

The Story of God IN RUTH

CHAPTER 1

Elimelech “went down”

Ruth 1:1 Now in the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. And a man from Bethlehem in Judah went down to dwell as a sojourner in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons.

Genesis 12:10 And there was a famine in the land; and Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land.

Luke 10:30 Jesus, taking up the question, said, A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who having both stripped him and beaten him, went away, leaving him half dead.

Luke 15:13 And not many days after, the younger son, having gathered everything together, went abroad to a distant country and there squandered his estate by living dissolutely.

Naomi “rose up...to return to the land of Judah”

Ruth 1:6-7 Then she rose up with her daughters-in-law in order to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that Jehovah had visited His people by giving them food. **7** So she went forth from the place where she had been, along with her two daughters-in-law; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.

Genesis 13:1 And Abram went up out of Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the Negev.

Song of Songs 2:10-11 My beloved responds and says to me, / Rise up, my love, / My beauty, and come away; / **11** For now the winter is past; / The rain is over and gone.

Luke 15:18 I will rise up and go to my father, and I will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.

Ruth “clung” to Naomi and chose God and the people of God

Ruth 1:14, 16-17 And they lifted up their voice and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. **16** But Ruth said, Do not entreat me to leave you and turn away from following after you. For wherever you go, I will go, and wherever you dwell, I will dwell; and your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. **17** Where you die, I will die; and there will I be buried. Jehovah do so to me, and more as well, if anything but death parts me from you.

CHAPTER 2

Ruth exercised her right to enjoy the land

Ruth 2:2 And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I find favor. And she said to her, God, my daughter.

Leviticus 23:22 And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not completely reap the corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest; you shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner; I am Jehovah your God.

Deuteronomy 24:19 When you reap your harvest in your field and you forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not turn back to gather it; it shall be for the sojourner, the orphan, and the widow, in order that Jehovah your God may bless you in all your undertakings.

CHAPTER 3

Naomi's help and Ruth's seeking rest

Ruth 3:1-2, 5 And Naomi, her mother-in-law, said to her, My daughter, I must seek some resting place for you, that it may go well with you. **2** And now is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you have been? Behold, he is winnowing the barley tonight at the threshing floor. **5** And she said to her, All that you say, I will do.

2 Corinthians 11:2 For I am jealous over you with a jealousy of God; for I betrothed you to one husband to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.

CHAPTER 4

Ruth's reward by gaining a redeeming husband

Ruth 4:10 Furthermore Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, I acquire as my own wife so that I may raise up the dead man's name upon his inheritance and the dead man's name may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his place. You are witnesses today.

Ruth's reward of being redeemed from indebtedness

Ruth 4:9 And Boaz said to the elders and all the people, You are witnesses today, that I buy from Naomi's hand all that was Elimelech's and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's.

Ruth becoming a crucial ancestor in the genealogy of Christ

Ruth 4:13, 21-22 So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife; and he went in unto her, and Jehovah made her conceive; and she bore a son. **21** And Salmon begot Boaz, and Boaz before Obed, **22** And Obed begot Jesses, and Jesse begot David.

Matthew 1:1, 5-6 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. 5 And Salmon begot Boaz of Rahab and Boaz begot Obed of Ruth, and Obed begot Jesse, 6 And Jesse begot David the king. And David begot Solomon of her who had been the wife of Uriah.

CHRIST AND THE CHURCH

Boaz typifies Christ being rich in wealth and generous in giving

Ruth 2:1 Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a man of great wealth, from Elimelech's family; and his name was Boaz.

Ephesians 3:8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel.

Ruth 2:14-16 And Boaz said to her at mealtime, Come here and eat some food; and dip your morsel in the vinegar. And she said beside the reapers, and he extended some parched grain to her. And she ate and was satisfied, and she had some left. **15** And when she rose up to glean, Boaz charged his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the standing grain, and do not reproach her. **16** And also pull out some from the bundles for her, and leave it for her to glean; and do not rebuke her.

Matthew 14:19-20 And after commanding the crowds to recline on the grass, He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples to the crowds. 20 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve hand baskets full.

Ephesians 5:25b Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her.

Boaz typifies Christ as Redeemer

Ruth 4:4-5 So I thought that I should disclose this to you and say, Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you can redeem it, redeem it; but if you cannot redeem it, tell me so that I will know; for there is no one to redeem it ahead of you, and I am after you.

And he said, I will redeem it. 5 Then Boaz said, On the day you buy the field from Naomi's hand, you must also acquire Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead man, in order to raise up the dead man's name upon his inheritance.

Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of offenses, according to the riches of His grace.

Ruth typifies the church as redeemed sinners

Ruth 1:22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

*Ephesians 2:11-13 Therefore remember that once you, the Gentiles in the flesh, those who are called uncircumcision by that which is called circumcision in the flesh made by hands, **12** That you were at that time apart from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world. **13** But now in Christ Jesus you who were once far off have become near in the blood of Christ.*

THE WAY OF LIFE AND THE SENSE OF LIFE

Deuteronomy 30:19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today: I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life that you and your seed may live.

Genesis 2:9 And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Ephesians 4:18 Being darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance which is in them, because of the hardness of their heart.

Colossians 3:4 When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, I am the way and the reality and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.

Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.

Romans 8:6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.