

Series "Fixed On 66"
"Ruth"
Book-8

Key Passage – Ruth 1:16; Ruth 3:11

Ruth – Hebrew word "*friendship or association*"

The Author – The book does not reveal who the author is but The Jewish Talmud attributes it to Samuel.

When Written – Period of the Judges. Covers 30 years of time. **Ruth 1:1 Now it came about in the days when the judges governed,**

Judges covers the period of 1380-1045 BC 335 years. Judges extends another 30 years as it includes Samuel.

Where Ruth Was Written – Israel; took place short period in Moab then Bethlehem.

Purpose – A Book of Redemption - Dark days of the Judges, as in our dark days, God is getting his bride ready (Ruth) for Boaz for the wedding. Providence of God through Naomi, Ruth and Boaz, and the link of the Savior through David.

Theme – "*Love in Dark Times*"

Key Words – Kinsman-Redeemer 13 times

Key Chapter – Ruth 4 In just 22 verses, Ruth moves from widowhood and poverty to marriage and wealth. Boaz brings a Moabite woman into the family line of David and eventually of Jesus Christ.

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Outline:

- 1. Ruth 1 Ruth's Sorrow**
- 2. Ruth 2 Ruth's Service**
- 3. Ruth 3 Ruth's Surrender**
- 4. Ruth 4 Ruth's Satisfaction**

1. Ruth 1 Ruth's Sorrow

Ruth 1:1-5 Naomi's Wrong Decision: Ruth 1:1 a famine in the land.
This was the discipline of the Lord. God had promised that He would provide for Israel.

Judges 6:5-6

a certain man of Bethlehem (Elimelech **Ruth 1:3) in Judah went to sojourn in the land of Moab with his wife and his two sons.**

Moab - Was from the descendants of Abraham's nephew, Lot. When he left Sodom, his two daughters made him drunk and they committed incest with their father, which produced Moab and Ammon. (**Genesis 19:30-38**)

Deuteronomy 23:3-4

Ruth 1:3 Elimelech - "*My God is king*" He died. The Lord was not king in his life, he was running from his problems.

Naomi - "*my delight*" "*The pleasant one.*"

Ruth 1:4 They took for themselves Moabite women as wives;

Deuteronomy 7:3-4

Ruth - "*friendship*"

And they lived there about ten years. They were only going to Moab because of the famine, short term became long term for ten years.

Ruth 1:5

"They traded one famine for three funerals!" Or "Fruitful Moab became a cemetery!"

Job 9:4 "Wise in heart and mighty in strength, Who has defied Him without harm?"

Ruth 1:6-14 Naomi's Wrong Counsel: Naomi decides to go back to Israel. She tells Orpah and Ruth that they need to go back to their own people, and she will go back to God's people.

Ruth 1:13 for the hand of the LORD has gone forth against me."

Ruth 1:14 Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

Ruth 1:16

1. Ruth makes a commitment to Naomi.
2. Ruth makes a commitment to the people of God.
3. Ruth makes a commitment to the true God.

Ruth 1:19-22 Naomi's Wrong Attitude: Ruth 1:19-20 "Do not call me Naomi; "*The pleasant one*" or "*My delight*"

call me Mara, "Bitter"

for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. She was accusing God of not doing good. **Hebrews 12:11**

Ruth 1:21 People get so bitter and then they blame the Lord for their own drama!

Ruth 1:22 at the beginning of barley harvest. This is a new beginning. She comes home to where she should have been in the first place.

2. Ruth 2 Ruth's Service

Ruth 2:1-3 God Guides Ruth: Ruth 2:1 had a kinsman of her husband, The term **kinsman** - This is the Hebrew word "*Goel*" That means "*Redeemer*"

This is a beautiful picture of **Jesus Christ who is our "Kinsman Redeemer"** who came to pay the debt of the sins of the whole world.
1 John 2:2

whose name was Boaz - "*Strength, Sturdy*" His name reflected the character of the man.

Ruth 2:2

Leviticus 23:22 you are to leave them for the needy and the alien. God's provision for the needy. Had to go out and gather their food!

Ruth 2:3 she happened to come to the portion of the field belonging to Boaz, God's leading, the providence of God!

Ruth 2:4-16 Boaz Shows Kindness to Ruth: Ruth 2:5-6 She was known as the Moabite woman that returned with Naomi.

Ruth 2:7-10 Ruth comes in humility: She knew that she was excluded from God and His people, she did not deserve what she had been given.

Ruth 2:11 Our life is ever being watched. Let our light shine.

Ruth 2:12 "He asks that the Lord would reward Ruth for her selflessness.

Ruth 2:17-23 Naomi Encourages Ruth: Ruth 2:18-20

Hope Because Of Who Boaz Was - A Kinsman. Used **13 times** in Ruth.

