Passover and Sukkot)
- ❧ Leviticus 23:9 - Leviticus 23:10 (NKJV) 9And **יהוה** spoke to Moses, saying, 10“Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘When you come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest.

# Shavuot: A Celebration of Renewed Life!



⚔ Leviticus 23:10 - Leviticus 23:11 (NKJV)

*11He shall wave the sheaf before **ה'הוה**, to be accepted on your behalf; on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it.*

⚔ Leviticus 23:14 (NKJV) *14You shall eat neither bread nor parched grain nor fresh grain until the same day that you have brought an offering to your God; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.*



# Shavuot: A Celebration of Renewed Life!



✧ Agriculturally, it celebrates the time when the first fruits were harvested and brought to the Temple, and is known as Chag ha-Bikkurim (the Festival of the First Fruits).



Feast of  
First Fruits



## Shavuot: A Celebration of Renewed Life!



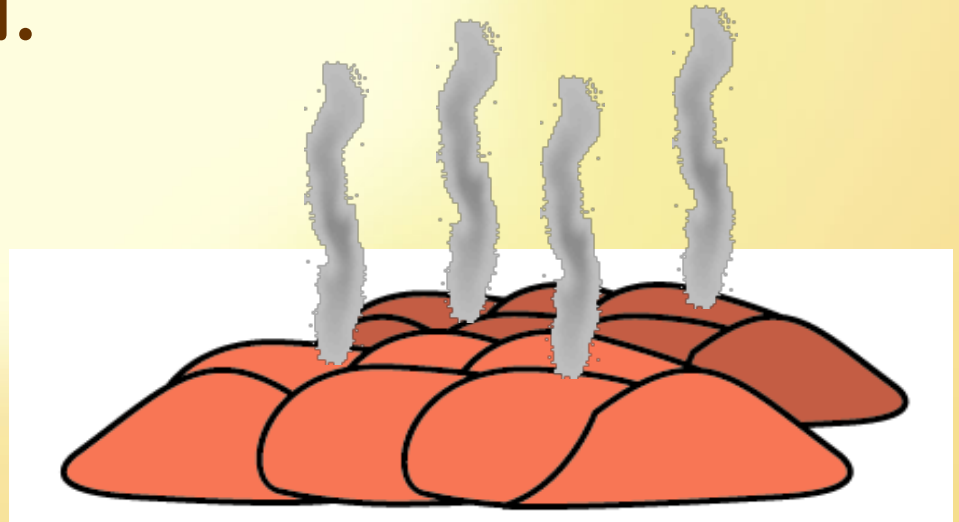
⚔ Leviticus 23:16 - Leviticus 23:17  
(NKJV) *17 You shall bring from your dwellings two wave loaves of two-tenths of an ephah. They shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven. They are the firstfruits to יהוה.*



## Shavuot: Why Two Loaves?



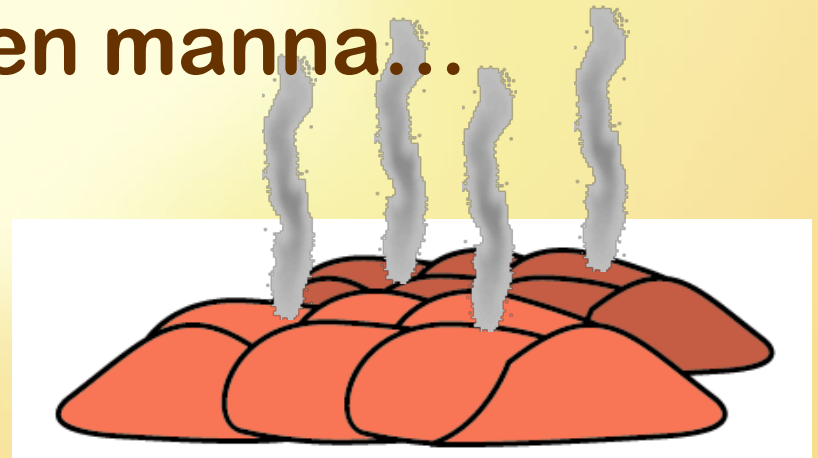
✧ John 6:33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.



