



# THE MESSENGER

## AUGUST 11, 2024

### NEWS AND NOTES

#### **Congregational Meeting**

August 11

#### **Our Next Gospel Meeting**

October 6-11

#### **Weekly Bible Studies**

Thursday at 1:15 on Zoom

#### **Times of Service**

##### **Sunday**

Bible study: 9:45 AM

Worship: 10:45 AM; 6 PM

##### **Wednesday**

Bible study: 7:30 PM

(Immediately followed by a short worship service)

#### **First Friday of Month**

##### **Singing**

September 6

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### “IN THE DAYS WHEN THE JUDGES RULED”

With this article we are beginning a series on Ruth. That wonderful little book teaches us so much about faith, love, loyalty, God’s providential care, and God’s willingness to accept Gentiles who truly love him. I pray that you find this series beneficial!

The first piece of information provided is that the events described occurred “*in the days when the judges ruled.*” (1:1a) This means that the events of “Ruth” happened during some dark very times in the history of God’s people. The book of Judges, as has often been said, shows a repeating cycle of wickedness, judgment, repentance, and deliverance. Portions of that book are frankly very uncomfortable to read. Take a look at Judges 17-21 if you need a reminder for just how horrible things became.

That section of Judges also shows the truthfulness of the statement, “*In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.*” (21:25) If you really want to see how wicked and vile people can become, find those who are following their own hearts to establish their morals and ethics. It has never been pretty when a people’s “*justice and dignity go forth from themselves.*” (Habakkuk 1:7b)

We also know that “Ruth” was written sometime after the events it describes. The final five verses of the book (4:18-22) provide a genealogy that ends with David. Ruth, a Moabitess, was David’s grandmother. We will have more to say about that as we continue.

## **Members Needing Our Prayers**

Ralph Fox, Jill Harrison, Joyce Bolton, Rick Small, Benny and Arlena Poynter, Gary Brown, Janett Brundige, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

## **Others Needing Prayer**

Doris Baker, Jodi Harrison, Bob Brundige, Charlie Ford, Rose Curtis, Josh McKibben, Phyllis Harmon, Maurice Baker, Jeff Padgett, John Thompson, Georgia Patton, Glenda Miller, Patty Hill, Janice Parsons, Mark Nickles, Paul and Marrian Lyda

## **To Our Guests**

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Within this dismal period of Israel's history, the author of "Ruth" introduces us to a family. We're not given much information about the men, besides their deaths, but the women are remarkable. We will see them experience deep emotional and spiritual pain. We will see loss and bitterness rivaling even that of Job. (Ruth 1:19-21) And yet, as with Job, we will see a deep and abiding faith that never went away.

We will also see one of the most incredible individuals in scripture, a young woman whose loyalty and love have reverberated through the ages. This Moabite woman was such a blessing that even the people of Israel could not help but speak of her in the most glowing of ways. (3:10-11; 4:14-15)

I encourage you to take some time this week to read this short book and get its events firmly in mind. Lord willing, we will begin in earnest with the next article. Adam Litmer

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