

FINAL STUDY NOTES - RUTH 6/7-8/2025

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OPENING PRAYER

RUTH – Chapter 1 – (vs. 1-5) Elimelech’s Family Goes to Moab; (vs. 6-22) Naomi Returns with Ruth; Chapter 2 – Ruth meets Boaz – (vs. 1-23); Chapter 3 – Ruth’s Redemption Assured – (vs. 1-18); Chapter 4- Boaz Redeems Ruth – (vs. 1-12): Descendants of Boaz and Ruth – (13-22)!

- **The Book of Ruth, chronologically, fits back in the time of the Judges.** It is a book that bridges the books of Judges, and Samuel. It occurs in a really dark time in Israel’s history, but it shows that God was at work. It is an introduction for the book of Samuel. For it will bring to us the introduction of David, who became the great king of Israel, who was crowned in the book of Samuel, as the king over Israel. *(Act 13:22b) ‘I HAVE FOUND DAVID THE SON OF JESSE, A MAN AFTER MY OWN HEART, WHO WILL DO ALL MY WILL.’*
- **RUTH is a story of love, devotion, and redemption set in the black context of the days of the judges.** It is the story of a Moabite woman who forsakes her pagan heritage in order to cling to the people of Israel and to the God of Israel. Because of her faithfulness in a time of national

faithlessness, God rewards her by giving her a new husband (Boaz), a son (Obed), and a privileged position in the lineage of **David** and **Christ** (she is the great-grandmother of **David**).

- **(Rom 1:3-4)** concerning **His Son Jesus Christ our Lord**, who was **born of the seed of David** according to the flesh, [4] and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.
- **(Rev 5:5)** But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, **the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David**, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."
- A story of the genealogy of Jesus and how that He would be born in Bethlehem. (Micah 5:2) and was to have descended from Judah.
- Also shown is an important phase in the doctrine of redemption. Redemption is possible only through a **Kinsman-Redeemer**. Boaz furnishes the only figure for the Kinsman-Redeemer aspect of redemption, which is essential for the proper understanding of the Atonement.
- In the Bible, "redeemed" signifies being saved or delivered from sin, captivity, or their consequences, often through the payment of a price or ransom. It involves a substitution, where someone or something takes the place of another, releasing them from a state of bondage or debt.
- The main character is **Ruth**. Her name means "Friendship; some say Beauty," and she is the great grandmother of King **David**. Ruth is a picture or a representative of us—the Bride of Christ.
- The hero of this drama is **Boaz**, who is a picture or type of our Hero, our **Kinsman Redeemer**, our **Goel—Jesus Christ!**

Naomi Widowed – In the country of Moab

Rth 1:1 Now it came to pass, in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem, Judah, went to dwell in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons.

- God often used famine to wake people up to their moral decay. The Lord said, "When my judgments are in the land, it will cause my people to turn to righteousness."
- The word Bethlehem, means, "house of bread." "Beth," is house, and "lehem," is bread. Judah is "praise." So, Bethlehem means "the house of bread and praise."

Rth 1:2 The name of the man was Elimelech, the name of his wife was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion—Ephrathites of Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to the country of Moab and remained there.

- **Elimelech**, which means, "my God is King". That would be quite a name! Imagine what a testimony that name would be! Every time they would call him, "My God is King!" it would be a testimony. His name was a witness.
- **Mahlon and Chilion**. Mahlon means, "sickly" and Chilion means "tiny." Children were often named after the circumstances of their birth.

Rth 1:3 Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons.

Rth 1:4 Now they took wives of the women of Moab: the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth. And they dwelt there about ten years.

- Whenever we journey into "Moab" our kids pay the price. They end up marrying Moabitish women, who draw them away from the Lord.

Rth 1:5 Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died; so the woman survived her two sons and her husband.

- Naomi is now in a destitute situation with the loss of children and her husband.

Ruth's Loyalty to Naomi

Rth 1:6 Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had visited His people by giving them bread.

Rth 1:7 Therefore she went out from the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.

Rth 1:8 And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each to her mother's house. The LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me.

Rth 1:9 The LORD grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband." So she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept.