## Shavuot: Why Two Loaves?



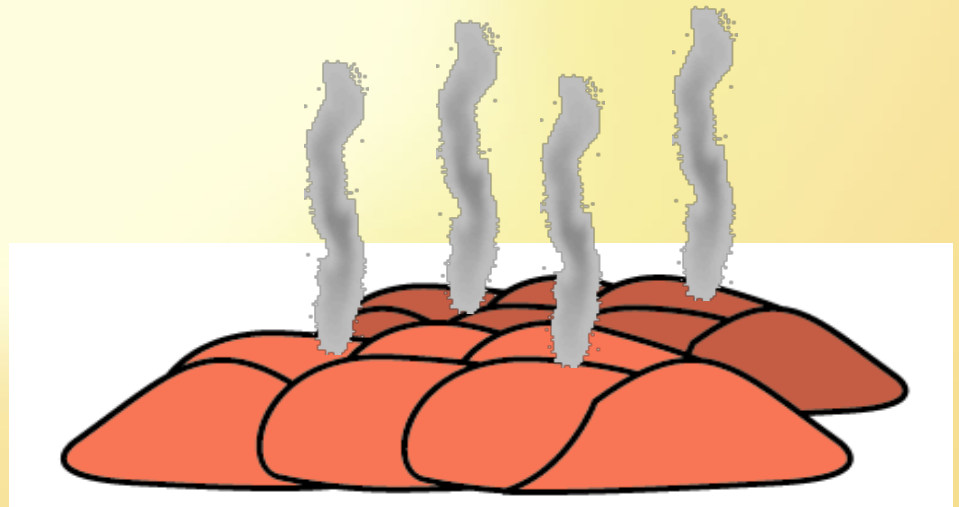
⚔ Rev. 2:17 He that hath an ear,  
let him hear what the Spirit  
saith unto the churches; To  
him that overcometh will I give  
to eat of the hidden manna...



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✧ The two loaves are one offering representing the Torah on earth and the Torah in Heaven...

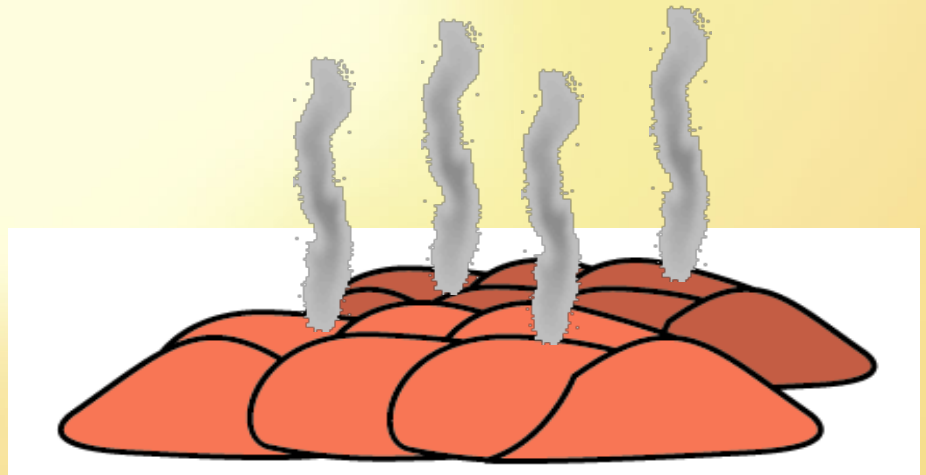




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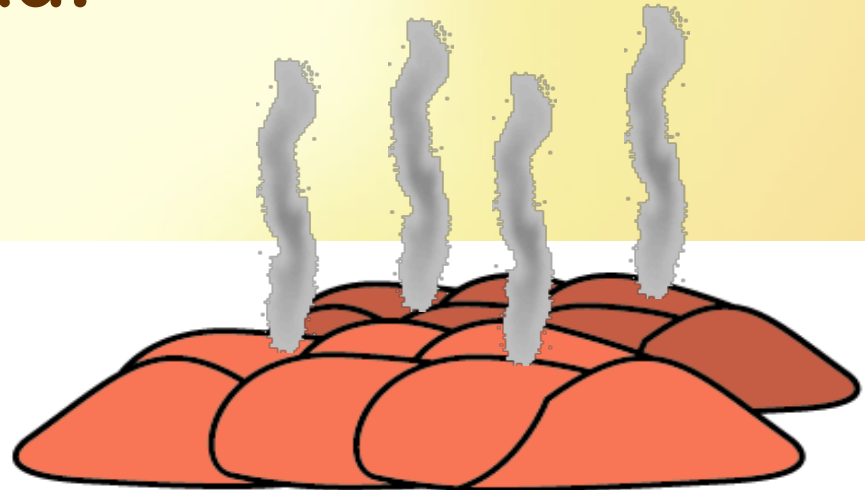
✧ The two loaves are one offering representing the two people of God...Jew & Gentile united in Messiah...



