

Supplemental Notes:

The Romance of Redemption

Gleanings from the Book of Ruth

Tape 1: **The Lord of the Harvest**
 Chapters 1 & 2

Tape 2: **The Kinsman-Redeemer**
 Chapters 3 & 4

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Introduction

Why the book of Ruth?

- A beautiful literary example;
- An exemplar of early Israel life;
- Laws: Gleaning, Redemption, Levirate Marriage (Study: Daughters of Zelophehad);
- Critical element in Messianic Genealogy: Connects the house of David with the tribe of Judah. Jesus would not have been born in Bethlehem otherwise.

A Love Story

- Ruth & Naomi
- Ruth & Boaz
- God's love for us: Redemption required God to become our kinsman.

Prophetic Types

- Kinsman-Redeemer
- Israel, Church.

Approach (for any scripture)

- 1) Primary application (historical);
- 2) Practical (homiletic) application(s);
- 3) Prophetic revelations.

God's Greatest Achievement: Creation vs Redemption?

1) Space devoted to:

Creation

Genesis: (2 chapters); few psalms;
Job (2 chapters); Isa (2 chapters)

Redemption

The entire Bible....

2) What did it cost? (His Son!)

Four women mentioned in the Genealogy of Messiah: (Three of dubious reputation!)

Tamar

Rahab (Boaz' mother!)

Ruth

Bathsheba

Chapter 1

1] Famine: (1 of 13 in Bible) visitation on God's Judgement: Lev 26.

Bethlehem-Judah (vs. Zebulun) Josh 19:15 without this book: (Micah 5:2?).

2] "Moab is my washpot" (Ps 108:9).

4] Gentile marriage forbidden (Deut 7:2,3) Moabite (masc. only) (Deut 23:3)

Grace: Rom 8:3,4; Jn 6:37; Eph 2:11-13, 19.

Israel is without a King.

Meaning of Names

Elimelech	= "God is my King"
Naomi	= "Pleasant" (Land?)
Judah	= "Praise"
Bethlehem	= "House of Bread"
Mahlon	= "Unhealthy"; "To blot out"
Chilion	= "Puny"; "To perish"
Ruth	= "Beauty"; "Desirable"
Orpah	= "Fawn"

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11] Levirate marriage practice (Deut 25:5-10)

14] Orpah goes back, off the pages of Scripture, into oblivion.

20] Mara (Ex 15:22-27)

22] Barley Harvest (Passover) Harvest = End of the age (Mt 13:39)

Chapter 2:

1] *Goel* = Kinsman-redeemer. Boaz = "In him is strength"

2] Law of Gleaning (Lev 19:9, 10; Deut 24:19, 21)

3] "Happened": Coincidence is not a "kosher" word!

4] Boaz = "Lord of the Harvest..."

6] Ruth introduced to Boaz by an "*unnamed servant*":

Eleazer

Gen 24

"Not of himself"

John 16:13

10] Grace is the basis

13] Oh, that I might be...

14] Chomets, a drink made from sour grapes
Boaz provides bread and wine.

16] "Handfuls on purpose"

20] Law of redemption: Lev 25:47-50
Law of levirate marriage: Deut 25:5-10

23] Barley Harvest = Passover
Wheat Harvest = Pentecost

Chapter 3

9] Hems (Greek: *kraspedon*; Hebrew: *shuwl*) hem, border, fringe, bottom edge of skirt or train.

In ancient Mesopotamia, “to cut off the hem” was to strip one of his personality, authority, etc. A husband could divorce his wife by cutting off the hem of her robe. A nobleman would authenticate his name on a clay tablet by pressing his hem on the clay.

- David’s removal of Saul’s hem: 1 Sam 24
- Fringes on Levitical garments: Num 15:38,39; Deut 22:12; Ex 28:33,34
- God’s Covenant with Israel: Ezek 16:8; Ex 39:25,26
- Lord’s hem sought for healing: Matt 14:36; Mark 6:56; Luke 8:44
- Goal of the woman with issue of blood: Matt 9:20-21; Mark 5:31. Same “age” as Jairus’ daughter: 12 yrs. Gentile woman = Type of the Church?
- Ruth & Boaz: a request to exercise his right and responsibility [“train” = shuwl: Isa 6:1]

[No matter how much Boaz loved Ruth, he had to await her move! How about you?]