- Naomi was saying to the girls, "Look, you don't need to feel responsible for me." I'm going to go back to Bethlehem, and you girls should go back to your own mother's homes. I pray that God will be gracious to you, even as you've been gracious to me, and to my sons, your husbands. I pray that God will give you sons, and that you might have children and a nice family life. Evidently, there was a very close relationship between Naomi, and her two daughters-in-law.

Rth 1:10 And they said to her, "Surely we will return with you to your people."

Rth 1:11 But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Are there still sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?

Rth 1:12 Turn back, my daughters, go—for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, if I should have a husband tonight and should also bear sons,

Rth 1:13 would you wait for them till they were grown? Would you restrain yourselves from having husbands? No, my daughters; for it grieves me very much for your sakes that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me!"

- Note our tendency to blame God when circumstances do not go the way we want, causing us great hardship and difficulty.
- **How prone am I to wrongfully blame God when things don't go the way I had wanted or expected?**

Rth 1:14 Then they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

- Orpah loved Naomi, but she did not love her so much as to quit her country. She is like many so-called Christians. They love Jesus, but leave Him, because they love other things more than they love Him!

Rth 1:15 And she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."

Rth 1:16 But Ruth said: "Entreat (urge) me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God.

- This is amazing! Ruth is making a profound, life-changing, sevenfold spiritual commitment! She is giving up everything in her past! What a commitment on her part!
- **Both Orpah and Ruth shed tears, but only Ruth totally made a full commitment! Have I really made that completely full- commitment to Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord! Totally repenting, totally surrendering, totally turning from my past fleshy desires? Lord, help me!**
- She had come to trust in the God of Israel. No doubt, through the witness of her husband and all, she'd come to believe in trusting God. She did not want to go back to the gods, (*Chemosh* and others) of her people. She wanted to go with Naomi, more than to go back to her family. She wants to go with Naomi, to be like an Israelite, a believer and follower of the God of Israel, of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob!
- *I will go; wherever you lodge, I will lodge: your people will be my people, and your God will be my God!*

Rth 1:17 Where you die, I will die, And there will I be buried. The LORD do so to me, and more also, If anything but death parts you and me."

- So, this glorious, beautiful commitment of Ruth, and it's one that's traditionally now, just a beautiful expression of fidelity and love. "Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you lodge, I will lodge. Your people will be my people, your God, my God! God forbid that anything, but death should part us." We remember this from the wedding ceremony. "Until death do us part."

Rth 1:18 When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she stopped speaking to her.

Naomi and Ruth Return

Rth 1:19 Now the two of them went until they came to Bethlehem. And it happened, when they had come to Bethlehem, that all the city was excited because of them; and the women said, "Is this Naomi?"

Rth 1:20 But she said to them, "Do not call me Naomi (beauty pleasant, cheerful); call me Mara (bitter, sorrowful), for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.

Rth 1:21 I went out full, and the LORD has brought me home again empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since the LORD has testified against me, and the Almighty has afflicted me?"

- Naomi is blaming God for the problems that have befallen her. She's blaming God for the death of her husband and her sons. She talks about the hand of God against her, and how God has dealt bitterly with her. It is an unfortunate thing that so often in the time of death, we somehow seek to blame God.
- Naomi's outlook on life, although grounded in God's sovereignty, was not hopeful; thus she asked to be renamed Mara, which means "bitter." Her experiences were not unlike Job's, (**Job 19:21**) "Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends, For the hand of God has struck me! But her perspective resembled that of Job's wife! In reality, Naomi had a full harvest prospect! Ruth plus Boaz! The hope of God's future blessing! (**Rth 4:14**).

Rth 1:22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. Now they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

- Barley harvest was in April, and Ruth enters into the harvest as a poor gleaner, which leads to the developing of the whole account of Ruth, Boaz, the Kinsman-Redeemer and redemption!

Ruth Meets Boaz in the fields of Bethlehem

Rth 2:1 There was a relative of Naomi's husband, a man of great wealth (valor), of the family of Elimelech. His name was Boaz.

Rth 2:2 So Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Please let me go to the field, and glean heads of grain after him in whose sight I may find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."