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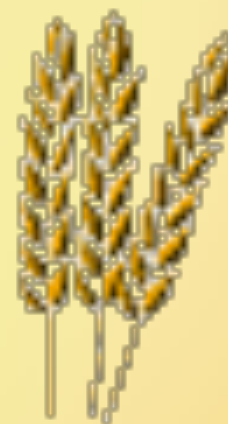
✧ 1 Cor. 10:17 For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.



# Ruth and Shavuot



- ❧ The Book of Ruth is read during the morning service on the first day of Shavuot because...
- ❧ The story of Ruth centers around agriculture — the harvest and gleaning in the fields.
- ❧ Ruth's joining to Naomi's God and acceptance of the Torah parallels the acceptance of the Torah at Mt. Sinai by the Israelites.



# Ruth and Shavuot



- ❧ The Book of Ruth is read during the morning service on the first day of Shavuot because...
- ❧ Since King David, the great-grandson of Ruth and Boaz, was born and also died on Shavuot, we re-read this story to remember the kindness of Ruth and pay tribute to her.





# Ruth and Shavuot



- ❧ Ruth 1:6-19 begins the Journey that changed history.
- ❧ “Then she arose with her daughters-in-law, that she might return from the field of Moab; for she had heard in the field of Moab how that the LORD had remembered His people in giving them bread.

# Ruth and Shavuot



ו “7 And she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah.

# Ruth and Shavuot



ו “8 And Naomi said unto her two daughters-in-law: 'Go, return each of you to her mother's house; the LORD deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me.

# Ruth and Shavuot



וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה "May יהוה grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband." Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept...



# Ruth and Shavuot



- ו And they said to her, "No, but we will surely return with you to your people."
- ו But Naomi said, "Return, my daughters. Why should you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?"

# Ruth and Shavuot



- ❧ “Return, my daughters! Go, for I am too old to have a husband.
- ❧ If I said I have hope, if I should even have a husband tonight and also bear sons, would you therefore wait until they were grown?

# Ruth and Shavuot



- ❧ Would you therefore refrain from marrying?
- ❧ No, my daughters; for it is harder for me than for you, for the hand of hWhy has gone forth against me."

# Ruth and Shavuot



- ו And they lifted up their voices and wept again and Naomi kissed her mother-in-law on the mouth and they kissed each other.
- ו Then she said to her daughter-in-law, "Behold, I have found a husband for you, as your soul desires. The man is of our kind, of your mother's kind, and he is of your father's kind."





# Naomi vs. Mara



- ❧ Because Naomi went with her husband & sons to Moab and lost what she considered to be everything thing she became a bitter old woman.
- ❧ Naomi means “pleasant”, but she became
- ❧ Mara, which means “bitter” because she left the Promised Land and went to
- ❧ Mo-Ab (To leave the Father or Who’s your Father?) and lost what she considered all.

# What the sages say...



- ❧ Elimelech, Naomi's husband was a leader in Eretz Israel...
- ❧ Since he decided to leave for Moab, "greener pastures", when he should have stayed and helped his people during the famine he and his sons were destroyed.
- ❧ Further, his sons married the daughters of the King of Moab, Eglon...Ruth and Orpah were sisters, pagan worshippers...

# Naomi vs. Mara



- ❧ Naomi may represent grieving, bitter Israel – the many Jews who suffered persecution and hardship in the lands of their exile.
- ❧ Indeed, for many Jews of Eastern Europe, their entire families perished in the Holocaust.
- ❧ Some of the survivors have returned to the land of Israel, believing, as did Naomi:
- ❧ That the Lord's hand has gone out against her. (Ruth 1:13)

# Orpah & Ruth



- ❧ Naomi was bound, through covenant, to two Gentile women, wives of her two dead sons.
- ❧ One was named Orpah and the other Ruth.
- ❧ Jews and Christians are also joined (whether they want to admit it or not) through covenant with the God of Israel and through the Messiah.

# Orpah & Ruth



- ❧ The New Covenant tells us that those who are 'Gentiles by birth, who used to be excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world,
- ❧ Are now included as fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household (through the blood of the Jewish Messiah).' (Ephesians 2:11,19)



# Orpah & Ruth



- ❧ Therefore, Ruth and Orpah may represent two types of the Christian Church.
- ❧ Both are technically bound to Israel through covenant, but notice the two responses...

