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

Scripture(s) for Today: Ruth 1:1-5 – a family in Bethlehem during the days when judges ruled

Today's Message:

"Tragic Decisions"



INTRODUCTION

Today, as we introduce our new book, God will show us the record and true story of a family in Israel. When a famine comes in the land, the husband will make a TRAGIC decision not to trust God and lead his wife and two sons to the cursed country of Moab where tragedy will strike. The book of Ruth will begin with a **FUNERAL** and end with a wedding; it will begin with a **FAMINE** and close with fulness. The marriage of Boaz and Ruth is one of the many marriages in the Bible that demonstrate our relationship and marriage to Jesus Christ! Our redemption by the Lord Jesus Christ is so gloriously ROMANTIC!

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. Overview of Ru	uth * FUNDAMENTAL INFORMATION *
Title Means: Friend,	, Friendship, Companion; the word Ruth is HEBREW in origin.
The Numbers:	Chapters: 4 Verses: 85 Words: 2,578 Ps 12:6-7; Prov 30:5
Author: <u>SAMUEL</u>	(Jews have always ascribed authorship to him; Rom 3:2)
Historical Time: 1322 BC to 1312 BC (Ruth 4:18-22 could have been written at a later date)	
Theme: The Remarks of Redometion (Redemetion without LOVE is RELIGION())	

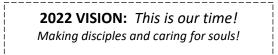
The Romance of Redemption (Redemption without LOVE is <u>RELIGION</u>!) Theme:

Ruth is the 8^{th} book in the Bible. Ruth is the only woman directly called (*Ruth 3:11*) Keynote: a VIRTUOUS woman. The word "virtuous" appears 3 X in the KJV – Prov 12:4; 31:10

THREE BASIC APPLICATIONS

1. Historical Ruth, a **CURSED** Moabitess and enemy of Israel, is brought into the blessing of marriage though a near kinsman redeemer name Boaz. The book of Ruth pictures the work of God through Israel (NAOMI) and New 2. Doctrinal Testament church-age saints (**RUTH**) during the time of apostasy just prior to the Tribulation Period. This prophetically speak of our time in history! 3. Devotional The book of Ruth teaches us about the **LOVE** of Christ during a time of

apostasy, chaos, and famine (the book of Judges). He is our Redeemer!



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OUTLINE STRUCTURE – Basic Outline

CH 1Before BoazA life of grief, misery, and death – my life before, without ChristCH 2Boaz looks on a fieldChrist sees our lost condition – He looks upon us with compassionCH 3Boaz lovesChrist loves us before we "knew" Him – before we are redeemedCH 4Boaz rejoicesChrist rejoices because we are His; we can now bear fruit for Him

RUTH: GOD PROVIDES A KINSMAN-REDEEMER Ruth 1 Ruth 2 Ruth 3 Ruth 4 Ruth's Choice Ruth's Service Ruth's Claim Ruth's Marriage Naomi and Ruth Ruth and Naomi and Boaz **Boaz and Ruth** Mutual Grief Mutual Pursuit Mutual Love Ruth's Decision: Ruth's Devotion: Ruth's Request: Ruth's Reward: **Redemption by Boaz** Return with Naomi Provide for Naomi Relative of Messiah Ruth Ruth and Boaz and Naomi Death of Ruth Cares Boaz Cares God Blesses Naomi's Family for Naomi for Ruth with New Birth Grief Loneliness Companionship Rejoicing Location: Location: Location: Location: Plains Fields Threshing floor Little town of Bethlehem of Moab of Bethlehem of Bethlehem

B. The Lesson

- The Introduction a certain man led his family into a <u>CURSED</u> place. (1-5)
 - 1. The man Elimelech was living with his family in Bethlehem the place of **BLESSING**.
 - 2. The famine was an opportunity for him to trust God and **<u>PROTECT</u>** his family.
 - 3. The decision to sojourn in cursed Moab left them **OUTSIDE** the place of blessing.
 - 4. The man **<u>DIED</u>** leaving Naomi a widow alone with her two sons.
 - 5. The sons took wives of the women of Moab and dwelled there <u>TEN</u> years.
 - 6. The sons both died also leaving Naomi alone with her two daughters-in-law.
 - ✓ This great love story begins with grief, misery, and <u>DEATH</u> life without Christ!
 - \checkmark This great love story begins with a cursed Gentile with no <u>HOPE</u> life without Christ!
 - ✓ This cursed, hopeless Gentile is about to experience the <u>ROMANCE</u> of redemption!