- Gleaning. In (**Deu 24:19**) When you reap your harvest in your field, and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. You were once a bondman in the land of Egypt; therefore, I command you to do this thing.
- So, it was a welfare law that you could not pick up the grain that had fallen on the ground. You had to leave that for the poor people. You could not go back into the fields and get a sheaf of grain.
- Ruth is saying, "I'm going to go out and glean. Maybe I'll find grace in the eyes of one of the landowners, and he'll let me glean in his field".

Rth 2:3 Then she left, and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers. And she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.

- And she happened to come. A lot of times as we explained the things that took place, say, "Well it just so happened that I was here, and this happened." You know, it's interesting that God guides us in very natural ways, in such natural ways that we're often not aware that God is guiding until after the thing has made its cycle, and we say, "Wow look at that! If I had not been there at that time, that precise time, then I would've missed. and "Wow! That's exciting God's hand is on me!"
- **She happened to come! When was the last time this just "happened" to you? To me?**
- Ruth wasn't aware that God was guiding her to this field. She was just looking around for a field. "Oh, there's some people over there. I don't feel like going over there. She comes into this field, "it just so happened." No, no, it just didn't so happen, God was guiding her, and she was unaware of it.

Rth 2:4 Now behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said to the reapers, "The LORD be with you!" And they answered him, "The LORD bless you!"

- That's labor speaking to capital! Oh, that we could have that kind of relationship between capital, and labor today! Where the capitalist comes in and says to the laborer, "The LORD be with you!" and they answer, "Oh the LORD bless you!" How wonderful this is!

Rth 2:5 Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?"

- *Whose young woman is this? What he was saying is, "Wow! Who's that beauty over there!" He probably let out a whistle, said, "Whew! Who in the world is that?"*

Rth 2:6 So the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered and said, "It is the young Moabite woman who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab.

Rth 2:7 And she said, 'Please let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves.' So she came and has continued from morning until now (a hard worker), though she rested a little in the house."

Rth 2:8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, "You will listen, my daughter, will you not? Do not go to glean in another field, nor go from here, but stay close by my young women (for protection).

Rth 2:9 Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them. Have I not commanded the young men not to touch you (also protection)? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn."

Rth 2:10 So she fell on her face, bowed down to the ground (much humility), and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner (she is very aware of her position there in Bethlehem-judah)?"

Rth 2:11 And Boaz 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.

Rth 2:12 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."

- What a beautiful scripture! "Your God will be my God." She had come to trust in the true and the living God!
- **May the LORD God of Israel repay your work and full reward be given you by the LORD! What a great prayer this is, especially for new believers! Am I praying this way?**

Rth 2:13 Then she said, "Let me find favor in your sight, my lord; for you have comforted me, and have spoken kindly to your maidservant, though I am not like one of your maidservants."

Rth 2:14 Now Boaz said to her at mealtime, "Come here, and eat of the bread, and dip your piece of bread in the vinegar." So she sat beside the reapers, and he passed parched grain to her; and she ate and was satisfied, and kept some back.

Rth 2:15 And when she rose up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her.

Rth 2:16 Also let grain from the bundles fall purposely for her; leave it that she may glean, and do not rebuke her."

Rth 2:17 So she gleaned in the field until evening, and beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah (2/3 of a bushel, 21 quarts, that is quite a bit!) of barley.

Rth 2:18 Then she took it up and went into the city, and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. So she brought out and gave to her what she had kept back after she had been satisfied.

Rth 2:19 And her mother-in-law said to her, "Where have you gleaned today? And where did you work? Blessed be the one who took notice of you." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, and said, "The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz."

Rth 2:20 Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "Blessed be he of the LORD, who has not forsaken His kindness to the living and the dead!" And Naomi (so she blesses the Lord, "God has not forgotten kindness unto me) said to her, "This man is a relation (our next kinsman) of ours, one of our close relatives." (He's a goel, one of the family, a close redeemer.)

- **"Blessed be"! Note Naomi's heart in blessing Boaz twice! Is that in my heart?**

Rth 2:21 Ruth the Moabitess said, "He also said to me, 'You shall stay close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest.' "

Rth 2:22 And Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, and that people do not meet you in any other field."