# Orpah & Ruth



- ❧ Orpah in Hebrew means 'back of the neck'.
- ❧ This daughter in law wept and kissed her mother-in-law goodbye before departing, at Naomi's insistence, to her own people and her own gods.

# Orpah & Ruth



- ❧ There is a portion of the Christian Church, even that which professes love for Israel, which is only prepared to go so far with her.
- ❧ They are more comfortable with their own people and with their own paganized interpretation and worship of God.

# Orpah & Replacement Theology



- ❧ They declare their love for Israel and all the while unknowingly still teach “Replacement Theology”
- ❧ They may still teach that God replaced the “Old” Testament with the “New” Testament.
- ❧ Let’s see what Yeshua said about that...

# Orpah & Replacement Theology



⚡ Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished.

⚡ Matthew 5:17-20



# Orpah & Replacement Theology



⚡ Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and so teaches others, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

⚡ Matthew 5:17-20

# Orpah & Replacement Theology



⚡ For I say to you, that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.

⚡ Matthew 5:17-20

# Orpah & Replacement Theology



- ❧ They declare their love for Israel and all the while unknowingly still teach “Replacement Theology”
- ❧ They may still teach that God replaced the “Law” – Torah with “Grace”.
- ❧ Let’s see what the Torah has to say about that...

# Orpah & Replacement Theology



- ❧ Ge 6:8 - But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.
- ❧ Ex 33:16 - For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth."

# Orpah & Replacement Theology



⚡ Ex 33:17 - So the Lord said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name."



# Orpah & Replacement Theology



⚔ Ezr 9:8 - And now for a little while grace has been shown from the Lord our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a peg in His holy place, that our God may enlighten our eyes and give us a measure of revival in our bondage.

# Orpah & Replacement Theology



⚔ Ps 84:11 - For the Lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly

# Orpah & Replacement Theology



- ❧ Pr 3:34 - Surely He scorns the scornful,  
But gives grace to the humble.
- ❧ Jer 31:2 - Thus says the Lord: "The people  
who survived the sword Found grace in  
the wilderness-- Israel, when I went to  
give him rest."

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- ❧ They declare their love for Israel and all the while unknowingly still teach “Replacement Theology”
- ❧ They may still teach that God replaced Passover with Easter & Succot with Christmas
- ❧ Let’s see what Torah had to say about that...

# Orpah & Replacement Theology



⚡ Jeremiah 10:1-2

⚡ 1 Hear the word which the Lord speaks to you, O house of Israel.

⚡ 2 Thus says the Lord: "Do not learn the way of the Gentiles; Do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven, For the Gentiles are dismayed at them.



# Orpah & Replacement Theology



⚔ Jeremiah 10:3-4

⚔ 3 For the customs of the peoples are futile; For one cuts a tree from the forest, The work of the hands of the workman, with the ax.

⚔ 4 They decorate it with silver and gold; They fasten it with nails and hammers So that it will not topple.

# Orpah & Ruth



- ❧ But Ruth, whose name means ‘friend or comrade’, decided to stay with her widowed mother-in-law, despite her grief and her bitterness.
- ❧ Nothing could dissuade her from her complete devotion to Naomi.

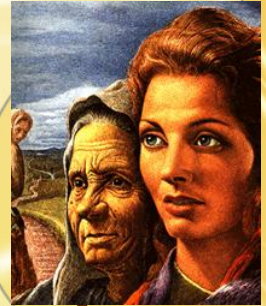
# Orpah & Ruth



- ❧ She clung to her, pleading:
- ❧ Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. (Ruth 1:16)

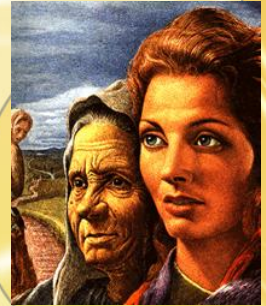


# Orpah & Ruth



- ❧ Basically Naomi rejected all help from her daughters in law.
- ❧ She was bitter and wanted no burdens.
- ❧ She thought that they were coming with her for the wrong reasons; to get something from her and especially more Jewish husbands.
- ❧ But she misread Ruth!

