

Boaz the Redeemer

**BUILDING
BLOCKS**

SEARCHING FOR THE KING

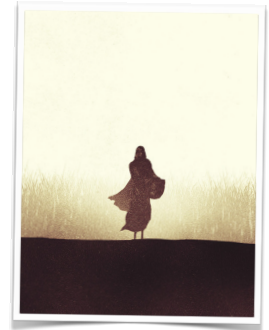
It was a scary time in Israel.

“There was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.” (Judges 21:25)

Now, “there was a famine in the land.” A man named **Elimelech** left his home in Bethlehem and made a new home in the country of Moab. He and his wife **Naomi** had two sons, but while they lived in Moab, Naomi’s husband and both of her sons died! What would Naomi do **NOW**? _____, Naomi’s daughter-in-law, made a beautiful promise to stay with Naomi as long as she lived (Ruth 1:16-17).

When Naomi and Ruth came back to Bethlehem, they were very poor and it was a dangerous time. **How would they survive?**

Now Naomi had a relative of her husband’s, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was _____. (Ruth 2:1)



A very special word is used to describe what Boaz did for Ruth and Naomi. He served as a _____ (Ruth 3:9). A “redeemer” in the Law of Moses could help a family that had gone through tough times “redeem” their land that had been sold so that they had somewhere to live. Boaz didn’t **have** to help Ruth and Naomi; he **chose** to help them when they couldn’t help themselves (Ruth 3:13). **But what does this have to do with our search for our King?**

Isaiah 59:1-2 describes the most hopeless situation of all—**our** problem when we choose to disobey God. But in that same chapter, God makes a beautiful promise of his own:

“A _____ will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression.” (Isaiah 59:20)

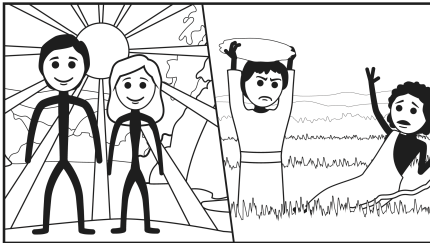
In fact, this Redeemer would come from the family line that included “Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth” (Matthew 1:5-6). His name is _____, and he saves, he “redeems” his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21; Titus 2:13-14).

FOUNDATION STONES

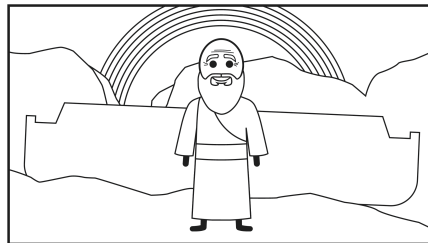


TIMELINE Building Blocks:

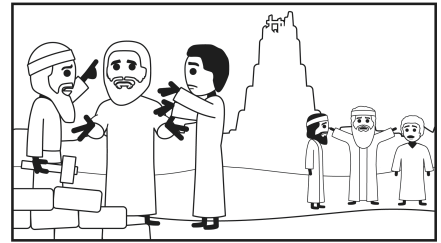
We're continuing to work on our **Timeline Building Blocks** because they help us remember where we've been in our **Search For the King**. There are **17** time periods from **Creation to Revelation**. Do you remember the first 8?



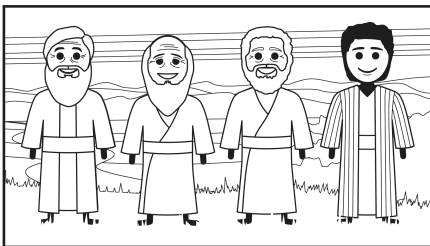
Before the Flood



Flood



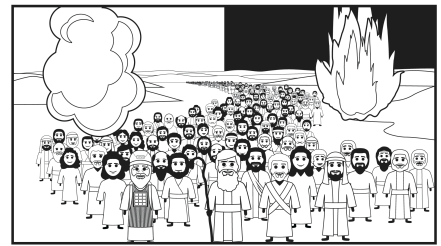
Scattering of the People



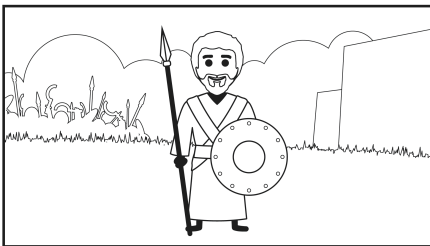
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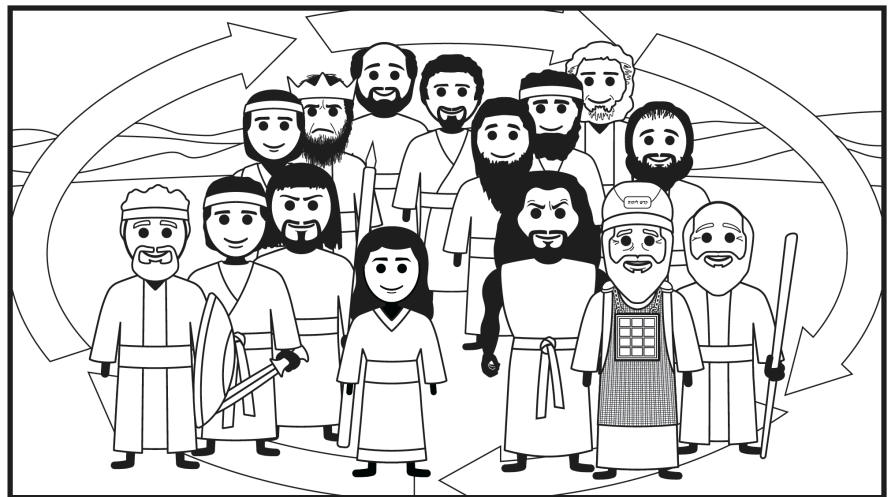
Exodus From Egypt



Wandering in the Wilderness



Invasion and Conquest of Canaan



Judges

What was the biggest problem in the days of the **JUDGES**?

“There was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.” (Judges 21:25)

What does that mean, and why is that a **REALLY** bad idea?

Can you remember the names of any of those **JUDGES** in Israel?