

Ruth: God In The Details

Understanding the Law of Redemption in Leviticus 25:23–55

1. P _____
2. B _____
3. J _____

Understanding the Levirate Marriage in Deuteronomy 25:5–10

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2. L _____
3. T _____

Understanding the provisions for the poor and the foreigner in Leviticus 19:9–10; 33–37

1. Don't be _____
2. Treat the _____ well

Understanding the Book of Ruth

I. Introduction to Elimelech's family (1:1–2a)

A. Notice the names

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| 1. Elimelech – "My God is King" | 4. Naomi – "Pleasant/My delight" |
| 2. Mahlon – "Sick" | 5. Ruth – "Friendly" |
| 3. Chilion – "Wasting away" | 6. Orpah – "Gazelle" |

B. Notice the unspoken details about their hometowns

1. Bethlehem

- a) The birthplace of _____ the king of Israel.
- b) The birthplace of _____ the king of the world.

2. Moab

- a) Moab's father was Lot and his mother was Lot's daughter. (Gen. 19:37)
- b) Moses gave the full Law to the Israelites in Moab. (Deut. 1:5)
- c) Moses died in the land of Moab. (Deut. 34:8)
- d) King Balak and the wicked prophet Balaam were from Moab. (Jsh. 24:9)
- e) King Eglon was assassinated by the left-handed prophet, Ehud (Jdg. 3:12)

II. Tragedy Strikes (1:2b–22)

- A. Notice Naomi's concern (1:2b–15)
- B. Notice Ruth's concern (1:16–17)
- C. Notice Naomi's mindset (1:18–22)

III. Introduction to Boaz (2:1–3)

- A. Notice Boaz's origin (2:1).
- B. Notice the word "_____ " (2:2–3).

IV. Boaz meets Ruth (2:4–23)

- A. First encounter in the day
 - 1. Boaz (2:4–9)
 - 2. Ruth (2:10–13)
- B. Second encounter in the day
 - 1. Boaz (2:14–16)
 - 2. Ruth (2:17–23)

V. Ruth seeks redemption (3:1–18)

- A. Consider Naomi's _____ in light of the Law (3:1–5)
- B. Consider the _____ in light of the Law (3:6–14)
- C. Consider Boaz's _____ in light of the Law (3:15–18)

VI. Boaz does the right thing (4:1–6)

- A. Offering of the _____ (4:1–4)
- B. Offering of _____ (4:5–6)

VII. The redemption process (4:7–12)

- A. Merging of laws (4:7–10)
- B. The prophetic blessing of the elders (4:11–12)

VIII. The whole point of the narrative (4:13–22)

- A. Sub-themes of the story
 - 1. Living in a _____ society ("Everyone did what seemed right in their eyes"—1:1.)
 - 2. _____ love (Ruth's likely marriage to a sickly man—1:2a.)
 - 3. Relationship with _____ (Both ways—1:2b–17.)
 - 4. Being slow to blame the Lord for the _____ in our lives (1:18–22.)
 - 5. Showing kindness to _____ (You are foreigners in this land—2.)
 - 6. Jesus as our _____ (3:1–18)
 - 7. _____ marriage (Origin is irrelevant, faith in the Lord isn't—4:13–22.)
 - 8. The relationship between _____ and _____ (God uses His servants' wealth for good—2:1.)
- B. God is preparing a _____ for Israel in David and ultimately in Jesus. (4:13–17)
- C. God used another godly _____ to be part of David and the Lord's lineage. (4:18–22)

God in the details:

- 1. He made important provisions in the Law.
- 2. He allowed the unfortunate death of Ruth's relatives.
- 3. He brought about both the famine and the provision in Bethlehem.
- 4. He lead Ruth to the field where to work.
- 5. He gave Boaz his wealth so he could redeem Elimelech's land, Naomi and Ruth.
- 6. He lead Naomi to tell Ruth about redemption through Boaz.
- 7. He lead the nearest relative to decline redeeming Ruth.