

The Book of RUTH

A Love Story of Redemption

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Date: 1:1 The period of the Judges “in the days when the Judges ruled”

Ruth 4:17 And they called his name Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Ruth is the Great-Grandmother of King David

David (the grandson of Ruth’s son Obed) was born around 1,030 BC

David became king of Israel in 1,000 BC and reigned until 961 BC

OUTLINE OF RUTH

Chapter 1 Ruth’s Loyalty and Devotion

Chapter 2 Ruth’s Persistence and Hard Work

Chapter 3 Ruth’s Obedience and Humility

Chapter 4 Ruth’s Provision for an Heir to Naomi

3 FEATURES OF RUTH

1. The Significance of Bethlehem
2. Levirate Marriage 1:10-13
3. Kinsman Redeemer Ch 3 & 4

I. BETHLEHEM

1:1 Drought in Bethlehem, Judah

1:2 Ruth 1:2 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.

Genesis 35:15-20 Death of Rachel

15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him, Bethel.

16 Then they journeyed from Bethel. And when there was but a little distance to go to Ephrath, Rachel labored in childbirth, and she had hard labor. 17 Now it came to pass, when she was in hard labor, that the midwife said to her, "Do not fear; you will have this son also." 18 And so it was, as her soul was departing (for she died), that she called his name Ben-Oni; but his father called him Benjamin. 19 So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem). 20 And Jacob set a pillar on her grave, which is the pillar of **Rachel's grave to this day. NKJV (The Tomb of Rachel is a site in Bethlehem today)**

Micah 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me, The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting." **(Messianic Prophecy)**

Also See Matthew 2:4-6

John 7:41-44 Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee? 42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?" 43 So there was a division among the people because of Him. 44 Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

Without Bethlehem, Christmas would not have “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

II. Levirate Marriage 1:10-13 Levirate- “husbands’ brother”

Responsibility of Brother-In-Law to marry brother’s childless widow.

The purpose of the law was to provide an heir for the dead brother, thereby preserving his name and estate.

1:7 Returning to Judah

1:10-13 Ruth 1:10-13

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

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? 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, 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!" NKJV

Deuteronomy 25:5-10 Marriage Duty of the Surviving Brother

5 "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.' (See Ruth 4:7) NKJV

In the Genealogy of Jesus; Tamar, Ruth and Bathsheba are listed

Matthew 1:2-6

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. NKJV

Tamar Genesis 38:6-11, 18, 24-26

Ruth 1:16-17 "Wherever you go, I will go, And wherever you lodge, I will lodge, Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God. Where you die, I will die."

III. The Kinsman Redeemer

Chapter 2 Ruth meets Boaz
2:2 Gleaning Leviticus 23:22

2: 8, 11, 15,

Chapter 3 Kinsman Redeemer
3:9, 3:12, 3:18

Chapter 4 4:5-11 The close relative releases his claim to Boaz 4:17, 21-22

Descendants of Boaz & Ruth

Obed, Jesse, David, and JESUS- The Lion of the Tribe of Judah Revelation 5:5
The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. Revelation 13:8