

## Chapter 4: Boaz-Ruth marriage —Millennial Kingdom

### Millennial Kingdom

**Christ** (Messiah) will return properties to Jews.

**Christ** redeems the **Church** (non-Jews).

"Marriage Supper of the Lamb" (Rev. 19:7).

1000 years of peace (Rev. 20:4).

**Christ**, **Church**, **God**, and **Israel** live together.

### Ch. 4:

**Boaz** (**Christ**) redeemed **Naomi's** (**Israel's**) property.

**Boaz** (**Christ**) redeemed **Ruth** (**Church**).

**Boaz** (**Christ**) married **Ruth** (**Church**).

Honeymoon (**Millennium**).

**Ruth**, **Boaz**, and **Naomi** lived happily ever after.

**Boaz** (**Christ**) assembles WITNESSES

*Now Boaz (**Christ**) went up to the gate and sat down there; and behold, the close relative of whom Boaz (**Christ**) had spoken came by. So Boaz (**Christ**) said, "Come aside, friend, sit down here." So he came aside and sat down. And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down.*

Closer relative – "the **LAW**"

*Boaz (**Christ**) said to relative (**the Law**), "Naomi (**Israel**) who has come back from the country of Moab, sold the piece of land which belonged to Elimelech (**GOD**). I thought to inform you, saying, 'Buy it back in the presence of the inhabitants and the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know; for there is no one but you to redeem it, and I am next after you.'" He said, "I will redeem it [Naomi's estate]." Then Boaz (**Christ**) said, "On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi (**Israel**), you must also buy it from Ruth (**Church**), the wife of Mahlon, to perpetuate his name through his inheritance."*

The **LAW** can not REDEEM

*Closer relative (**the Law**), said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I ruin my own inheritance [estate for his wife and children is okay, but not for Ruth's children inheritance]. You redeem my right of redemption for yourself, for I cannot redeem it."*

*Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging, to confirm anything: one man took off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was a confirmation in Israel. Therefore the close relative said to Boaz (**Christ**), "Buy it for yourself." So he took off his sandal.*

**Christ** redeems **Israel** property and **Church**

*Boaz (**Christ**) said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought all that was Elimelech's (**GOD's**), Chilion's, and Mahlon's, from the hand of Naomi (**Israel**). Moreover, Ruth (**Church**) the Moabitess, the widow of Mahlon, I have acquired as my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead through his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brethren and from his position at the gate.*

**PEOPLE** blesses **CHURCH**

*You are witnesses this day." All the people who were at the gate, and the elders, said, "We are witnesses. The Lord make the woman who is coming to your house like Rachel and Leah, the two who built the house of Israel; and may you prosper in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem. May your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring which the Lord will give you from this young woman."*

**CHRIST** marries **CHURCH**

*So Boaz (**Christ**) took Ruth and she became his wife; and when he went in to her, the Lord gave her conception, and she bore a son. The women said to Naomi (**Israel**), "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without a close relative; and may his name be famous in Israel! May he be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for Ruth (**Church**), who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi (**Israel**) took the child and laid him on her bosom, and became a nurse to him. Also the neighbor women gave him a name, saying, "There is a son born to Naomi (**Israel**)." They called his name Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David [the King].*

**Genealogy of KING DAVID**

*This is the genealogy of Perez: Perez begot Hezron; Hezron begot Ram, and Ram begot Amminadab; Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon; Salmon begot Boaz, and Boaz begot Obed; Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David.*

## CHURCH—"RUTH"

As Ruth was the daughter-in-law to Naomi and Elimelech, so the **Church** is to Israel and God. "*Boaz said ... **Ruth** the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I **purchased** to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance ... So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife*" (Ruth 4:9-13). Jesus **redeemed** the Church (gentile saints). "*The church of God, which he hath **purchased** with his own blood*" (Acts 20:28).

"*Ruth said, Intreat me not ... to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go ... **thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God** [conversion statement]*" (Ruth 1:1-16).

Ruth is the great ancestor of David and Christ.

"*The book of the generation of Jesus Christ ... Salmon begat Boaz of Rachab; and **Boaz** begat Obed of **Ruth**; and Obed begat Jesse; Jesse begat **David** the king ... Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born **Jesus** [Yeshua] who is called **Christ** [Messiah]*" (Matt. 1:1-16).