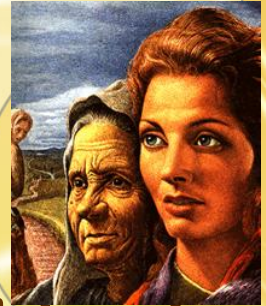
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- ❧ She was not going with Naomi out of any selfish interest.
- ❧ She was coming with her because she wanted to join the God of her dead husband;
- ❧ She wanted to join with his Commandments and with his people.

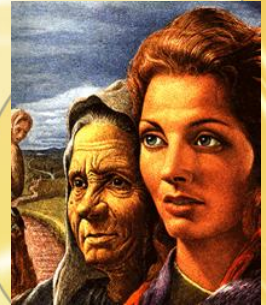


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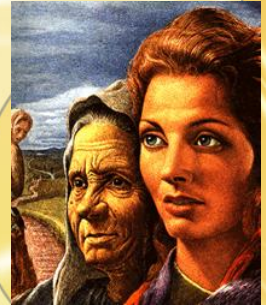
- ❧ She was under compulsion; she could not turn back to her own gods (Replacement Theology! And Babylonian Christianity) she had to go forward!
- ❧ She truly loved this bitter mother in law of hers that had chosen to be called “Mara” (bitter) rather than “Naomi” (pleasant).

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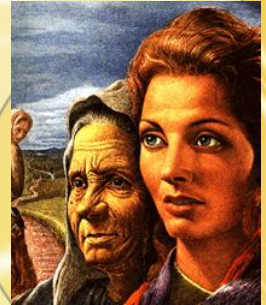
- ❧ She understood her bitterness, she knew where she was coming from and the kind of LOSS she had suffered (Spanish Inquisition, Crusades, Nazi Shoa-Holocaust, Road Maps).
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# The Bitterness of Israel



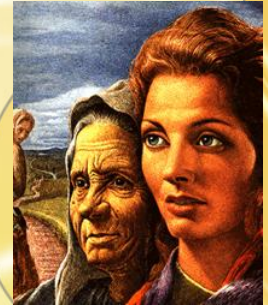
- ❧ HaSatan is trying his best to cause the Christian lovers of Israel to feel offended and turn their backs on Israel.
- ❧ Last year the chief Rabbinate rose up to oppose the Christian Knesset Caucus for Women;

# The Bitterness of Israel



- ❧ Namely accusing the Christians of having a hidden agenda of converting the Jews and not being pure in their motives for helping Israel.
- ❧ The Chief Rabbinate went as far as to ban the teachings on the Jewish Roots of Christianity in attempts to erase Y'shua's Jewishness!

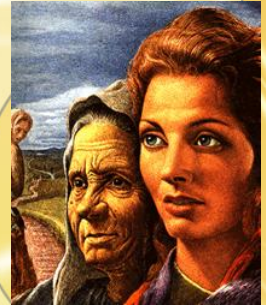
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- ❧ Rabbi Deri explained to Arutz-7, "We note of late the terrible phenomenon of Messianic Jews wreaking havoc and destruction in Israel by trying to bring Jesus as Messiah into Israel.
- ❧ With pleasantness and kindness, they bring Torah, fear of G-d and even Torah commandments - but all with one underlying theme: that Jesus is Messiah.

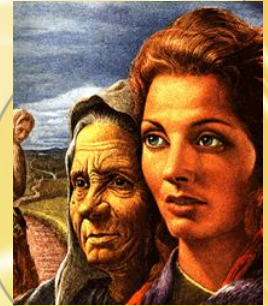


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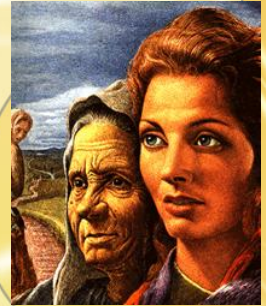
❧ The Chief Rabbinate Council committee of municipal chief rabbis - headed by Rabbi Simcha Kook of Rehovot, with the participation of Rabbi Yitzchak Peretz of Raanana, and Rabbi Yehuda Deri of Be'er Sheva...