The closest relative (Called a "**kinsman redeemer**" or Hebrew - "*Goel*")

"Kinsman Redeemer" Could Redeem 3 Things:

- 1. Personal Property - Leviticus 25:25**
- 2. Persons that were sold into slavery - Leviticus 25:26; 47-49**
- 3. Widows redeemed by marriage so their family name and inheritance would continue - (Deuteronomy 25:5-10)**

We have hope as Christians because of who Jesus is.

Ruth 2:22-23

3. Ruth 3 Ruth's Surrender

Ruth 3:1-5 Ruth Obeys Naomi's Counsel: Ruth 3:1-2 Naomi was wanting Ruth to claim all that was available to her recorded in God's Word.

The 3 Rules for the Kinsman Redeemer:

- 1. He had to be the closest relative.** Jesus was the perfect sacrifice.
- 2. Be willing. Matthew 11:28**
- 3. Be able. Matthew 28:18**

Ruth 3:3-5 you shall go and uncover his feet and lie down; Why do it this way? Laying at the feet; It was a sign of submission, of total trust.

Ruth 3:6-13 Ruth Submits to Boaz: Ruth 3:6-7

Ruth 3:8-9 She was asking Boaz to be her kinsman redeemer to marry her for 3 reasons:

1. Boaz did not know that Ruth was interested.
2. Boaz was older.
3. Boaz was not next of kin.

Ruth 3:10-11 He assured her, **do not fear** - Jesus does the same with those that put their trust in Him. He assured her that he would take care of her.

Ruth 3:12-13

Ruth 3:14-18 Ruth Waits For Boaz To Work: Ruth 3:14-18 "Wait - "Sit still" be still, take your hands off and relax.

4. Ruth 4 Ruth's Satisfaction

Ruth 4:1-12 Boaz Redeems Ruth: Ruth 4:1 gate - The gate became the center of town, by which every person would have to pass by coming and going. It became the courthouse of each city. Elders would sit at the gates and would judge the issues of the city.

he said, "Turn aside, friend, sit down here."

Ruth 4:2-4

And he said, "I will redeem it." We have to hand it to this guy for his generosity to be willing to redeem the land.

Ruth 4:5 By the way, I forgot to tell you, that **you must also acquire Ruth the Moabitess**, Ruth's husband's land was tied to her, so she went with it. **Moabites** were outcasts, **Deuteronomy 23:3** They were hated, they were gentiles like ourselves.

Ruth 4:6 I would jeopardize my own inheritance. He was already married so he did not want to sacrifice his name.

Redeem it for yourself; you may have my right of redemption, for I cannot redeem it." Our Boaz, Jesus, loves us so much that He was willing to become a man to redeem us from our sin. He laid aside the glory!

Ruth 4:7-9 Boaz paid the price to redeem her inheritance.

Revelation 5 We have a scene in heaven where the title deed to earth is in the hand of God the Father and the question is asked: Who has authority to take the title deed to earth? It is Jesus alone.

Ruth 4:10

Matthew 13:44 (Treasure - Church, Bride. Field - world)

Ruth 4:11-12

Ruth 4:13-21 Boaz Marries Ruth And Is Blessed With A Son: Ruth 4:13-14

They are speaking about the new child **verse -17** "Obed" - "Servant," "Worshipper" Obed took the place of Elimelech.

Ruth 4:15 He would be a servant to Naomi and a worshipper of God.

Ruth 4:16 This woman that was bitter, who was empty handed now with a new grandson, new son in-law and a new future.

Ruth 4:17 Through this child came the great king David. But greater than David is the fact that Jesus Christ came through Obed, our kinsman Redeemer.

Ruth 4:22 and to Obed was born Jesse, and to Jesse, David. It was foretold in **Genesis 50** that the Messiah would come through the tribe of Judah. It links the family through Ruth.

Application: Look at 6 lessons we can learn from this wonderful book:

- (1) No matter how difficult the situation may be, if we surrender to the Lord and obey Him, He will see us through.
- (2) No person is so far outside the reach of God's grace that he or she cannot be saved. Ruth had everything against her, but the Lord saved her!
- (3) God providentially guides those who want to obey Him and serve others. Because Ruth was concerned for Naomi, God led her and brought her into a life of blessing.
- (4) It does no good to get angry at God and blame Him for our mistakes. God used Ruth to lead Naomi out of despair and into His blessing.
- (5) There are no "small decisions" with God. Ruth's decision to glean in the fields led to her becoming an ancestress of King David and of the Messiah. **Psalm 37:3-7** fulfilled in Ruth's experience.
- (6) It is wise to wait on the Lord and let Him work out His loving purposes. **Isaiah 28:16**, NIV. **"The one who trusts will never be dismayed"** After we have done all that we can do, we must trust the Lord to do the rest; and He will never fail us.