## MARRIAGE SUPPER of the LAMB

Contrary to the novel, *The Da Vinci Code*, Jesus isn't married to one person Mary Magdalene, but will be united to the Church (*group of billions of saints*). Secular people think materialistically and see marriage as a physical union. Christ's marriage is on a universal, God-level spiritual union: spiritually "being one" with the Church.

"*The **marriage of the Lamb** is come, and his wife [Church] hath made herself ready. To her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints*" (Rev. 19:7-8).

"*The husband is the head of the wife as **Christ** is the head of the church, His body, of which He is the savior ... Husbands, love your wives, just as **Christ** also loved the church and gave Himself [was sacrificed] for her*" (Eph. 5:23-25).

## WEDDING: Becoming spiritually "ONE"



## HAPPY ENDING

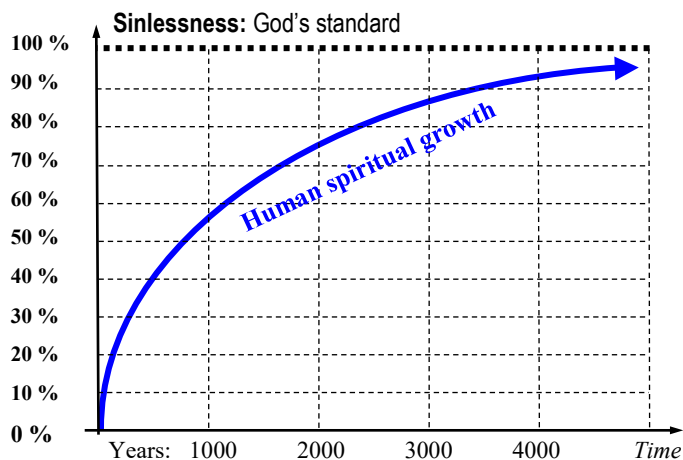
Just as there was a happy ending in the Book of Ruth for Boaz, Ruth, and Naomi, so there'll be a joyful ending for Christ, Church, God, and Israel.

## BE LIKE CHRIST—IN CHARACTER

The ultimate goal of the "*sons and daughters of God*" is to grow spiritually and **be like** the "*Son of God*."

Not be **God**, but **be like Him**—in character and deed.

A human or an angel **can never become** God. A finite **creature** can't be an infinite **Creator**. Lucifer wanted to be like God, but he sought only God's power, instead of God's character. Since we can't be God, we can't be fully **sinless** like God. But our goal is still **sinlessness**.



To progress toward being **sinless**, **sin less**. If you sinned a thousand times last year, reduce that this year. Sin even less next year, and so on. When you repented of your sins, Christ cleaned you from **ALL** your sins. "*The blood of Jesus ... cleanseth us from **ALL** sin*" (1 John 1:7).

For a moment **you're sinless!** Then you fail again. But, repent your sin and increase your "sinless" moments.

The percentages (%) are arbitrary, but they illustrate the need for sinlessness, trust, and faith. The chart help us visualize and understand such a concept as this:

God doesn't hand over His mountain-moving power (90% grade) to a baby Christian (9% grade). Such power is entrusted only to a saint who's 90% like Jesus.

## SANCTIFICATION—SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Spiritual growth is similar to human physical growth. Little by little a Christian starts to look, think, and act like Jesus (God), just as a baby grows into an adult:

1%, 2%, 3%, 4%, 5%, 6%, 7%, 8%, 9%, 10%, 11%, .12, .13, .14, .15, .16, .17, .18, .19, .20, .21, .22, .23, .24, .25, .26, .27, .28, .29, .30, .31, .32, .33, .34, .35, .36, .37, .38, .39, .40, .41, .42, .43, .44, .45, .46, .47, .48, .49, .50, .51, .52, .53, .54, .55, .56, .57, .58, .59, .60, .61, .62, .63, .64, .65, .66, .67, .68, .69, .70, .71, .72, .73, .74, .75, .76, .77, .78, .79, .80, .81, .82, .83, .84, .85, .86, .87, .88, .89, .90, .91, .92, .93, .94, .95, .96, .97, .98, .99, .999, .9999, ... .99999999 **like Christ** (God), and so on infinitely. Only **Christ** is 100% **sinless** grade, for He is God Himself.