# The Bitterness of Israel



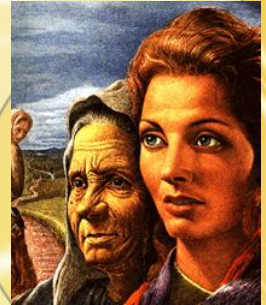
❧ ...ruled that the "Woman to Woman" conference sponsored by Bridges for Peace, and the "Empowering Women through Judeo-Christian Values" event of the Knesset Christian Allies Caucus Women's Summit both "stand in opposition to Torah thought and law."  
Arutz 7 News

# There are some who care...



- ⚔ MK Rabbi Benny Elon (National Union) responded with sorrow to the decision. He said that he and others like him make sure to work only with Christians who do not have missionary intentions.
- ⚔ Josh Reinstein, of the Knesset Christian Allies Caucus, agreed: "BFP is against missionary activity... It is hard to fathom that there are Jews who are willing to meet with our enemies, yet not with our friends."

# Naomi & Ruth



- ⚔ Ruth harbored NO OFFENCE but rather the rejection of Naomi caused her to cling all the more, it actually solidified her commitment.
- ⚔ “But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your Elohim, my Elohim. "Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. Thus may Yahveh do to me, and worse, if anything but death parts you and me." When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.” Ruth 1:16-18

# Naomi & Ruth



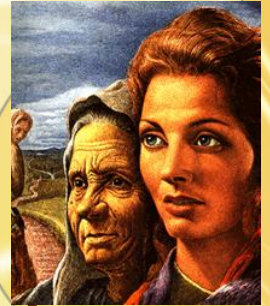
❧ Ruth harbored NO OFFENCE but rather the rejection of Naomi. In fact, taking all the blame on herself, more, it actually so... commitment.

❧ "But Ruth said, "Do not turn back from following me, wherever you go, and where you go, I will go, and where you stay, I will stay. Your people shall be my people and your God, my God. Where you lie, I will lie, and where you are buried, I will be buried. Thus may it be to me, and worse, than death." When Naomi saw that she was persuaded to go with her, she said no more to her.



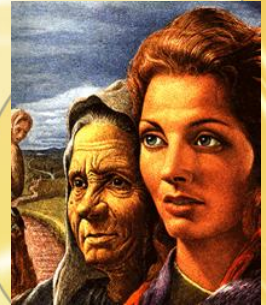


# Naomi & Ruth



- ❧ Ruth bound herself with the most serious binding oath that exists.
- ❧ She was determined, she was committed and **NOTHING** was going to stop her loving and following this stubborn Jewish Woman- **NOTHING!**

# Naomi & Ruth



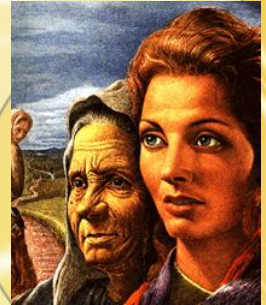
- ❧ When Ruth insisted, Naomi said no more.
- ❧ In the same way as true Grafted In believers insist in loving Israel in spite of her rejection, Israel will say no more!
- ❧ And then the spirit of grace and supplication will fall upon the very ones that are “saying”, the religious Jews will be visited by YHWH.

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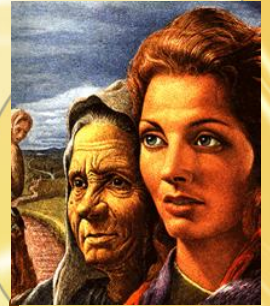
- ❧ They will see Y'shua!
- ❧ The late Kabbalistic Rabbi most venerated by all, Rabbi Kadouri had a visitation of Messiah and he left a letter with His name YEHOShUA to his disciples.
- ❧ The letter was opened after his burial and many of his followers have been astounded ever since!

# Naomi & Ruth



- ⚔ We must be careful when we hear of these things because a setup for the Anti-Messiah may also be happening...
- ⚔ Rabbi Kadouri also stated that the “spirit of Meshiach has attached itself to a man”.
- ⚔ Israel is so desperate for peace that they will accept anyone who brings “peace” as Meshiach!

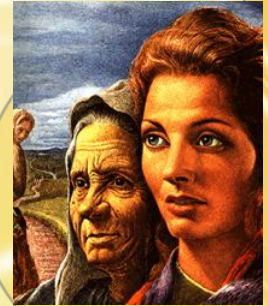
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- ⚔ Therefore we need to stand as ‘Watchmen on the walls’ all around the world who:
- ⚔ Give God no rest until He establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth. (Isaiah 62:6-7)

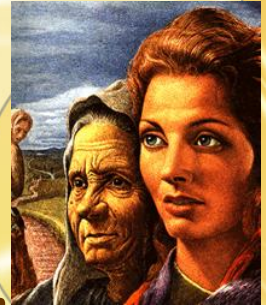


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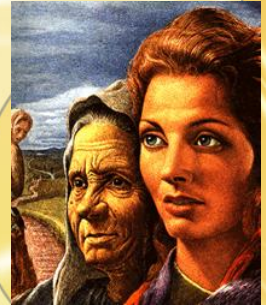
- ❧ When Naomi finally realized how determined Ruth was to go with her, she finally stopped urging her to leave.
- ❧ Jewish people may reject the offers of friendship from Christians due to fear and mistrust, but when they see our sincerity and determination to love the Jewish people, despite all their bitterness, their resistance may gradually melt away.

