

# CHARTING THE SCRIPTURES RUTH by Jonathan Black

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'Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled'. Ruth 1. 1

'Thou must buy it also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance'. Ruth 4. 5

10 comparisons of Boaz's field in Ruth 2 and the local church as a 'tilled field'.

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| 1. Go to the field, v. 2         | 'ye are God's husbandry', 1 Cor. 3.                               |
| 2. Gleaning in the field, v. 2   | 'we are labourers together with God', 1 Cor. 3.                   |
| 3. Grace in the field, v. 2      | 'According to the grace of God which is given unto me', 1 Cor. 3. |
| 4. Guidance to the field, v. 3   | 'the Spirit of God dwelleth in you', 1 Cor. 3.                    |
| 5. Gathering unto his name, v. 3 | 'gathered together unto my name', Matt. 18.                       |
| 6. God in the field, v. 4        | 'God that giveth the increase', 1 Cor. 3.                         |
| 7. Guarding the field, v. 5      | 'the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers', Acts 20.                |
| 8. Behaviour in the field, v. 9  | 'Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded', Titus 2.          |
| 9. Reward in the field, v. 12    | 'he shall receive a reward', 1 Cor. 3.                            |
| 10. Table in the field, v. 14    | 'ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table', 1 Cor. 10.          |

## Responsibility of the Goel

(Heb. Goel kinsman, kinsman-redeemer)

- 1) Persons - Leviticus 25. 48  
Buy back a family member from slavery  
'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people', Luke 1. 68
- 2) Possessions - Leviticus 25. 25  
Redeem a field if the family had to sell it  
'Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory', Eph. 1. 14
- 3) Pursuit - Numbers 35. 19  
Pursue the killer of a family member for justice  
'that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil', Heb. 2. 14
- 4) Posterity - Deuteronomy 25. 5  
Raise up a child for a dead relative  
'To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons', Gal. 4. 5

## Ruth in the generation of Jesus Christ



'an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you'.

The book of Judges

The book of 1 Samuel



## 6 Outlines of Ruth:

- 1) A NEW CONVERT  
Ch 1 - Ruth seeking God by faith  
Ch 2 - Ruth serving God in the field  
Ch 3 - Ruth seeking God at His feet  
Ch 4 - Ruth satisfied by God through His fame
- 2) RUTH AS A TYPE OF THE CHURCH  
Ch 1 - A Gentile bride - the church salvation by faith  
Ch 2 - A Gentile bride - the church saved by grace  
Ch 3 - A Gentile bride - the church secure through redemption  
Ch 4 - A Gentile bride - the church satisfied with its inheritance
- 3) BOAZ AS A TYPE OF THE CHRIST  
Ch 1 - Boaz - the rejected King - Matthew  
Ch 2 - Boaz - the perfect servant - Mark  
Ch 3 - Boaz - the perfect man - Luke  
Ch 4 - Boaz - the beloved Son - John

*Restoration & Redemption  
in the days of the Judges*

**'Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?' Ruth 2. 10**

### New Testament references to Ruth

- 'And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse; And Jesse begat David the king', Matt. 1. 5-6
- Christ and redemption**
- 'In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace', Eph. 1. 7
- 'Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us', Heb. 9. 12
- 'And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance', Heb. 9. 15

- 4) RUTH AS A TYPE OF FELLOWSHIP  
Ch 1 - The fellowship of God - Seeking his people  
Ch 2 - The fellowship in the field - Sitting at his table  
Ch 3 - The fellowship at his feet - Searching his word  
Ch 4 - The fellowship of the Son - Serving with the Son
- 5) NAOMI AS A TYPE OF ISRAEL RESTORED  
Ch 1 - Israel's rejection of God as King  
Ch 2 - Israel's return to God through His word  
Ch 3 - Israel's redemption by God through the Gentile bride  
Ch 4 - Israel's restoration to God through the Son
- 6) REDEMPTION OF THE INHERITANCE & NAME  
Ch 1 - The Gospel of Redemption - The provision in Bethlehem  
Ch 2 - The Grace for Redemption - The person called Boaz  
Ch 3 - The 'Goel' for Redemption - The provision of the barley  
Ch 4 - The Generations of Redemption - The purchase of the bride

'Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn', Matt. 13. 30