



OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY: JOSHUA, JUDGES, RUTH



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Book of Joshua- The Basics

- Author- Joshua with a few Eleazer, the priest and his son Phinehas
- Time written- apx. 1250-1200 BC
- God's people in God's Promised Land!
- Division of book:
 - Joshua 1-12: Conquering the Land
 - Joshua 13-22: Division/Distribution of the Land to the Tribes
 - Joshua 23-24: Joshua's Farewell/Call to Courageous Faith and his Death
- Main characters/events
 - Joshua- "The Lord is my Salvation" *Jesus = Joshua in Hebrew*
 - Battle of Jericho/ Rahab the Harlot
 - Cities of Refuge
 - Continuous battles



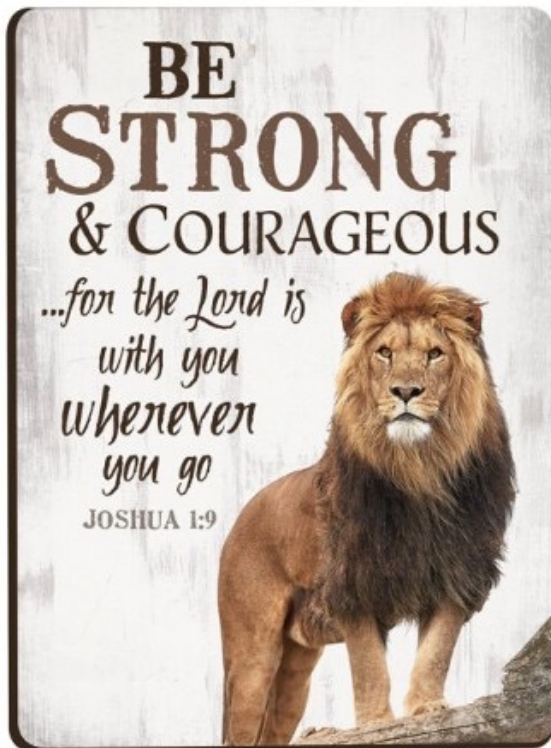
Who is Joshua?

- His father is Nun, from the tribe of **Ephraim**
 - Ephraim is the son of Joseph and Asenath, the daughter of an Egyptian priest
 - Genesis 41:50-52
 - Two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim were 50% Hebrew and 50% Egyptian (African). Upon his deathbed, Jacob adopted Ephraim and Manasseh as his own sons, and gives them Reuben's birthright.
- Joshua was likely born in Goshen, Egypt as a slave
- **Personal attendant and aide-de-camp to Moses**
- **Went up to Mt Sinai several times with Moses and saw God**
 - Would not leave the Tent of Meeting (wanted to be in God's presence)
 - One of 12 sent to spy in the new land
 - Only he and Caleb believed God! All the rest died from plague
 - Military Commander
 - Leader of Israel
- **Filled with the Spirit of Wisdom (Deut. 34:9)**
- **Has the Spirit of Leadership (Numbers 27:16-20)**
- Prototype of Jesus



God Speaks to Joshua- Chapter 1

- Moses is dead, you and these people....
GET READY to cross the Jordan
- Reiterates the promise AGAIN that I will give you the land
 - Every place your foot treads
 - Territory from the desert to Lebanon and from the Euphrates to the Mediterranean Sea
- As I was with Moses, so I will be with you
- God says 3 times: Be strong and courageous
- Joshua speaks to the Reubenites, the Gadites and the ½ tribe of Manasseh - agree or be put to death



Spies and a Miracle

- Two spies are sent ahead
 - Rahab, the harlot hides them
 - She has heard of them and this God of miracles (*Joshua 2:8-11*)
 - Spies agree to protect her and her family
 - Scarlet thread- (*Passover/ blood of Jesus*)
 - Joshua 2:23-24
- The Crossing of the Jordan
 - The Ark goes before the people (like the Pillar of Cloud)
 - The water parts and the people cross on dry ground
 - Joshua builds a memorial of 12 stones in Gilgal to remind them of the dry ground crossing