### **SPIRITUAL WAR started in HEAVEN**

Evil spirits invented **sin**, **war**, and **death**. These inventions were “too heavy” (too radical) to stay in Heaven, so to speak. So, they sunk down to Earth. As we’re experiencing them now, they’re too heavy for us earthlings, too. They’ll sink farther down to Hell, where they’ll stay forever.

**“War broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. The dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the **Devil** and **Satan**, who deceives the whole world; he [and his angels] was cast to the **earth** ... Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath [anger, retaliation]”** (Rev. 12:7-12)

### **SPIRITUAL WAR moved to EARTH**

Woe to the earthlings, for Satan has come down to you to implement on Earth what he initiated in Heaven. He separated angels from God resulting in their spiritual eternal death. The war he ignited in Heaven now continues with humans on Earth. The lust for war has infected the mortals by the **war**mongering spirits. No wonder a nation is always rising up against another nation by conflict or greed. War, whether an angel or human is involved, isn’t condoned by our peaceful Lord. None of spiritual combatants changed, only the location. It is still good angels versus evil spirits; but now humans are added. Earth is a temporary place of government (world system) of the liberal, troublemaking devils before they move on to Hell. **War** is a way of collecting souls for the Inferno.

### **SPIRITUAL WAR will settle in HELL**

Hell is the final destination for the fallen angels.

**“God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to **hell**”** (2 Pet. 2:4).

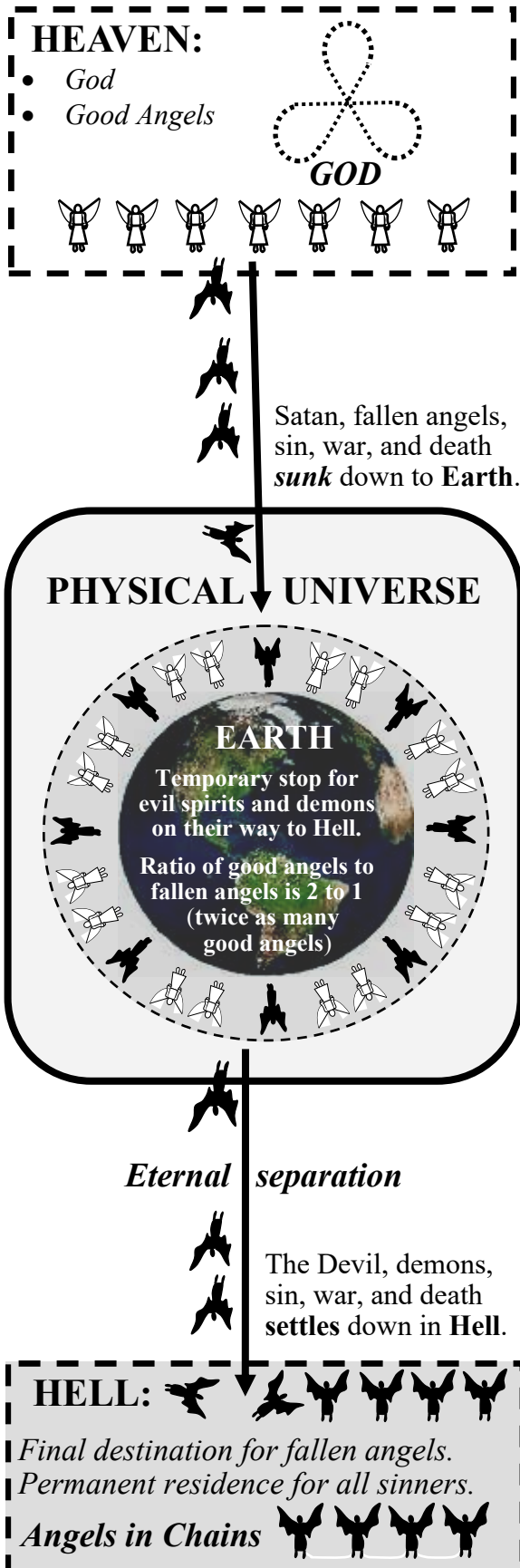
Christ said to human sinners, **“Depart from me, ye cursed, into **everlasting fire** [Hell], **prepared for the devil and his angels**”** (Matt. 25:41).

**Hell’s** environmental condition is like that of the planet **Venus**—unlivable, dry, suffocating, tormenting, and extremely hot (~ 860° F, 460° C).

