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"THREE KINDS OF INTERMARRIAGE"
---The Story of Ruth

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(Source of material - "Meaning of Marriage by S.E.G.)
and Jewish Encyclopedia)

The Book of Ruth takes its name from its chief character who, with her mother-in-law, Naomi, shares the honor of being its heroine. Allow me to repeat the bare outlines of the story to refresh our memories.

Elielch, a man of Bethlehshem-Judah, with his wife, Naomi, and his two sons, Mahlon and Chilion, went in time of famine and sojourned in the land Moab.

There Elielch died, and the two sons married, Mahlon taking Ruth as his wife, and Chilion taking Ophira - both women of Moab, where both sons likewise died. After a while Naomi heard that the famine in Judah had passed and she decided to return there.

Her daughter-in-law, Ruth insisted on accompanying Naomi to Judah and live among the people of Judah. When the two women arrived in Bethlehshem they lived in the midst of the Jewish community. Ruth married Boaz, a near-relative of her late husband. Our story concludes that from this union of a converted Jew with a true Israelite there came the family line of King David.

Dear friends, intermarriage is not a simple subject. It means the marriage of two peoples, one of whom comes from one group and one of whom comes from another. Few facts are known about intermarriage. The social studies have few observations to make.

Normally we think about intermarriage as the marriage of two peoples of different religions. There can be intermarriage also of national groups. In Nazi Germany this type of intermarriage.

There can also be social intermarriage. The story of the rich boy who marries a poor girl behind the soda fountain.

There can also be racial intermarriage.--The half-caste.

In general, intermarriage isn't good. But sometimes it is. Look at Ruth.