

Three Major Choices Made:

World's _____ Instead of God's _____:

Elimelech made the choice to leave Bethlehem-Judah for the Pagan country of Moab during a time of famine.

Bethlehem-Judah - "house of bread and praise"

The result is the death of Elimelech along with his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, leaving behind three widowed women. The ultimate result is destitute bitterness.

World's _____ or God's _____

Ruth made the choice to follow Naomi and serve the True God while Orpah chose to go back to her pagan upbringing. The result is Security and Provision provided by Boaz.

A Choice for _____ - Submission to the Kinsman-Redeemer

Ruth chose to pursue Boaz which resulted in her redemption and the continuation of the family line.

The Historical Books: Judges

THE PANORAMIC STUDY OF THE BIBLE
THROUGH THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Ruth: A Book of History, Redemption, Choice and Consequence

The Historical Nature of Ruth

The setting in which the book of Ruth takes place is during the time of the _____. In fact, this book could be called an "_____ " to the book of Judges.

There seem to be _____ "appendices" to the book of Judges:

1. Judges 17-18 - _____ Perversion in the Times of the Judges
2. Judges 19-21 - _____ Pollution during the times of the Judges
3. The Book of Ruth: A _____ _____ in a very dark time.

The Book of Ruth is a _____ _____ about a family living during the times of the Judges. It is historically factual and very important because it provides information that connects the Patriarchs to David and to the Line of Christ.

Genesis 5 - Generations of Adam to Noah

Genesis 10 - Noah to Eber, to Peleg

Genesis 11 - Shem (Eber, Peleg) to Abraham

Genesis 12-50 Abraham's Sons

Judah's Son - Pharez - Genesis 38:27-30

Notice the genealogy given in Ruth 4:18-22

The link is confirmed in Matthew 1.

So then the Story of Ruth is a story of God's _____ in preserving the line of Christ and bringing about the Messiah.

Ruth, A Book of _____

Chapter 1 -

- Elimelech brings family to Moab - **vs 1-2**
- Elimelech dies, Elimelech's sons marry, 10 years later his sons die - **vs 3-5**
- Naomi decides to Return Home hearing that there was bread in Bethlehem-Judah **vs 6**
- Ruth and Orpah make their choices **vs 14-17**
- Naomi and Ruth arrive in Bethlehem **vs 22**

Problem - as Naomi stated in Chapter 1 vs 11-13, the problem was that Ruth would have to remain a widow under Jewish law unless a next of kin would redeem her.

Deuteronomy 25:5-10

Chapter 2 -

- Ruth "haps" in the field of Boaz **vs 2-3**
- Boaz takes notice of her giving her **provision and protection vs 4-17**
- Naomi realizes that she had met Boaz, a next of Kin. The possibility for redemption and continuation of the family line is again alive. **vs 18-23**

Chapter 3 -

- Ruth pursues Boaz **vs 1-10**

- Ruth learns of a nearer kinsman (picture of the law) **vs 11-18**

Chapter 4 -

- Boaz "fulfills the law" **vs 1-12**
- Boaz becomes the kinsman redeemer **vs 13-17**

Boaz is a Wonderful Type of _____

What Boaz was to Ruth, a _____ - _____, Jesus Christ is to us. Jesus Christ is our Kinsman-Redeemer.

The Character of the Kinsman Redeemer:

He must be _____ related.
Philippians 2:7-8

He Must be _____ to Pay.
Hebrews 10:11-12

He must _____ the law.
Matthew 5:17-18, Romans 10:4

He Must Be _____ to Redeem.
Hebrews 12:2

Ruth, A Book of _____ and _____

The book is full of choices made by several characters. While there are many choices all having consequence, three in particular stand out:

Ruth and Isaiah 8

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- **World's Security or God's Security**
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Now let's look at some choice / consequence from Ruth and Isaiah 8:

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These births contrast in that the birth of Mahershalalhashbaz is a sign of destruction and judgment while the birth of Obed was a sign of redemption and blessing.	
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vs 11-13 - Israel told not to be confederate with the Assyrians but they chose the God of Israel.	ch 1:14-16 Orpah and Ruth's choice
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