Battle of Jericho

- Circumcision AGAIN and Passover celebrated!
- Joshua meets The Commander of the Lord's Army
 - You are on Holy Ground- same as Moses on Mt. Sinai
- Directions from the Lord
 - Priests blew the trumpets, while the Israelites marched around city in silence 1x/day x 6 days, *then....*
 - They marched around city 7x on the 7th day, *then....*
 - On the 7th time around, they blew the trumpets (shofars) and the people shouted AND....
- Jericho taken!
 - The walls fall down
 - Burned the city & took the silver, gold, bronze and iron for Tabernacle Treasury
- Rahab and her entire family are spared!
 - Matthew 1:5- Rahab's husband is Salmon and their son is BOAZ
 - Hebrews 11:31- Rahab was full of FAITH
 - James 2:25- Rahab is considered RIGHTEOUS for what she did
- The Lord was with Joshua and his fame spreads



31 Battles/ Kings

Battle of Ai

- Should have been easier
- The sin of Achan
 - Tribe, clan, family, man... THEN he confessed
 - Achan, family, livestock were STONED, then burned and called the Valley of Achor (Trouble)
 - 1 Chron. 2:7
 - Joshua 22:19-20
 - Ai ambushed the 2nd time
- Joshua reads the Book of the Law (Blessings and Cursings)
- Gibeonite deception
- Other Battles- Joshua 10-19
 - SOUTH: The 5 Kings join forces: Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish and Eglon
 - Hailstones
 - The Sun Stands Still
 - The Kings are killed and buried in a cave
 - All other cities (31 total) are captured and kings destroyed
 - NORTH
 - Caleb- asks for Hebron (in the South)





