

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible
 Current Book: *Ruth* – verse by verse

Scripture(s) for Today: Ruth 4:18-22 – Ruth’s son will become the grandfather of David the king

Today’s Message:

“The Scarlet Line”



INTRODUCTION

Last week, Ruth got her “*happily ever after.*” Similarly, we were reminded how the Church (the bride of Jesus Christ) will live happily ever after also! Today, we will finish the book of Ruth with a thought provoking ending to an incredible story. God will choose to end the book with a genealogy that connects Ruth and her son to Judah and to David the _____! Now, David is not just any king: he is the king with the royal lineage that leads to Jesus Christ the Messiah – Son of David! We will be reminded that God is gracious and _____ despite the unfaithfulness of His people at times and those He wants to use for His glory. The lineage of Jesus Christ is full of stories of God’s incredible _____ and mercy!

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. The Text Ruth 4:18-22

#1. The Scarlet Thread – Judah had 3 sons, then twins; 1 got a _____ thread.

➤ **The sons of Judah were almost all killed by God; Pharez was the result of Judah’s sin.**

✓ WHAT HAPPENED

- The story of Judah’s sons is a unique _____ in the story of Joseph. **Gen 38**
- Judah was the great grandson of Abraham; he was the son of Jacob (Israel).
- Judah was **impulsive, indecisive, immoral,** and **inhuman** in this story.
- Judah married a Canaanite and had 3 sons; he took a wife for **Er** named **Tamar**.
- Judah’s first 2 boys – **Er** and **Onan** – were slain by God Himself. Imagine that!
- **Shelah** was not given to Tamar (Judah’s daughter-in-law) as promised.
- Tamar played the harlot with an unsuspecting Judah; she became pregnant.
- After hypocrisy and sin discovery, Judah said Tamar had been more _____.
- The first baby was almost **Zarah**: the midwife put a _____ thread on his hand.
- Officially, **Pharez** came out first: his name reflected his unexpected “*breach.*”

✓ COMPARING SCRIPTURES

- *Judah must have repented of his way; he interceded for Benjamin!* **Gen 43:8-9**
- *Judah received Jacob’s chief blessing: Messiah would come by him!* **Gen 49:8-12**

NOTE Judah’s life story teaches us about God’s mercy and grace! God had a plan to bring Jesus Christ through Judah’s lineage who seemed to be doing everything he could to prevent God from using him. He had a privilege, great potential, and almost lost it.

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#2. The Scarlet Line – Rahab in the story of Joshua also had a _____ thread.

- **God weaves a scarlet line through the pages of the Bible and the lives of its sinners.**
- ✓ **WHAT HAPPENED**
 - Rahab used a **scarlet cord** to help spies – a sign of God’s _____. **Josh 2:1-22**
 - Rahab let the spies down; then, she bound **the scarlet line** in her window.
 - **Joshua** remembered Rahab; she and her house were _____. **Josh 6:22-23**
- ✓ **COMPARING SCRIPTURES**
 - *Rahab was adopted into the family of Israel; she married Salmon.* **Mt 1:5**
 - *Rahab and Salmon had a son named Boaz – Ruth’s kinsman _____!* **Mt 1:5**

NOTE The line of scarlet thread is like God’s “*breadcrumbs*” leading us to something big!

#3. The Scarlet Robe – Jesus Christ also wore something with _____ thread!

- **Of the 52 verses in the Bible that contain “scarlet,” the picture is completed in Jesus!**
- ✓ **WHAT HAPPENED**
 - Jesus Christ was betrayed and wronged with a scandalous trial. **Mt 26:47-27:18**
 - Pilate wanted to wash his hands of the “*innocent blood*” repeatedly. **27:24**
 - The Jews, however, shouted, “*His blood be on us, and on our children.*” **27:25**
 - Then, the soldiers stripped Jesus Christ and put on him a _____ robe. **27:28**
 - Then, the soldiers platted a crown of thorns on Jesus’ head and mocked. **27:29**
 - Then, the soldiers spit upon him, smote the Lord of glory on the head. **27:30-31**
- ✓ **COMPARING SCRIPTURES**
 - *The tabernacle, curtains, vail and worship of God was full of scarlet!* **Ex 25-39**
 - *The priestly cleansings including dipping a bird and scarlet in blood!* **Lev 14:5-52**
 - *The table of shewbread and contents were covered with a scarlet cloth!* **Num 4:8**
 - *The virtuous woman’s family of Proverbs 31 are clothed with scarlet!* **Prov 31:21**
 - *The lips of Solomon’s bride are like a thread of scarlet!* **Song of Songs 4:3**
 - *God asks all to Come, reason with Him – though your sins be as scarlet!* **Isa 1:18**
 - *Hebrews connects last dot – scarlet is the _____ of Jesus Christ!* **Heb 9:19-28**

NOTE The scarlet thread weaves a line of flawed people to a wonderful, merciful Saviour!

B. The Lessons (How can you apply this message to your life?)

1. **God is not ashamed to bring His Son through a lineage of _____ trusting Him!**

❖ **Question:** *What is your story? Are you IN the scarlet line? Jn 3:5; Rom 8:17; Eph 1:1-14*

2. **The story of Ruth should fill us with great joy – a message of unending _____!**

❖ **Question:** *How has God’s grace changed you? Are you repentant? thankful? Eph 3:1-21*

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