Angels and humans, who love to sin and keep sinning, will be condemned to the eternal Inferno.

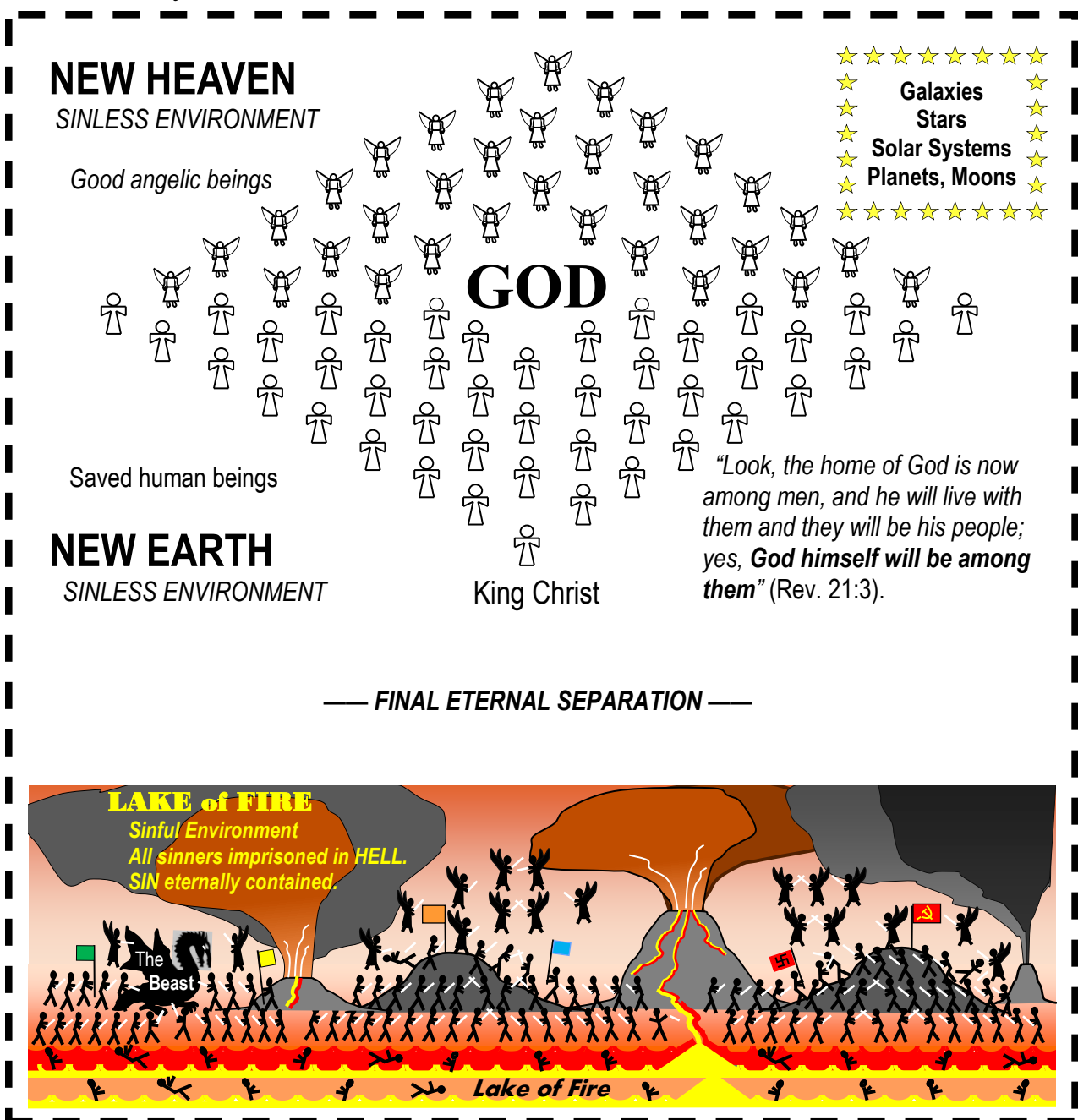
Hell is the only place where **war** will persist.

Ironically, those who love war will live in a state of warfare; where “wolf eats wolf.” **Predators preys only** on other hungry **predators** (sharks).