12] Nearer Kinsman?! Major “plot problem...”

15] Six measures? Code to Naomi: 6 then rest on the 7th... cf. v. 18.

Chapter 4

1] Note authority, standing, of Boaz. (Mayor?)

2] Ten elders: number of testimony

6] Willing, able, to redeem the land; unable to redeem the bride.

7] **Shoe:** to the giver, a symbol of shame; to Boaz, a marriage license!

[Shoes: cf. Burning Bush (Acts 7:33); wilderness wanderings; John the Baptist: “shoe latches unworthy to unloose...]

10] “Purchased...”

11] Famous in Bethlehem: Micah 5:2
“House of Bread” (of Life!)

12] House like Perez?! Gen 38:6-29
Bastard: tenth generation: Deut 23:2

13] Son: (Obad = worshipped)

Types in the Book of Ruth Hos 12:10

Boaz

Goel = Kinsman-Redeemer

- 1) Kinsman
- 2) Able
- 3) Willing
- 4) Assume all obligations

Boaz was:

mighty in pedigree	2:1
mighty in power	2:1
in him lay total authority	2:5
...riches of grace	2:10
...large in provision	2:14-16
...plenteous in redemption	4:19

Ruth introduced to Boaz by an unnamed servant: Gen 24; John 16:13. In order to bring Ruth to Boaz, it was necessary for Naomi to be exiled from her land. Isa 6:9-13; Rom 11:11, 12.

Ruth

A Gentile, brought in through the exile of Naomi.

Law legally forbade intermarriage Deut 7:2, 3; esp. Moabite: Deut 23:3

Law shut her out; grace took her in. Rom 8:3,4

Ruth does not "replace" Naomi. Until Ruth is ready to become bride of Boaz, Naomi remains in exile!

2:10] Grace... (see Nearer Kinsman...)

3:2] Wash; anointment; raiment

Mystery of Church: Eph 3:5,6; Rom 11:25,26
Hidden: Matt 13:11,13-15; John 12:36-41

Book of Ruth traditionally associated with
Feast of Pentecost.

In Chapter 3: No matter how much Boaz loved Ruth, he had to await *her* move!

Naomi

= "Pleasant" (Land)

Driven out of the promised land

Into the land of the Gentiles

Only 25% survive: Deut 4:27; 28:62,64-7

During the exile of Israel, the land lay
waste and famine-ridden...

Israel's widowhood as the "wife of Jehovah":
Isa 54:4-8, 10; Hos 1:3-9; 2:1, 2, 5, 14, 16; 3:4, 5

In exile until Bride is ready: Rom 11:25, 26;
Lev 26:42, 44; Ezek 36:24, 28; 37:25; Acts 15:13-16

Boaz & Naomi “never meet” (John 1:11). Naomi only learns of Boaz *through Ruth!* Ruth learns of Boaz’s ways through Naomi.

Naomi is complaining of being “empty”; “A son is born to Naomi!” She is the profound recipient.

Nearer Kinsman = The Law

He had debt of his own to pay (Ps 14:2,3; Ps 49:6-8)

Others

Avenger of Blood! (Isa 61:1, 2)

Threshing floor = Tribulation? (Rev 3:10; Jer 51:33) Ruth 3:13: Lie down till morning (Isa 26:20!?)

Ruth included in the 2nd part of the Hebrew OT: the Prophets

Barley Harvest = Passover
Wheat Harvest = Pentecost

(Ruth is traditionally associated with Feast of Pentecost!) Always read at Feast of Pentecost
Shavuot: 6th of Sivan
Law at Sinai: 6th of Sivan

Trump *of God*: (only twice): Sinai, (Ex 19);
Rapture (1 Thess 4:13-17; 1 Cor 15:51-52.

Enoch also possibly a type:

Three groups relative to the Flood:

- Those that perished in it
- Those that were preserved through it
- Those remove prior to it

Rabbinical traditions:

Born: 6th of Sivan

Raptured: 6th of Sivan

The Feast of Weeks: 6th of Sivan

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