



Ga'al / Redeem

Transcript

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“I will rescue you from slavery to them, and I will *ga'al* you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.”

The Hebrew word *ga'al* means to redeem, that is, to restore a family member or their property back into the family's possession when something terrible has happened.

When tragedy strikes Naomi and Ruth, they're about to lose their family line and properties, so Boaz acts to *ga'al*. He restores their property and, by marrying Ruth, redeems the family lineage.

And when the Israelites were claimed and enslaved by Pharaoh, king of Egypt, God comes to *ga'al*, that is, to reclaim them as his family and to set them free.

The biblical poets often use the word *ga'al* to celebrate God rescuing people from danger, exile, or death, restoring them to family, safety, and life.

“God is the one who forgives all your sins, who heals all your diseases, who will *ga'al* your life from the pit and crown you with loyal love and compassion.”