## *In the everlasting future:*

- *Sin, sinners, wars, and death are quarantined in the Lake of Fire.*
- *The rest of the universe is a **sinless** environment.*



*Panoramic view of the final eternal separation between good and evil.*

Looking at the "big picture," this is like the final surgical extraction of a malignant tumor of evildoers from the body of mankind. Afterwards, the parasitic evildoers (human criminals and angelic sinners) are thrown into the **Lake of Fire** (prison) permanently. Humanity is restored to health and its environment will be like the Garden of Eden again. In Hell, war, violence, hatred, lying, stealing, fighting, and suffering will go on, but there's no more death. "Sheep" (saints) are gone, so "wolves (sinners)" preys on other "wolves." "Lions" cannibalizes other "lions." Demons fight demons. Criminals try to kill each other. Regretful sinners also try to commit suicide. They seek death but can't die. For the [physical] **first death** is destroyed. "*The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death*" (1 Cor. 15:26). "*Death and Hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the [spiritual separation] second death*" (Rev. 20:14).

God sends His prophets to warn us of coming disasters. His prophets tells the truth and their prophetic messages are 100 % accurate. A simple advice to heed: **Hell: Don't go there. Heaven: Go there.**



## ANIMAL PREDATORS made BENIGN

In the Millennial Kingdom, animals will be harmless, for their predatory manipulators are in Hell, thus ending carnivorous desires.

*“The **wolf** also shall dwell with the lamb, the **leopard** shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young **lion** and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the **bear** shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the **lion** shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra’s hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper’s den”* (Isa. 11:6-8).

The animal kingdom, reverting back to its original gentle behavior, verifies that the Creator did make all His creatures nonviolent and “very good,” including microbes, cells, plants, insects, fish, animals, birds, humans, and even angelic beings.

## DEVIL in the BOTTOMLESS PIT

In the Millennial Kingdom, Christ reigns a 1000 years with His saints; simultaneously, the Devil is imprisoned. Afterwards, the Apex Criminal goes on “probation,” but commits more crimes; then the habitual evildoer gets “life without parole” in Hell.

*“I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great [spiritual] chain in his hand. He laid hold on the **dragon**, that old **serpent**, which is the **Devil**, and **Satan**, and bound him a thousand years, cast him into the bottomless pit, shut him up, set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more ...*

*When the thousand years are expired, **Satan** shall be loosed out of his prison, shall go out to deceive the nations [again] ... to gather them together to battle [war]: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. The devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the **beast** and the **false prophet** are, and shall be tormented day and night forever.* (Rev. 20:1-3, 7-10 ).

Obstinate sinners are assembled, and then isolated into Hell.

## JUDGMENT of HUMANS and ANGELS

The Creator **vets all** who enters His heavenly home. Judgment will proceed for humans and angels. Good angels stay in Heaven; fallen angels go to Hell.

**Unrepentant** human sinners receive **punishment** for their outstanding sins and crimes. They did not take advantage of forgiveness of their sins by Christ.

**Repentant** humans, though, were forgiven of their sins by the purifying blood of Jesus, who endured pain and paid the price of mankind’s sins. Since new citizens of Heaven are acquitted of their sins and guilt, there is no punishment but only **rewards** are distributed to them.

Just arriving in Heaven is a **tremendous reward!**

## GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

*“I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it ... I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the **book of life**: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. The sea ... and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.*

***Death and hell** were cast into the **lake of fire**. This is the **second death** [eternal separation from God]. Who-soever was not found written in the **book of life** was cast into the lake of fire”* (Rev. 20:11-15).

The Great White Throne Judgment will reveal many hidden secrets. Many unknowns are unveiled. Innocent prisoners accused of murder will be exonerated. What really happen when JFK was shot? O. J. Simpson will stand another trial. He might say he is innocent, but God will bring out the resurrected Nicole and Ron to speak for themselves if they were stabbed to death. We will know the complete details about the Devil, the “Father of Lies” and “Murderer from the beginning.”

The Spirit of Truth will reveal the lies and facts about Adam, Eve, Cain, Nimrod, Jezebel, Hitler, Stalin, Mao, Jack the Ripper, cheating spouses, graffiti writers, computer hackers, “got away with murder” killers, etc. All will know exactly who you are. All your sins will be known: lying, cheating, stealing, and aborting babies.

*“Whatever they have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in the inner rooms shall be broadcast from the housetops for all to hear!”* (Luke 12:3 NLB).