Rth 2:23 So she stayed close by the young women of Boaz, to glean until the end of barley harvest and wheat harvest; and she dwelt with her mother-in-law.

Ruth and Boaz – on the threshing floor of Boaz – The Levirate Marriage

Rth 3:1 Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may be well with you?

- **Seek security.** Naomi felt responsible, just as she did in *Rth 1:9*, for Ruth's future husband and home.
- **Laws Concerning Levirate Marriage - (Deu 25:5-10)** "If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the widow of the dead man shall not be married to a stranger outside the family; her husband's brother shall go in to her, take her as his wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her. [6] And it shall be that the firstborn son which she bears will succeed to the name of his dead brother; that his name may not be blotted out of Israel. [7] But if the man does not want to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate to the elders, and say, 'My husband's brother refuses to raise up a name to his brother in Israel; he will not perform the duty of my husband's brother.' [8] Then the elders of his city shall call him and speak to him. But if he stands firm and says, 'I do not want to take her,' [9] then his brother's wife shall come to him in the presence of the elders, remove his sandal from his foot, spit in his face, and answer and say, 'So shall it be done to the man who will not build up his brother's house.' [10] And his name shall be called in Israel, 'The house of him who had his sandal removed.'
- **So, it was just the law, they wanted to keep the inheritance** in the family. And to keep a family name alive, and thus it was the responsibility of the brother to take her as a wife.

Rth 3:2 Now Boaz, whose young women you were with, is he not our relative? In fact, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor.

Rth 3:3 Therefore 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.

Rth 3:4 Then 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; and he will tell you what you should do."

Rth 3:5 And she said to her, "All that you say to me I will do."

Rth 3:6 So she went down to the threshing floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law instructed her.

Rth 3:7 And after Boaz had eaten and drunk, and 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.

- **What a significant thing this is!** To go down to the threshing floor, lying at his feet, surrendering to him as her Kinsmen-Redeemer!
- **How about you? How about me? Have we gone to the threshing floor and personally, privately accepted Jesus Christ, claiming Him as your Lord and Savior from sin? Who can you think of right now, that so needs to do this very thing?**

Rth 3:8 Now it happened at midnight that the man was startled, and turned himself; and there, a woman was lying at his feet.

- He probably felt a little peculiar, and suddenly he discovers a woman lying at his feet.

Rth 3:9-10 And he said, "Who are you?" So she answered, "I am Ruth, your maidservant. Take your maidservant under your wing, for you are a close relative." [10] Then he said, "Blessed are you of the LORD, my daughter! For you have shown more kindness at the end than at the beginning, in that you did not go after young men, whether poor or rich.

- What Ruth is saying to Boaz is, "Fulfill the obligation for your dead brother, Elimelech, and raise up a son to carry on the family name, so that it is not lost in Israel." She's actually proposing marriage,

which was something very exciting to Boaz! He is already in love with her! He is already attracted to her! He was amazed that she would even be interested in him, because he was an older man, and probably has been the most eligible bachelor in all of Bethlehem! He was really attracted to Ruth!

Rth 3:11 And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you request, for all the people of my town know that you are a virtuous woman.

Rth 3:12 Now it is true that I am a close relative; however, there is a relative closer than I.

Rth 3:13 Stay this night, and in the morning it shall be that if he will perform the duty of a close relative for you—good; let him do it (notice his trusting in the Lord!) **But if he does not want to perform the duty for you, then I will perform the duty for you, as the LORD lives! Lie down until morning."**

Rth 3:14 So she lay at his feet until morning, and she arose before one could recognize another. Then he said, "Do not let it be known that the woman came to the threshing floor."

Rth 3:15 Also he said, "Bring the shawl that is on you and hold it." And when she held it, he measured six ephahs of barley (about 60 pounds), and laid it on her. Then she went into the city.

Rth 3:16 When she came to her mother-in-law, she said, "Is that you, my daughter?" Then she told her all that the man had done for her.

Rth 3:17 And she said, "These six ephahs of barley he gave me; for he said to me, 'Do not go empty-handed to your mother-in-law.'"

Rth 3:18 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."

- So old wise Naomi, she knew what was going on! She knew that Boaz was most interested in Ruth!

