

PART 2: JUDGES OF ISRAEL

LESSON 7: THE REDEMPTION OF RUTH – RUTH 1-4

RUTH 1	RESOLVE	ONE = ONE DAUGHTER-IN-LAW
RUTH 2	“RIGHTS”	<u>TWO</u> = <u>TOO</u> POOR TO BUY FOOD
RUTH 3	REQUEST	<u>THREE</u> = <u>PLEA</u> FOR HELP (REDEMPTION)
RUTH 4	REWARD	<u>FOUR</u> = <u>FORTUNATE</u> / <u>FOUR</u> GENERATIONS TO DAVID

- 1. DURING WHAT TIME DOES THE STORY OF RUTH TAKE PLACE? (1:1) WHO ARE THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY CHARACTERS IN RUTH 1? (VV. 2, 4) (OPTIONAL: WHAT IS THE MEANING OF EACH OF THE NAMES OF THE CHARACTERS?) THE NON-JEWISH CHARACTERS ARE FROM WHAT PEOPLE GROUP? (V. 4; CF. DEUT 23:3-6)**
- 2. THE JEWISH CHARACTERS ARE FROM WHAT TOWN? (V. 1) TO WHAT LAND DO THEY IMMIGRATE? (V. 2) WHAT HAPPENS TO THE MALE CHARACTERS? (VV. 3, 5) SUMMARIZE WHAT THEIR WIVES DECIDE TO DO THEREAFTER? (VV. 6-18) (OPTIONAL: NAOMI, AFTER HER LOSSES, DOES NOT RENOUNCE HER BELIEF IN THE LORD BUT DOUBTS HIS PROVIDENCE IN HER LIFE. HOW MIGHT THE STORY OF RUTH HELP THOSE WHO FACE SIMILAR HARDSHIPS?) TO WHAT DOES NAOMI CHANGE HER NAME, AND WHY? (V. 20)**

- 3. THE WORD TRANSLATED “KINSMAN” (HEB. MODAH) IS ONLY USED IN RUTH 2:1 AND PROV 7:4. WHO IS THE KINSMAN OF NAOMI? (RUTH 2:1) WHAT DOES HIS NAME MEAN? (OPTIONAL: WHAT PART OF THE TEMPLE OF SOLOMON IS LATER NAMED BOAZ? [1 KGS 7:21; 2 CHRON 3:17] DO YOU THINK THAT THERE IS A CONNECTION? WHY, OR WHY NOT?)**

- 4. WHAT LAW HAD GOD GIVEN ISRAEL IN LEV 19:9-10? HOW DOES THE INTERACTION BETWEEN BOAZ AND RUTH DEMONSTRATE THE VIRTUE OF BOAZ? (RUTH 2:2-17) HOW DOES NAOMI RESPOND WHEN SHE FINDS OUT ABOUT THE KINDNESS OF BOAZ? (RUTH 2:18-23) (OPTIONAL: IN YOUR OWN WORDS, DESCRIBE WHAT THE WORD TRANSLATED “KINDNESS” [HEB. CHESED] MEANS IN 1:8, 2:20, AND 3:10—THE THREE PLACES WHERE IT IS USED IN RUTH?)**

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