So, right now is the best time to get on your knees and repent to Jesus of all your sins. Christ died on the cross for you for ALL your sins. He will clean and forgive you. He gives you eternal life. Be forgiven.

## EARTH BURNS and MELTS with FIRE

*"The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall **melt** with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be **burned up** ... we ... look for **new heavens and a new earth**"* (2 Peter 3:10).

Scientists predict a similar destiny for our Earth. Our Sun will expand into a **Red Giant** star, engulfing the Earth with tremendous heat. Finally, our red star will collapse into a **white dwarf** star. The difference between Christian and scientific beliefs is that the aftermath will be a utopia for the saints, but an utter disaster for unbelievers in God.

## NEW HEAVENS and NEW EARTH

Old Earth and old Heaven will pass away.

*1-4 I saw a **new heaven and a new earth**, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. There was no more sea. I, John, saw the holy city, **New Jerusalem**, coming down out of heaven from God ... "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying ... no more pain, for the former [sinful] things have passed away."*

*5-6 He said, "Behold, I make all things new ... Write, for these words are true and faithful ... I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son ... 8 The cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the **second death** [eternal separation from God]."*

*10-21 He carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God ... The twelve gates were twelve pearls ... The street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.*

*23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon ... for the **glory of God illuminated it**, and the **Lamb** is its **light**. (Rev. 21)*

## CONCLUSION

As we conclude our Bible study of Ruth, we like to thank M. R. Dehaan for his special insight that God the Holy Spirit has given him. His book was an excellent guide for our spiritual understanding. Dehaan makes an analogy between the **physical** earthly family and the **spiritual** heavenly family:

- Elimelech (Jew) – God.
- Naomi (Jew) – Israel.
- Boaz (Jew) – Christ.
- Ruth (non-Jew) – Church (gentiles).

Spiritually, the Book of Ruth is about the relationships between God the Father and Israel (Jews), and between Christ (Jew) and the Church (non-Jews). The Old Testament story of Ruth is about a physical Jewish family going through hardships in the country of Moab.

M. R. Dehaan started off by encouraging students to "**keep these three things in mind**":

1. "**Look for the primary interpretation.**"
2. "**Make your practical applications.**"
3. "**Evaluate the prophetic revelation.**"

We modified this levels-idea further:

1. **Physical** level—World seen by **five senses**.
2. **Spiritual** level—See unseen world **by faith**.
3. **Time** level—God gives **look-ahead** to saints.

Dehaan opened up the spiritual eyes of people to be aware of things beyond just what they see. For me, it made studying the Bible more meaningful. So, the reason we emphasize levels is that most people get stuck on the **physical** level. When they read the Book of Ruth, it is treated like a dry review of the Israel history. The book becomes more exciting and meaningful as you understand it from a **spiritual** perspective.

**Time** factors in when prophetic message are given to the true prophets and eventually to us by God.

The Great Statue vision of King Nebuchadnezzar and Daniel was given by God, over 600 years before it happen. That prophecy was fulfilled.

The disciple John has written the prophecy of the **Great Tribulation** that we must grimly consider. That is one reason for this book **The Church**. Do not take the book of Revelation lightly. It is time to start reading, planning, and preparing for the "**end times**." It's at our doorstep and its prophecies will all be fulfilled, word by word, event by event.

Pray to Jesus for salvation, guidance, protection, and wisdom. God bless and protect you. Amen.

— Author Jimmy Yellowhair

## APPENDIX: Reading with symbolisms ([spiritual](#))

### Ruth 1: Elimelech, Naomi, and Ruth

Elimelech – “[GOD](#)”      Naomi – “[Israel](#)”

Ruth – “[the Church, spiritual Jew](#)”

Orpah – “[stayed gentile](#)”

Boaz – “[Christ, Lord of Harvest](#)”

Reapers – “angels harvesting souls”

It came to pass, in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a **famine** ([judgment](#)) in the land. A certain man of Bethlehem, Judah, went to dwell in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The man was **Elimelech** (“[GOD](#)”), his wife was **Naomi** (“[Israel](#)”), and his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion --Ephrathites of Bethlehem, Judah.

