

Ruth

1 – Ruth 1—Naomi And Ruth

What do we know about “the days when the judges ruled”? Why did Mahlon and Kilion marry Moabite women? What triple tragedy occurred for Naomi and her daughter’s in law? What was Naomi’s solution to this problem? What was Ruth’s solution? What made the difference between Ruth and Orpah? How do we see this same difference in people around us today?

2 – Ruth 2—Godly Romance

What danger would a young, widow be taking in gleaning in a stranger’s field? What if she was not an Israelite? V.3 says, “as it turned out” - do things “just happen by chance”? or what does this mean? What do we know of Boaz? Why is Boaz so interested in Ruth? What does this teach us about God’s love for all people?

3 – Ruth 3—Kinsman-Redeemer

What is a “kinsman-redeemer”? How was Naomi a “matchmaker”? Is this good? What does it mean to “spread the corner of your garment over me”? (v.9) How did Boaz and Ruth both show discretion?

4 – Ruth 4—Covenant Marriage

What was involved in the marriage to Ruth? What is prophetic as to the blessing of the elders and those at the gate who made it legal? (v.11-12) Note also v.12 with v.1822. (Who might have written the book of Ruth?)

5 – Ruth 1-4 —Jesus’ Relatives

Since the book is so short, take, read it all at one time - getting the whole story at once. “Watch” God’s hand of guiding that blessing in the lives of Naomi, Ruth, Boaz and every one of us!