Division of the Land: Chapters 13-19

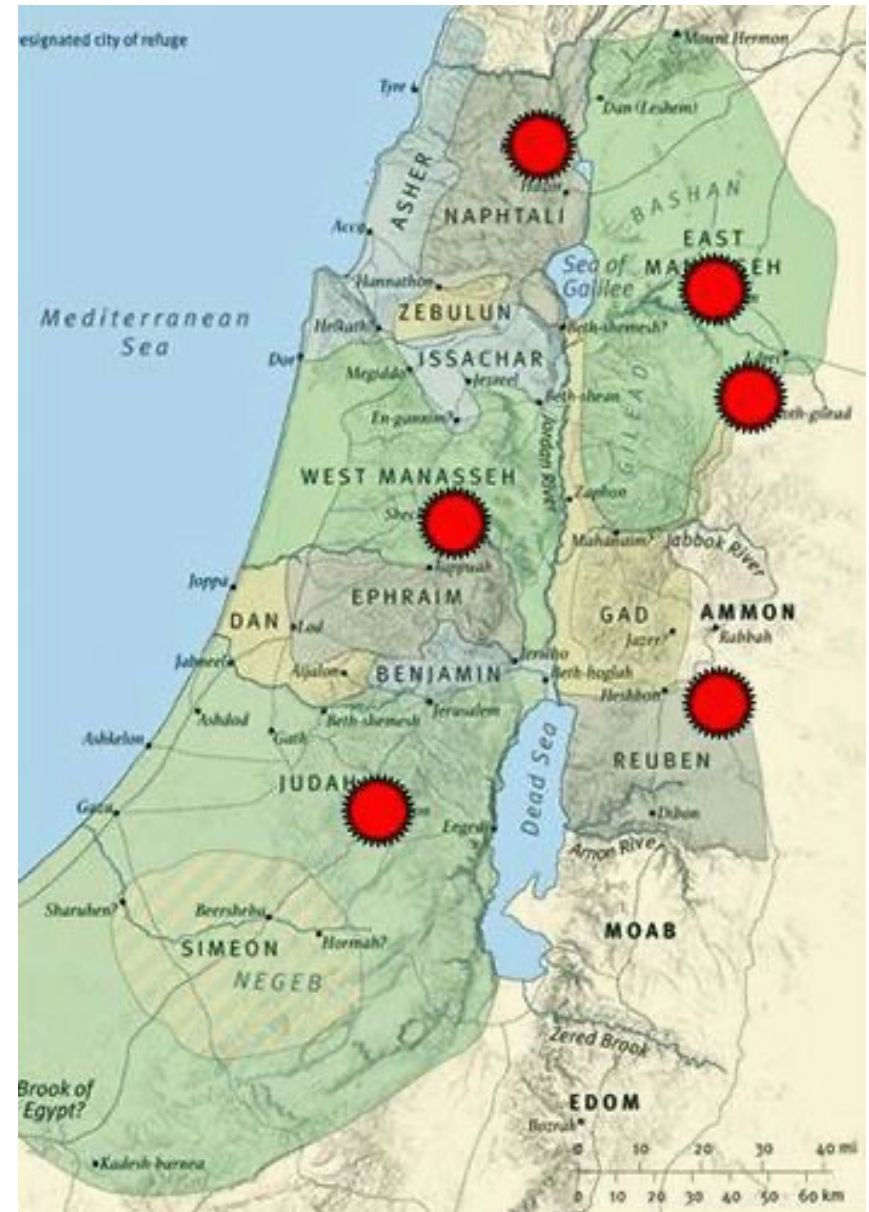
Cities of Refuge

West of Jordan

- Kedesh in Galilee (*Naphtali*)
- Shechem (*Ephraim*)
- Kiriath Arba/ Hebron (*Judah*)

East of Jordan

- Bezer (*Reuben*)
- Ramoth in Gilead (*Gad*)
- Golan in Bashan (*Manasseh*)



The Six Cities of Refuge

“And of the cities which you give, you shall have six cities of refuge. You shall appoint three cities on this side of the Jordan, and three cities you shall appoint in the land of Canaan, which will be cities of refuge. These six cities shall be for refuge for the children of Israel, for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them, that anyone who kills a person accidentally may flee there.

Numbers 35:13-15

PURPOSE OF THE CITIES OF REFUGE

■ For those who had committed accidental man slaughter.

■ Could remain in the city until released from banishment by the death of the high priest.

■ City was a refuge for the “avenger of blood.” The “avenger of blood” was the victim’s nearest male relative, and was obligated to avenge his relative’s death.

■ In the event he refugee ventured outside the borders of the city of refuge and was encountered by the avenger, the avenger could avenge his relative’s death without being guilty of blood. Numbers 35:26-27

■ The refuge had to declare his cause to the elders at the gate of the city.



SIX CITIES OF REFUGE

WESTERN SIDE OF JORDAN

1. **KEDESH** in Galilee
2. **SHECHEM** in Ephraim
3. **HEBRON** in Judah

Joshua 20:7

EASTERN SIDE OF JORDAN

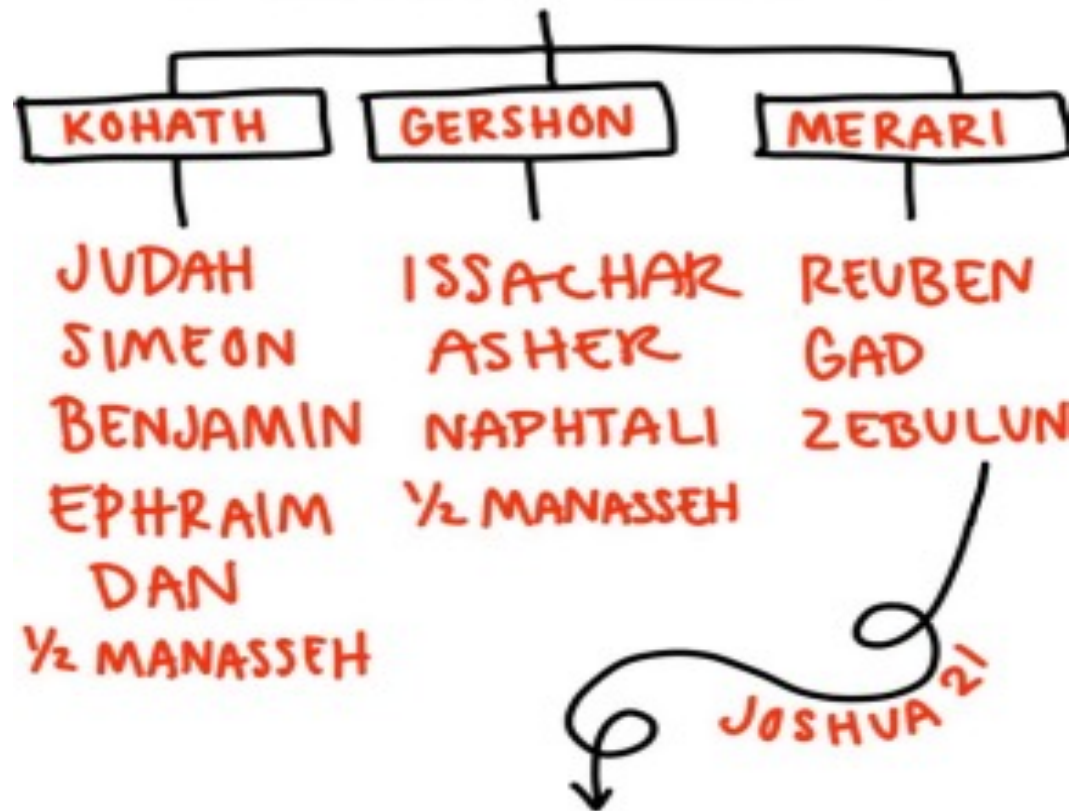
1. **BEZER** (Bozrah) of Reuben
2. **RAMOTH-GILDEAD** of Gad
3. **GOLAN** in Bashan of Manasseh