Then [GOD](#), [Israel](#)'s husband, **died** ([backed away](#)); and she was left, and her two sons. They took wives of the women of Moab: **Orpah** and **Ruth**. They dwelt there about ten years. Then both sons also died; so **Naomi** survived her two sons and her husband. She arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the country of Moab, for she had heard ... that the Lord had visited His people by giving them bread ... [Israel](#) said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each to her mother's house ... **Orpah** (“[stayed gentile](#)”) kissed [Israel](#), but **Ruth** clung to her. She said, "Look, '[stayed gentile](#)' has gone back to her people and to her gods ..."

But “[the Church, turning spiritual Jew](#)” said:

*"Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, there will I be buried."*

When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she stopped speaking to her. Now the two of them went until they came to Bethlehem ... all the city was excited because of them; and the women said, "Is this [Israel](#)?" But she said to them, "Do not call me [Israel](#); call me **Mara** ... Why do you call me [Israel](#), since the Lord has testified against me, and the Almighty has afflicted me?" So [Israel](#) returned, and [the Church](#) the Moabitess (gentile) her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. Now they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

**Note:** The salvation of the Church and gentiles. As Ruth did, join the Jews and Christ: “*Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, there will I be buried*” (Ruth 1:16-17).

**Be saved:** “If you [confess with your mouth](#) the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, [you will be saved](#). For [with the heart](#) one believes unto righteousness, and [with the mouth](#) confession is made unto [salvation](#)” (Rom. 10:9-10).

### Ruth 2: [Church](#) Gleans in the Field of [Christ](#) (“[Lord of Harvest](#)”)

There was a relative of [Israel](#)'s husband, a man of great wealth, of the family of [GOD](#). His name was [Christ](#). So, [the Church](#) said to [Israel](#), "Please let me go to the field, and glean heads of grain after him in whose sight I may find favor." She left and gleaned in the field after the **reapers** (“[angels harvesting souls](#)”). She happened to come to the part of the field belonging to [Christ](#), who was of the family of [GOD](#). Behold, [Christ](#) came from **Bethlehem**, and said to the **angels**, "The Lord be with you!" They answered, "The Lord bless you!" [Lord of Harvest](#) said to his servant who was in charge of the **angels**, "Whose young woman is this?" He said, "It is the young **gentile** woman who came back with [Israel](#) from the country of Moab. She said, 'Please let me glean and gather after the **angels** among the sheaves.' So she came and has continued from morning until now."

The [Lord of Harvest](#) said to [the Church](#), "Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them ..." She fell on her face, bowed down to the ground, and said, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?" [Christ](#) answered and said to her, "It has been fully reported to me, all that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband, and how you have left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and have come to a people whom you did not know before. The Lord repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge."

When [Church](#) rose up to glean, [Christ](#) commanded his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves ... Let grain from the bundles fall purposely for her; leave it that she may glean, and do not rebuke her." She gleaned in the field until evening, and beat out what she had gleaned. It was an ephah [*a day's wage*] of barley. She took it up and went into the city. [Israel](#) saw what she had gleaned. She brought out and gave to her what she had. [Israel](#) said to her, "Where have you gleaned today? Where did you work? Blessed be the one who took notice of you." She told [Israel](#) with whom she had worked, and said, "The man's name with whom I worked today is [Christ](#)." [Israel](#) said to [the Church](#), "Blessed be he of the Lord, who has not forsaken His kindness to the living and the dead!" [Israel](#) said to her, "This man is a relation of ours, one of our close relatives." [Church](#) said, "He also said to me, 'You shall stay close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest.' " [Israel](#) said to [the Church](#) ... "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, and that people do not meet you in any other field." She stayed close by the young women of [Christ](#), to glean until the end of barley harvest and wheat harvest; and she dwelt with [Israel](#).

#### **Note: The Parable of the Sower**

*"Jesus said to His disciples, 'The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. So, pray the [Lord of the harvest](#) to send out laborers into His harvest ... He who sows the good seed is the [Son of Man \[Christ\]](#). The field is the world [sinners], the good seeds are sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. The enemy who sowed them is the Devil, the harvest is the end of the [Church] age, and the reapers are angels ... The Son of Man [Christ the Lord of Harvest] will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire [Lake of Fire]' " (Matt. 9:37-38; 13:37-43).*



## APPENDIX: Reading with symbolisms (spiritual)

### Ruth 3: CHRIST and CHURCH at threshing floor

Close relative – “Christ, Grace”

Closer relative – “The Law, Moses, Law-giver”

Night – “Tribulation” Midnight – “Mid-Tribulation”

Morning – “End of Tribulation”

Israel said, "My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may be well with you? Christ ... is he not our relative? In fact, he is winnowing barley tonight (“tribulation”) at the threshing floor. Wash yourself and anoint yourself, put on your best garment and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. It shall be, when he lies down, that you shall notice the place where he lies; and you shall go in, uncover his feet, and lie down."