# Naomi & Ruth



- ❧ Naomi lashes out, as do many Jewish people today against God, believing that He has made their lives very bitter.
- ❧ Secular Israelis, especially, who have been through so much war, terrorism and bloodshed, believe that God has afflicted them; that it is the Almighty who has brought so much misfortune upon them (1:20-21).

# Naomi & Ruth



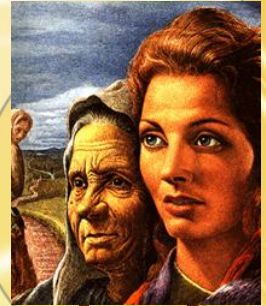
- ❧ It is the role of the Believer, those who know the Messiah and the Word of God, to bring comfort to His people (Isaiah 40:1-2).
- ❧ Isaiah 40:1 "Comfort and keep comforting my people," says your God.
- ❧ 40:2 "Tell Yerushalayim to take heart; proclaim to her that she has completed her time of service, that her guilt has been paid off, that she has received at the hand of ADONAI double for all her sins."



Ruth



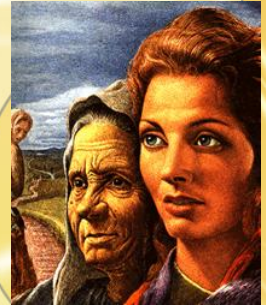
# Ruth & Boaz



- ❧ Boaz, as kinsman-redeemer in the book of Ruth represents Yeshua, our redeemer. Boaz protects Ruth and makes sure she is provided for.
- ❧ When she asks why she, a foreigner, a Gentile, has found favor in Boaz's eyes, what does he reply?

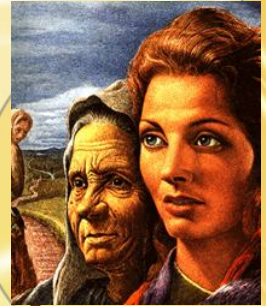


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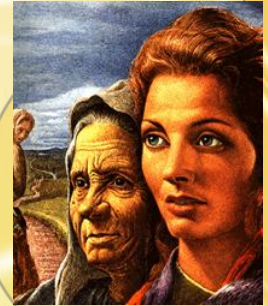
❧ I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law...May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge. (Ruth 2:10-12)

# Ruth & Boaz



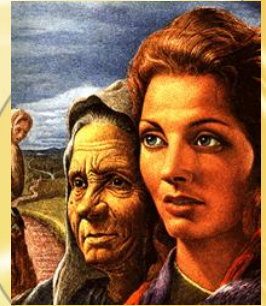
- ❧ Do not think that the Lord does not take notice of those who offer kindness, mercy, and comfort to the Jewish people (and those who do not).
- ❧ Mat. 25:37 Then the people who have done what God wants will reply, `Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?

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- ❧ Mat. 25:38 When did we see you a stranger and make you our guest, or needing clothes and provide them?
- ❧ 39 When did we see you sick or in prison, and visit you?'
- ❧ 40 The King will say to them, 'Yes! I tell you that whenever you did these things for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did them for me!'

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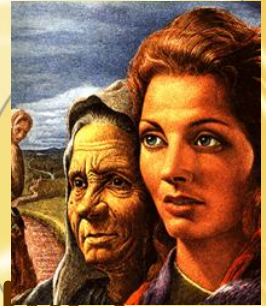
⚔ Mat. 15:24

⚔ He said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Isra'el."

⚔ Therefore, I submit to you that "His brothers" are the Jews!

⚔ And we will be judged in the last days by what we do with the issue of Israel and all things related!