Joshua 20:8

LEVITES

(THESE PRIESTS WERE ASSIGNED TOWNS AMONG THE OTHER TRIBES)

3 LEVITE CLANS



No land per se, but received 48 cities throughout all the other tribes

The Imposing Altar

- Joshua sends Reuben, Gad, ½ tribe Manassah home to the East of the Jordan and blesses them
- They arrive in Geliloth and build an “imposing altar”
- The whole assembly of Israel gathers at Shiloh to go to war against them!
- Phinehas is sent to find out why, along with 1 man from each of the other 10 tribes
- A memorial to us:
“A Witness Between Us- that the Lord is God”

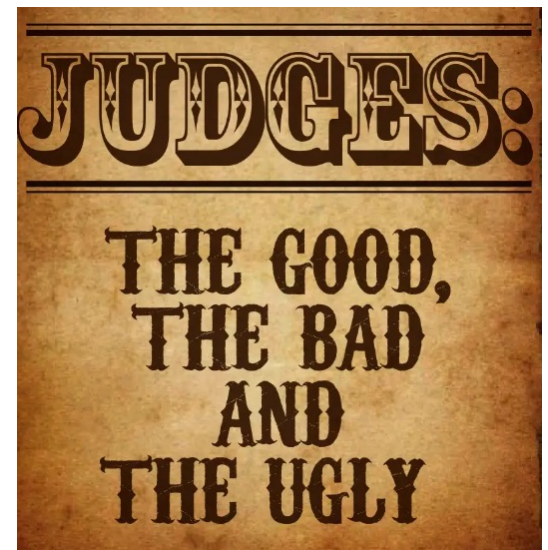


Joshua as a Type of Jesus Christ

- Divinely appointed by God
 - Leader after the death of Moses- Josh 1:1-2; Numbers 27:16-20
 - Appointed by God for this time/place
- The NAME: Joshua and Jesus both mean “Savior”
 - Temporal vs. eternal salvation
 - Few were saved/ a great multitude is saved!
- Servant - submissive and obedient to God
- Crossing the Jordan
 - Rivers symbolize death- preceded by the Ark of the Covenant (God’s presence!)
 - The Baptism of Jesus was here
 - Both take us to the Promised Land
- Commander and Leader in battles and victories
 - Conqueror of the promised land and conqueror of death for us
 - Salvation to Rahab and salvation for us through the red yarn (Heb. 11:31)
- Fulfilling of the Law
 - Completes what Moses (the Law) set out to do
- No mention of wife or children

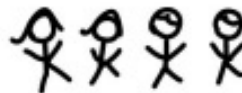
Judges- The Basics

- Author- most believe Samuel
- Time written- apx. 1045-1000 BC
- Purpose: To show the increasing and repeated apostasy, thus need for a King
- Judge = Warrior-Savior
- Division of book:
 - Chapter 1-3:6- Faltering Conquests
 - Chapters 3:7-16:31- Cycles and decline under the Judges
 - Chapters 17-21- Anarchy and depravity- there was no King in Israel
 - Judges 17:6, 18:1, 19:1 and 21:35
- Main characters/events
 - Deborah and Barak
 - Gideon
 - Abimelech
 - Jephthah
 - Samson



The Beginning of Judges....

- Many tribes did **NOT** drive out the Canaanites from the land: Manasseh, Ephraim, Zebulun, Asher, Naphtali and Dan!
- **The Angel of the Lord** appears
- The Israelites serve Baal and the Ashtoreths!
- **Judges 2:16-19**: The Lord raised up judges.... Yet, they would not listen... but prostituted themselves to other gods and worshiped them... but when the judge died, the people returned to ways even more corrupt than before. They refused to give up their evil practices and stubborn ways.
- The Israelites live among the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites **AND** they took their daughters in marriage and gave their own daughters to their sons, and served their gods.

