

I. Introduction: Boaz went to the city gate to redeem Ruth, and his act of redemption started a chain reaction of events that led to Jesus' far greater work of redemption at the cross.

II. God's Final Redemption (Ruth 4:1-22).

A. God's Redemption of Ruth (vv. 1-6).

1. Boaz went to the city gate and met the "closer relative" to see if he would redeem Ruth, but he refused, so Boaz acquired the rights to redeem Ruth for himself.

B. God's Redemption of Elimelech (vv. 7-12).

1. Boaz bought the land of Elimelech so that he might marry Ruth and perpetuate Elimelech's line and name, so that it would live on for future generations.

C. God's Redemption of Naomi (vv. 13-17).

1. God enabled Ruth to give birth to a son, who would bring about the redemption of Naomi and restore all that she had lost when she originally left Bethlehem.

D. God's Redemption of David (vv. 18-22).

1. The author traced the line of David back to Perez to show that he was from the royal pedigree of Judah, whom God had promised would rule over Israel.

III. Conclusion: God intervened in Ruth's life to bring about her redemption and the redemption of Naomi, Elimelech, Mahlon, Judah, David, and eventually humanity.

Questions About: God's Final Redemption

1. What is redemption? Where does the theme of redemption occur in the Bible? Why should you care about Ruth's redemption? How does Ruth's redemption lead to our ultimate redemption?
2. How did God use Boaz to redeem Ruth's life? (**Ruth 4:1-6**) Why didn't the narrator mention the name of the "close relative"? How many times does the word "redeem" occur in chapter 4?
3. Was the close relative initially interested in Naomi's property? (**Ruth 4:1-6**) Why did he change his mind about the land? (**v. 5**) What does this tell you about his character? (**v. 6**)
4. What were Boaz's dual motivations for redeeming Ruth? (**Ruth 4:7-12**) Why was it important that Boaz perpetuate the line of Elimelech? (**vv. 9-10**) What did that likely mean for Boaz?
5. What was the significance of the elders mentioning Rachel and Leah? (**Ruth 4:11**) Which tribe were the people of Bethlehem from? How did God redeem Judah's sorted past? (**Gen 38**)
6. Why did the author say that God opened the womb of Ruth? (**Ruth 4:13-17**) How did God leave a redeemer for Naomi? (**v. 14**) Who was the "redeemer" the author spoke about? Boaz? Obed?
7. Why did the author include a genealogy at the end of Ruth? (**Ruth 4:18-22**) Why did the author of Ruth trace the genealogy from Perez to David? Who is Perez and why is he important?
8. How did the story of Ruth bridge the gap between the book of Judges and 1 Samuel? (**Ruth 4:18-22**) How does Boaz remind us of Jesus? How is Jesus our Kinsman Redeemer?

Prayer

1. Pray that we would live in such a way that we picture the redemption of Jesus to others.
2. Pray God would help you appreciate Jesus more because of His ultimate act of redemption.