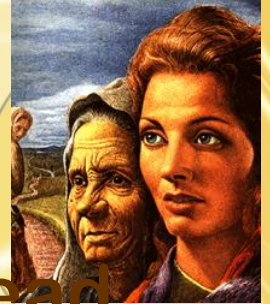
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- ❧ Ruth asked Boaz, her kinsman-redeemer, to spread the corner of his garment over her (3:9).
- ❧ This seems like a lovely, romantic gesture, but unless we understand the original Hebrew text, we miss the spiritual significance of this episode.
- ❧ Ruth actually asks Boaz to take her under his wing, since he is her redeemer.
- ❧ This is an act of covenant.



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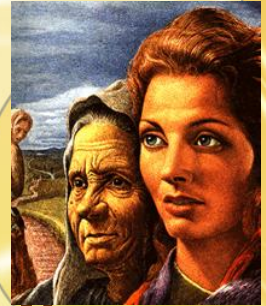
- ⌘ In Ezekiel 16:8, the Lord says He spread His wing over the woman, thus entering into covenant with her.
- ⌘ I spread My wing over you and covered your nakedness. Yes, I swore an oath to you and entered into a covenant with you, and you became Mine,” says the Lord God.

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- ❧ Yes, those of us – Jew or Gentile – who have taken refuge under the mighty, protective wing of the Lord, our Redeemer, have become the special, treasured possession of God.
- ❧ It is all too easy to look upon our own nakedness and sin before the Lord, and forget His awesome, redeeming love.

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- ❧ Even the people who have despised His oath and broken the covenant will be redeemed:
- ❧ Yet I will remember the covenant I made with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you. (Ez. 16:60)

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- ❧ Some people believe Israel to be lost and damned, but the Lord, Israel's redeemer, promises to make atonement for us and to bring Israel into an everlasting covenant of peace (Isa. 54:7-10).
- ❧ Isaiah 54:10 For the mountains may leave and the hills be removed, but my grace will never leave you, and my covenant of peace will not be removed," says YHWH, who has compassion on you.

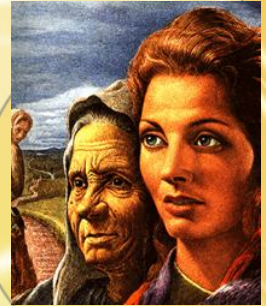


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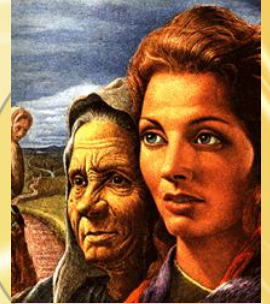


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- ❧ The story of Ruth also has a happy ending.
- ❧ Boaz marries Ruth and together, give life to a son whom they name Obed.
- ❧ He was the father of Jesse, the father of David (4:17).
- ❧ This union of Jew and devoted Gentile, then, produces a child in the lineage of King David and the Messiah of the World.

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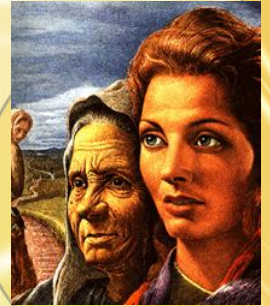
- ❧ Naomi's womb was barren. She was unable to conceive new life.
- ❧ But Naomi took the child, laid him in her lap and cared for him. The women said, 'Naomi has a son.' (Ruth 4:16-17)

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- ❧ Israel, in its present spiritual condition, is unable to conceive new life in her own womb. Bitter, grieving, survivors of exile, persecution and Holocaust, they say:
- ❧ Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off. (Ez. 37:11)

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- ⌘ We sense in the people of Israel this heaviness, hopelessness, and spiritual oppression.
- ⌘ But God has promised that these dry bones will live!
- ⌘ First, he will bring the Jewish people back to the land of Israel.

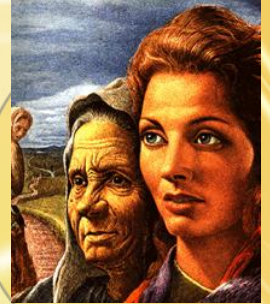
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- ⚔ This He is doing – re-gathering the exiles of Israel from all four corners of the earth.
- ⚔ But God also promises to put His Spirit in the people so that they will live and so that they will know Him (Ez. 37:14).
- ⚔ I believe that God is looking to and fro over the earth for a Ruth – for the non-Jew devoted to the God and people of Israel – in order to give birth to new life and lay it in the lap of tired, worn-out Israel.



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- ⚔ This can only be accomplished through fervent intercessory prayer for the spiritual restoration of the nation of Israel.
- ⚔ What will you do with His brothers & sisters...His land of Israel?