Boaz Redeems Ruth—at the city gate of Bethlehem.

Rth 4:1 Now Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there; and behold, the close relative of whom Boaz had spoken came by. So Boaz said, "Come aside, friend, sit down here." So he came aside and sat down.

Rth 4:2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down.

Rth 4:3 Then he said to the close relative, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, sold the piece of land which belonged to our brother Elimelech.

Rth 4:4 And 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.' " And he said, "I will redeem it."

- I imagine Boaz's heart sunk somewhat, but we see he is totally trusting in the Lord's will being done!
- **Under these circumstances, would I have been willing to trust in the LORD the way Boaz did? To allow Him to work, or would "Jacob the conniver" have come out in me?**

Rth 4:5 Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must also buy it from Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to perpetuate the name of the dead through his inheritance."

Rth 4:6 And the close relative said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I ruin my own inheritance. You redeem my right of redemption for yourself, for I cannot redeem it."

- The close relative wanted the land, but He did not love the bride, Ruth. Unlike Jesus, who bought the whole land to get the Bride of Christ, which is us!
- The Parable of the Hidden Treasure of Great Value (Mat 13:44) "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
- Boaz, the Kinsman-Redeemer, is like Jesus Christ, for his love and desire for the bride, bought the land! Yes! He bought the land to get the bride!

Rth 4:7 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.

Rth 4:8 Therefore the close relative said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself." So he took off his sandal.

Rth 4:9 And Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, from the hand of Naomi.

- **Four Requirements of the Kinsman-Redeemer:**
- **He had to be a near kinsman, related by blood.** A blood relative. Boaz was able to redeem because he was a blood relative Jesus was able to redeem this world. He made Himself a relative to us by blood – He became a man –born into the world. (*Gal. 4 4-5*) But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, [5] to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.
- **He had to be free Himself** – Boaz was not in debt himself. Similarly, Jesus, in His wealth, was greater than man. Free from the curse or debt of sin! (*2 Cor 5:21*) For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. Jesus could not be a sinner and save sinners!
- **He had to perform work of redemption willingly!** The nearest kinsman was not willing to redeem, but Boaz was willing to redeem at any price. Jesus said, (*Joh 10:18*) No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father." (*Joh 15:13*) Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.
- **He had to have the price of redemption, having wealth greater than the redeeming price.** Jesus had that. (*1Pe 1:18*) knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, [19] but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Rth 4:10 Moreover, Ruth 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. You are witnesses this day."

Rth 4:11 And 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.

- The whole nation of Israel had sprung from these two, Rachel and Leah.

Rth 4:12 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."

- Recognizing that the same kind of a thing took place with Judah, and Tamar. That is, taking the daughter of the dead son, and she, raising Perez, and from Perez, the line came unto David, which ultimately came down to Jesus!

Ruth and Boaz Marry

Rth 4:13 So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife; and when he went in to her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son.

Rth 4:14 Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a close relative (Kinsman-Redeemer); and may his name be famous in Israel!

Rth 4:15 And may he be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has borne him."

Rth 4:16 Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her bosom, and became a nurse to him.

Rth 4:17 Also the neighbor women gave him a name, saying, "There is a son born to Naomi." And they called his name Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David!

- Here we see an important object from the *Book of Ruth*. That is to connect the house of David with the tribe of Judah. This link in the chain of Scripture, beginning with Genesis, going right down to that Bethlehem stable and to the Cross, to the crown and to the throne of David on which our Lord will someday soon be seated!

The Genealogy of David

Rth 4:18 Now this is the genealogy of Perez (from Judah by Tamar): Perez begot Hezron;

Rth 4:19 Hezron begot Ram, and Ram begot Amminadab;

Rth 4:20 Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon;

Rth 4:21 Salmon begot Boaz (by Rahab - Heb 11:31), and Boaz begot Obed (by Ruth);

Rth 4:22 Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David.