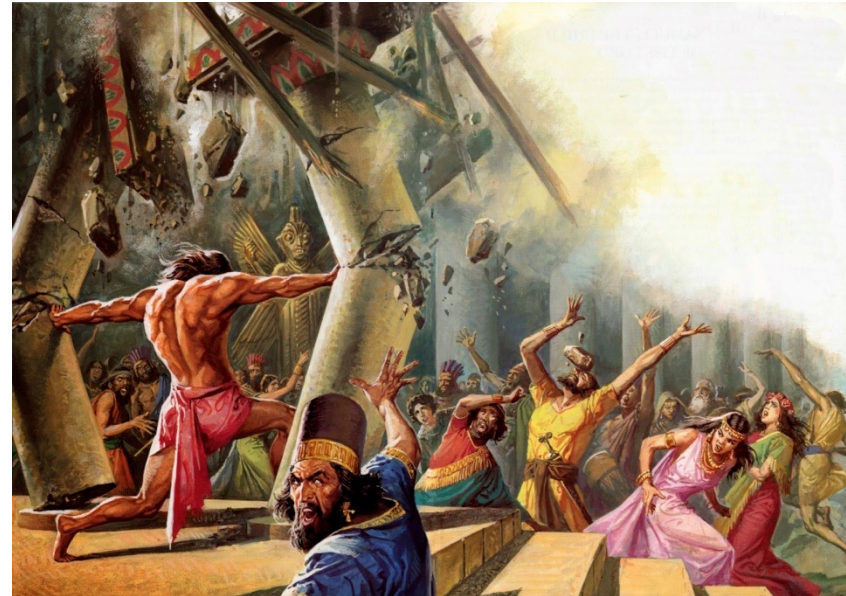


The Judges

- **Othniel**- *The Spirit of the Lord came upon him!*
- *Ehud*- killed the King of Moab
- *Shamgar*- killed 600 Philistines
- **Deborah** and Barak- *the Spirit of the Lord carries her!*
 - Sisera who was killed by Jael the Kenite
 - Deborah's Song of victory
- **Gideon**- might man of Valor- *clothed in the power of the Spirit*
 - Revelation of PEACE
- Abimelech
- *Tolah*
- *Jair*
- **Jephthah**- The Spirit of the Lord came upon him!
 - Offers the 1st thing that comes out of his house- his daughter
- *Ibzan, Elon and Abdon*

Samson- Chapters 13-16

- An angel appears to Manoah and his wife and tells them they will have a Nazirite child.
- A Nazarite dedicated to God
- The Tribe of Dan
- Married a Philistine woman whom he then left
- Burned grainfields
- Delilah
- Captured, but later destroys the Philistines
- Hebrews 11: 32-33



Micah and The Benjamites

- **Micah, Tribe of Ephraim and the young Levite**
 - Danites steal Micah's priest and idols
- **The Benjamites- a horrible story**
 - A Levite settles in Gibeah after picking up his concubine
 - The men attempt to sodomize him, but end up gang-raping his concubine
 - The Levite places her on his donkey, then dismembers her and sends her body parts through out the land of Israel
 - All of Israel wage war against Benjamin for this act in Gibeah
 - Only 600 Benjamites survive- all the women and children are killed
 - They now give the girls of Jabesh-gilead to the Benjamites as wives
 - The Benjamites kidnap girls from the annual festival
- **Judges ends with 21:35**
 - "In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did what was right in his own eyes"

Jesus/ Holy Spirit in Judges

- Announcement to Samson's mother that she would bear a son to lead Israel is a foreshadowing of the announcement to Mary of the birth of the Messiah. God sent His Angel to both women and told them they would "conceive and bear a son" ([Judges 13:7](#); [Luke 1:31](#)) who would lead God's people.
- God's compassionate delivery of His people despite their sin and rejection of Him presents a picture of Christ on the cross. Jesus died to deliver His people—all who would ever believe in Him—from their sin. Many fall away from Him and reject Him, but He still remains faithful and went to the cross to die for us.
- The Holy Spirit that comes upon various judges
- Samson
- Our Warrior-Savior



Ruth- The Basics

- Author-
- Time written- apx. 1000-950 BC
- Division of book: 4 Chapters
 - Naomi and Ruth
 - Ruth and Boaz
- Main characters
 - Naomi
 - Ruth
 - Boaz
 - Kinsman-Redeemer concept