She went down to the threshing floor and did according to all that Israel instructed her. After Christ had eaten and drunk, his heart was cheerful, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain; and she came softly, uncovered his feet, and lay down. Now it happened at midnight (“mid-Tribulation”) that the man was startled, and turned himself; and there, a woman was lying at his feet. He said, "Who are you?" She answered, "I am the Church ... Take your maidservant under your wing, for you are a close relative." He said, "Blessed are you of the Lord ... I will do for you all that you request, for all the people of my town know that you are a virtuous woman. It is true that I am a close relative (“grace”); however, there is a relative closer (“the Law”) than I. Stay this Tribulation, and in the morning (“end of Tribulation”), it shall be that if he will perform the duty of the Law for you—good; let him do it. If he does not want to perform the duty for you, then I (Grace) will perform the duty for you, as the Lord lives! Lie down until end of Tribulation. She lay at his feet.

She arose before one could recognize another. He said, "Do not let it be known that the woman came to the threshing floor ... Bring the shawl that is on you and hold it." When she held it, he measured six ephahs [six days' wage] of barley, and laid it on her. Then she went into the city. So, when she came to Israel, she said, "Is that you, my daughter?" She told her all that the man had done for her. She said, "These six ephahs of barley he gave me; for he said to me, 'Do not go empty-handed to Israel.'" Then she said, "Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will turn out; for the man will not rest until he has concluded the matter this day."

#### Note: The threshing and winnowing in the Tribulation

Grain and chaff are separated by threshing. This typifies the separation of repentant saints from unrepentant evildoers. In Tribulation, where will the Jews and non-Jews be? The Church stays with Christ (Rapture), but others will endure the Tribulation. “*For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. Unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved [total annihilation]; but for the elect’s [Jews] sake those days will be shortened*” (Matt. 24:21-22).

### Ruth 4: CHRIST marries the CHURCH

Christ (Grace) went up to the gate and sat down there; and behold, the Law came by. Christ said, "Come aside, friend, sit down here." So, he did. He took 10 men of the elders of the city, and said, "Sit down here." So, they did. He said to the Law, "Israel, who has come back from the country of Moab, sold the piece of land which belonged to our GOD ... 'Buy it back in the presence of the inhabitants and the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not redeem it, then tell me ... I am next after you.'" He said, "I will redeem it [Yes to Naomi's estate]." Christ said, "On the day you buy the field from the hand of Israel, you must also buy it from the Church to perpetuate Mahlon's name through his inheritance." The Law said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I ruin my own inheritance [Yes for his estate, but no for Moabite Ruth]. You redeem my right of redemption for yourself. I cannot redeem it." The custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging, to confirm anything: one man took off his sandal and gave it to the other, this was a confirmation in Israel. The Law said to Christ, "Buy it for yourself." He took off his sandal (as Moses [Law-giver] did standing on “Holy Ground”). Christ said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought all that was GOD's, Chilion's, and Mahlon's, from the hand of Israel. The Church ... I have acquired as my wife, to perpetuate Mahlon's name through his inheritance, that his name may not be cut off from among his brethren and from his position at the gate." All the people who were at the gate, and the elders, said, "We are witnesses ... May your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring which the Lord will give you from this young woman." So, Christ took the Church and she became his wife ... and she bore a son. The women said to Israel, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without a close relative! May he be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for the Church, who loves you, has borne him." Israel took the child and laid him on her bosom, and became a nurse to him. The neighbor women gave him a name, saying, "There is a son born to Israel." They called his name Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

#### Note: Negotiation and settlement between the Law and Grace.

The Law depends on human works (sinful man's efforts) to fulfill its command. Grace depends on faith in Christ's work on the cross. “*There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ, because through Christ the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit ... flesh [physical humans] have their minds set on what the flesh desires [sin]; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires [love]; The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace*” (Rom. 8:1-6).