- The important genealogies from Judah, down to David. These same genealogies are mentioned in Matthew's gospel. Ruth is shown as one of the descendants in the line of Judah, showing that Jesus was a rightful heir to the throne of David!
- The Genealogy of Jesus Christ (*Mat 1:1-6*) The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: [2] Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. [3] Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. [4] Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. [5] Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, [6] and Jesse begot David the king.
- (*Psa 31:5*) A Psalm of David. Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD God of truth. (*Psa 55:18*) A contemplation of David. He has redeemed my soul in peace from the battle that was against me, For there were many against me.
- I have a redeemed spirit, but I'm living in an unredeemed body, I'm living in an unredeemed world, as far as, Christ hasn't yet taken full control. I long for that day when I'll no longer have problems with my flesh, when I'll be in my redeemed body, not being tempted or pushed towards the fulfilling of the lust and the desires of my flesh. So, I groan, eagerly waiting for that day, the redemption of my body! This whole world is longing for the day of redemption!
- That's the hope of the child of God because our Kinsman-Redeemer was so in love with His bride, that He purchased the field, in order that He might take His bride out of it. So, Jesus purchased the world to receive you as His bride, that you might be a part of His eternal kingdom. He's in love with you. He loves you so much, He gave His life to redeem you from the corruption of sin, and from the hopelessness of a life that was governed by Satan's power. He set us free, that we might serve Him, and love Him, and live with Him, in His kingdom, in a kingdom that shall know no end. Oh, praise God! What a glorious redemption is ours through Jesus Christ!
- (*Job 19:25*) For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth;
- (*Isa 9:26b*) All flesh shall know That I, the LORD, am your Savior, And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."
- (*Isa 44:6*) Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God.
- (*Rev 5:9*) And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation!
- This is a beautiful story of redemption, the story of Ruth. It gives us a classic picture of what redemption is all about. The redeeming of the field to get the bride, who Boaz loved. Even as the kingdom of God is like a treasure hid in a field, who, when a man discovers it, for the joy thereof. Goes out and sells everything he has, in order to buy the field, and obtain the treasure. So, Jesus gave all He had, His life, to purchase this world, that He could take you, His church, His treasure out of it, to be His own!
- Oh, how thankful I am that He redeemed me!
- Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb; Redeemed, redeemed, His child and forever I am.

SUMMARY

- **How prone am I to wrongfully blame God when things don't go the way I had wanted or expected?** (*Ruth 1:13*)
- **Both Orpah and Ruth shed tears, but only Ruth totally made a full commitment! Have I really made that completely full- commitment to Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord! Totally repenting, totally surrendering, totally turning from my past fleshy desires? Lord, help me!** (*Ruth 1:16*)
- **May the LORD God of Israel repay your work and full reward be given you by the LORD! What a great prayer this is for new believers! Am I praying this way?** (*Ruth 2:12*)
- **"Blessed be"! Note Naomi's heart in blessing Boaz twice! Is that in my heart?** (*Ruth 2:20*)
- **How about you? How about me? Have we gone to the threshing floor and personally, privately accepted Jesus Christ, claiming Him as your Lord and Savior from sin? Who can you think of right now, that so needs to do this very thing?** (*Ruth 3:7*)
- **Under these circumstances, would I have been willing to trust in the LORD the way Boaz did? To allow Him to work, or would "Jacob the conniver" have come out in me?** (*Ruth 4:4*)
- Four Requirements of the Kinsman-Redeemer: (*1Ti 2:5-6a*) *For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, [6a] who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,*
 - ✓ He had to be a near kinsman, related by blood!
 - ✓ He had to be free Himself!
 - ✓ He had to perform work of redemption willingly!
 - ✓ He had to have the price of redemption!

REDEEMED! - Fanny Crosby, William Kirkpatrick, Terry Blackwell (3:00 / 3:03)

*Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through His infinite mercy, His child and forever I am.*

Refrain:

*Redeemed, redeemed, Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed, redeemed, His child and forever I am.*

*Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus, No language my rapture can tell;
I know that the light of His presence With me doth continually dwell. (Refrain)*

*I think of my blessed Redeemer, I think of Him all the day long;
I sing, for I cannot be silent; His love is the theme of my song. (Refrain)*

*I know I shall see in His beauty The King in whose law I delight;
Who lovingly guardeth my footsteps, And giveth me songs in the night. (Refrain)*

CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT WEEK: Study 1 Samuel, Chapters 1&2!