

## Bible Study – Outline

### Ruth

The romance of Redemption

#### Overview

The book of Ruth is one of those beautiful Old Testament pictures that is designed by God himself to illustrate the dramatic truths of the Christian faith expounded in the New Testament. It is a word picture in the Old Testament illustrative of the truth we find in the New Testament, as I Corinthians tells us:

“Now these things happened to them as a warning [literally, as a type] but they were written down for our instruction, upon whom the end of the ages has come.” (1 Corinthians 10:11)

It is the story of the romance of redemption.

When Elimelech, "my God is king" married Naomi, "pleasure" he fell into the bitterness of death. Out of that comes Ruth, in the beauty of humility, taking her place as a destitute stranger, dependent upon the grace of Boaz, "the strong one, the one of wealth and strength." He redeems her and binds her to himself in marriage. When "beauty" is married to "strength," the house is filled with "worship."

Source: Adventuring Through the Bible – Ray Stedman

#### Key People

Elimelech	- "my God is king."
Naomi.	- "pleasure." - Mara - "bitterness."
Mahlon	- "sick"
Chilion	- "pining away."
Orpah	- "fawn"
Ruth	- "beauty."
Boaz	- "strength" - a man of strength and of wealth
Obed	- "worship"

## THE BOOK OF RUTH

### RUTH, A WOMAN OF DEEP LOVE AND DEVOTION

Ruth's friendship with and devotion to Naomi	Ruth 1
Ruth meets Boaz; Boaz cares for Ruth	Ruth 2

### RUTH'S LOVE IS REWARDED

Ruth's request for redemption	Ruth 3
Boaz marries Ruth; Ruth bears a son Obed	Ruth 4

### Key Scriptures

Ruth 1:16-17 Ruth gives up the gentile world and its religions

Ruth 2: 2 "...in whose sight I shall find grace."

Ruth 2: 12 Under whose wings you are come to trust (Ps.17.8, Ps. 36.7)

Ruth 2:17 an ephah = 22 liters or approx. 30lbs

Ruth 3: 5 "all that you say I will do.."

Ruth 3:11 analogy to the "church"

Ruth 4:11-12 Make Ruth like Rachel and Leah

Ruth 4:21 Salmon the father of Boaz, Boaz the father of Obed,

Matt. 1:5 Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, 6 and Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon,

## Discussion Questions

What happened to Orpah and what does that symbolize?

Ruth was a gentile (Moabite) – why is this important?

How would you describe the character of Boaz?

How would you describe the qualities of Ruth?

If Ruth is representative of the Church – do we exhibit the same qualities?

## Resources

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