

Footnotes:

Ancient Cliff Notes

Ruth

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The line early on in the sermon describing the various purposes for the book of Ruth/the reasons it survived - the line that said “To teach us how great is the reward of those who do deeds of kindness [chesed].” was from “Theological Interpretation of the Old Testament” - edited by Kevin J. Vanhoozer, chapter 8 (page 102) written by Murray D. Gow.

The stuff about “*Peloni Almoni*” came first from the New American Commentary, “Judges, Ruth” Act 4, scene one, (1) Boaz’s Preparation for Court Action (4:1–2), beginning on page 705 - from there this concept lead me down a trail of research and studying the words myself.

Here are the Blue Letter Bible links to the specific words mentioned:

widow - *almon* - Strongs - H489 - <https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=H489&t=KJV> which is from the word *alam* - Strongs H481 - <https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=H481&t=KJV>

and the word used in Ruth 4:1 is:

almoni Strongs H492 - <https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?Strongs=H492&t=KJV>

The typical word for “friend” in Hebrew is: *rea`* - Strongs H7453 - <https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/Lexicon/Lexicon.cfm?strongs=H7453&t=KJV>

remember, the writer does NOT use “*rea`*” - instead they opt for “*ploni almoni*”

This sermon was highly influenced by two teachings by Shane Willard, both linked below:

Ruth 1: particularly the end about the way that we use the Bible against people: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ds0ovhkBKZY> - **anything I ever say about the Bible not being “static” is something that I learned from Shane.** He put into words what so many are already thinking.

Ruth 4: the point that Shane makes about the “nameless redeemer” is found in this sermon here - Shane also translates 4:6 as Hebrew literal “she is a bad investment”:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uoix3kQN18U&t=497s>

The definition for “*ga’e*” - the Kingsman Redeemer was taken from the Christopher Wright book “The Mission of God”, p. 267. The actual Hebrew word is Strongs H1350 - <https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?Strongs=H1350&t=KJV>

I found these articles to be insightful as I broadened my research into “Ploni Almoni”:

<https://www.etzion.org.il/en/boaz-and-ploni-almoni>

<https://www.thejc.com/judaism/jewish-words/ploni-almoni-1.15782>

<https://www.jpost.com/Magazine/Ploni-and-Almoni>