



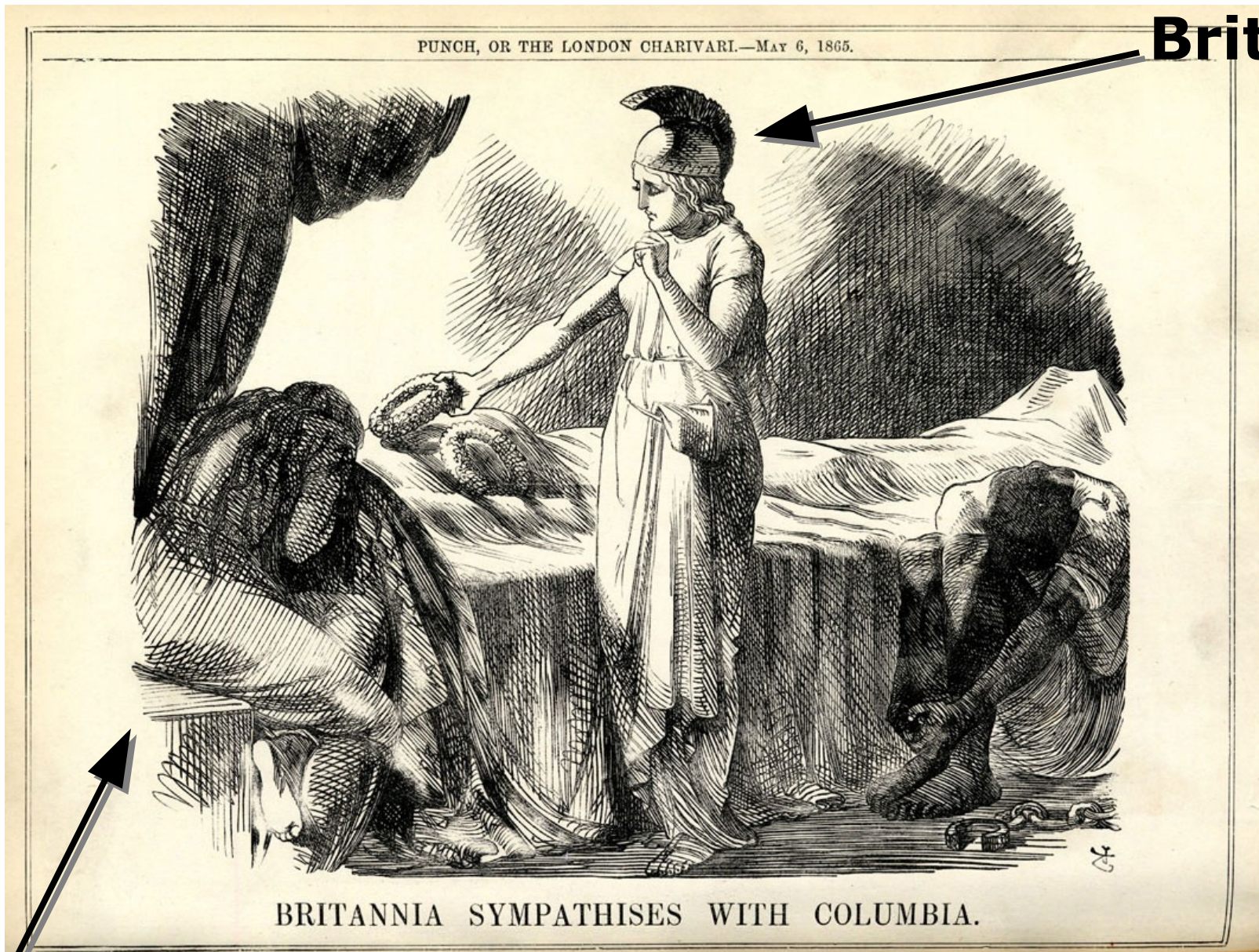
Ruth 4.1-17

Unexpected

Redemption



- Disaster in Israel and Naomi's life.
- Provision for Israel and Naomi's return.
- Loyalty from Ruth to Naomi.
- Naomi, Naomi, Naomi ...



Britannia

BRITANNIA SYMPATHISES WITH COLUMBIA.

Columbia



- Naomi is selling the land.
- Naomi is not left without a family guardian.
- “Naomi has a son.”
- Naomi, Naomi, Naomi.



Naomi has a son

- We should expect the announcement to be “Elimelek has a son!”
- But Naomi represents Israel for us.
- The promise of a son for Israel.



- We should expect this to refer to Boaz but it clearly points to Obed.
- And Naomi represents Israel for us.
- The promise of a redeemer for Israel.



- We should expect the ownership of the land to have bypassed Naomi.
- Who does Naomi represent for us?
- What's so special about the Land for Israel?



- The Land of Israel represented the whole world – and their role on YHWH's behalf.
- Redemption meant more than personal spirituality or private piety.
- It has to affect the world around us – a call to revolution!



- The name Obed means servant and implies a protector and provider.
- Redemption meant more than knowing you were forgiven.
- It is an expectation that God is active in the world.



A son for Israel

- Here the author picks up the promise of chapter one – the promise of David.
- The greater promise for Israel was of the one known as the “Son of David”.
- Redemption means more than simply God acting “from heaven”.
- In Jesus, God steps into human life to bring about the world's redemption.



Redemption

- We are invited to experience redemption.
- We are called to serve the redeemer.
- We are sent to live as the redeemed.