

Ruth

Lesson One

Introduction and Purpose

A characteristic of the Book of Ruth: We can read it on two levels. The life and times of Ruth & the Typology in the Book

Two levels of Study of the Old Testament:

- 1) I Corinthians 10:1-12
Learning from the experiences of Old Testament individuals
- 2) John 5:39
We can see pictures of Christ in the Old Testament

Author:

The author is unknown.

There indicators of the timeframe for writing:

- (1) Ruth 4:17-22 (The genealogy of David)
- (2) Ruth 1:1 (After the Period of the Judges)
- (3) Ruth 4:7 (After a custom had been discontinued)

Ruth's life & times:

During the period of the Judges.

Judges 2:7-10 This is a generation that did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel.

Judges 2:11-19 (A cycle of increasing wickedness.)

Judges 21:25 In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

A rejection of God as their King.

The purpose of this book: Through typology, the book of Ruth establishes the character and credentials of Christ, as our Redeemer, Friend and rightful King.

Themes in the Book:

- 1) Love and Kindness
Ruth 1:8
- 2) Redemption
- 3) Return
- 4) Faith and the Sovereign Work of God

Personal Preparation for Study

Proverbs 2:1-5 My son if you will receive my words and hide my commandments with you; so that you incline your ear to wisdom and apply your heart to understanding; if you seek her as silver and search for her as for hid treasures; then you shall understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.

For further thought:

What transitions have you gone through in your life? How has God helped you in those times?

How does a focus on the love of God motivate you to service and a life for Him?

How has God rescued you in your life?