Ruth

Focus	Ruth's Love Demonstrated		Ruth's Love Rewarded	
	1:1	2:23	3:1	4:22
Divisions	Ruth's Decision to Remain with Naomi 1:1-1:18	Ruth's Decision to Care for Naomi 1:19-2:23	Ruth's Request for Redemption by Boaz 3:1-3:18	Ruth's Reward of Redemption by Boaz 4:1-4:22
Topics	Ruth's and Naomi		Ruth and Boaz	
	Death of Family	Ruth Cares for	Boaz Cares for Ruth	Birth of Family
Place	Moab	Fields in Bethlehem	Threshing Floor in	Bethlehem
Time	c. 30 Years			

Naomi: The Mother-in-Law

- Takes place during the time of the Judges
- Famine forces Elimelech and Naomi to move to Moab
- Naomi is left alone with 2 Moabite Daughters-in-law
- Ruth determines to stay with Naomi and go back to Bethlehem- Ruth 1:16-17
- Naomi to Mara (*pleasant to bitter*)



Boaz- Strength/ Lord of the Harvest

- Older relative
- Rahab is his mother- Matt 1:5
- Greets Ruth with **the Lord's blessing**
- Ruth 2:12- *I've been told what you've done for your mother-in-law; may the Lord repay you and be richly rewarded by the Lord, under whose wings you have come to take refuge*
- **Serves her bread and wine- vinegar**
- Tells the men to leave sheaves and barley for her to collect- **a Provider**



Ruth- friend



- Ruth 3:1- My daughter, *should I not seek REST* (a home) for you, that it may be well with you?
- Wash up and put on perfume
- She pulls Boaz' coat over her for protection/ covering- not sexual!
- Ruth 3:18 - Then Naomi said, "Wait, my daughter, until you find out what happens. For the man *will not rest* until the matter is settled today."
- Chapter 4: Boaz redeems her with the elders, marries her and they have a son

¹⁶ Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him.

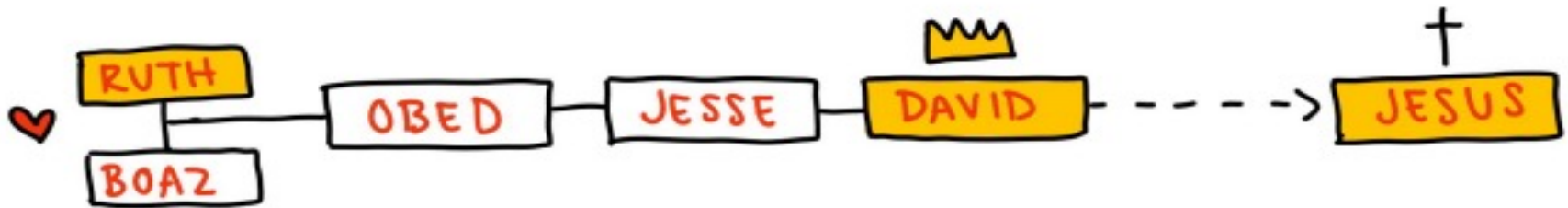
¹⁷ The women living there said, "Naomi has a son!"

And they named him Obed.

He was the father of Jesse, the father of David



Jesus in Ruth



Ruth: A virtuous and obedient woman

Boaz:

The Kinsman-Redeemer

Covering for the Woman and the Bride of Christ

Takes a Gentile bride

Naomi- redemption and renewal from Mara (bitter)

Obed is born in Bethlehem and is the lineage of Joseph, where he must go for the census/Jesus birthplace!

Estimated Schedule of OT Survey

- *January 4 - Overview*
- *January 11 – Cancelled*
- *January 18 – Cancelled*
- *January 25 – Genesis*
- *February 1- Exodus and Leviticus*
- *February 8 – Numbers and Deuteronomy*
- *February 15 – Joshua, Judges, Ruth*
- **February 22 – 1 and 2 Samuel**
- **March 1 – Kings and Prophets**
- **March 8 – Ezra and Nehemiah**
- **March 15 – SPRING BREAK- NO CLASS**
- **March 22 – Job and Psalms**
- **March 29 – Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon and Lamentations**
- **April 5- Isaiah and Jeremiah**
- **April 12- Ezekiel, Daniel**
- **April 19 – Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah**
- **April 26 – Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk**
- **May 3 – Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi**

**ALL dates are ESTIMATES
depending on weather and
pace of previous classes!**