

A brief overview of the Old Testament from Genesis to Ruth

(Part 5 of 5: Judges and Ruth)

Judges (Cycles of sin and rescue)

1.	We must be intentional about introducing and leading the next (Judges 2:10; Deuteronomy 6; Proverbs 22:6; Psalm 71:18, 78:4-6, 145:3-4; Ephes	ians 6:4)
2.	We should be tearing down - not building up - the world's '	'. (Judges 2:1-2; Ephesians 5:8-12; :20-21; Matthew 5:13-16)
3.	Which do we love more or His Deuteronomy 6:5,10:12,21; Philippians 3:7-9; Matthew 22:37)	? (Genesis 15:1;
4.	God (not any of us) Jeremiah 17:9; Isaiah 5:20; Proverbs 14:12; John 3:19-21; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)	what is right and good. (Judges 17:6;
5.	Jesus is foreshadowed in the need for a GodlyEphesians 1:20-21; Daniel 7:13-14; 1 Timothy 6:13-15)	(Revelation 19:13,16; John 18:36; Isaiah 9:6-7;
	Ruth (Redemption)	
6.	In Ruth, we see an example of and Proverbs 11:17; Colossians 3:12; Galatians 5:22, 6:10; Philippians 2:1-4, 4:5)	(Ruth 1:16-17;
7.	In Ruth, we see the power of God to a life Romans 11:24; Colossians 1:13, 21-22; John 6:37)	e. (Ruth 2:12; 1 Peter 2:9-10; 2 Corinthians 5:17;
8.	In Ruth, we see as the ultimate Galatians 4:5-5:1: Titus 2:14: Isaiah 44:22-61:10: 2 Corinthians 5:21: Ephesians 1:	

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1.	Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2.	The book of Judges began with this sad commentary: "another generation arose after them who did not know the Lord" (Judges 2:10). What are some practical steps we can take to help ensure our next generation doesn't end up in this same place?
3.	On Sunday we noted that when the Israelites entered the 'repentance' phase of their repetitive cycle of sin, they were missing God's blessings upon their lives more than they were missing God Himself (in relationship). Which do we love more: God Himself or His blessings? What would draw us into a stronger relationship with God? (Discuss.)
4.	God told the Israelites that if they worshiped at the world's altars, the world would become a thorn in their side and their gods would become a snare to them (Judges 2:1-3); and this is precisely what happened. As the Church (God's people through the blood of Jesus Christ), what are examples of things we do/risk doing that lead us closer to this same tragic point?
5.	In what ways do we see Jesus in the book of Ruth?
6.	Boaz said to Ruth, "The Lord repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge" (Ruth 2:12). Boaz seemed to know that Ruth, although a Moabitess, was a changed woman. What is the difference between merely saying we are a Christian and taking "refuge" in Christ?

