

## Ruth

**Intro:** 1:1 – It came to pass in the days when the judges ruled...

### Chapter 1

#### Overview

- \* Elimelech/Naomi, 2 Sons Mahlon/Chilion, Move/Bethlehem/Moab
- \* Men Die, 1 Daughter returns/home, Ruth returns with Naomi (V16b)
- \* Naomi returns a bitter woman

#### Point #1 Life's Circumstances Can Make Us Bitter

- \* Cause? Naomi blames the Lord - V13b, V20, V21,
  - \* Reality? Famine, Elimelech led/family; Bethlehem/Moab
  - \* From the “House of Bread” to Moab - Judges 3:14<sup>14</sup>So the children of Israel served Eglon king of Moab eighteen years.
- Jeremiah 2:18-19**<sup>18</sup>And now why take the road to Egypt, To drink the waters of Sihor? Or why take the road to Assyria, To drink the waters of the River? <sup>19</sup>Your own wickedness will correct you, And your backslidings will rebuke you. Know therefore and see that it is an evil and bitter thing That you have forsaken the Lord your God, And the fear of Me is not in you,” Says the Lord God of hosts.
- Matthew 11:28-29**<sup>28</sup>Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. (1 Pet 5:7 – casting all/cares upon Him/He cares for you)

### Chapter 2

#### Overview

- \* Ruth meets Boaz/Relative; He allows her to glean...extra to glean

#### Point #2 Gleaning

- \* Glean – 24 times in Bible, 12 times in Ruth, 12 times in Chapter 2
  - \* Glean – To pick up, gather
- Deuteronomy 24:21**<sup>21</sup>When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not glean it afterward; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow.
- V10-12 - Boaz' Response = Lord's Response
- Matthew 5:3**<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **Matt 15:27** – Even the dogs eat crumbs fall/master's table

## Chapter 3

#### Overview

- \* Boaz commits to redeeming Ruth as her closest relative

#### Point #3 Boaz the Redeemer (Kinsman-Redeemer)

- \* V2 = Kindred; V9, 12, 13 = Redeemer
  - \* Boaz made himself Ruth's Redeemer
- Job 19:25**<sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth;
- Galatians 3:13**<sup>13</sup>Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”),
- 1 Peter 1:18-19**<sup>18</sup>knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

### Chapter 4

#### Overview

- \* Boaz Redeems Ruth & Boaz/Ruth = Obed, GP/Jesse, GGP/David

#### Point #4 Ruth/Redeemed/Lineage of Redeemer

- V13 – Lord gave her conception
  - V17 – Called his name Obed. Father/Jesse, Father/David
- Matthew 1:5-6**<sup>5</sup>Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, <sup>6</sup>and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah.

- \* Gentile, Moabite, Woman, with nothing to offer, who was graciously redeemed by Boaz, who had everything...and he redeems her!

**Psalms 107:1-2**<sup>1</sup>Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. <sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,