

LESSONS FROM THE BOOK OF RUTH

SLIDE #1

LESSONS FROM THE BOOK OF RUTH

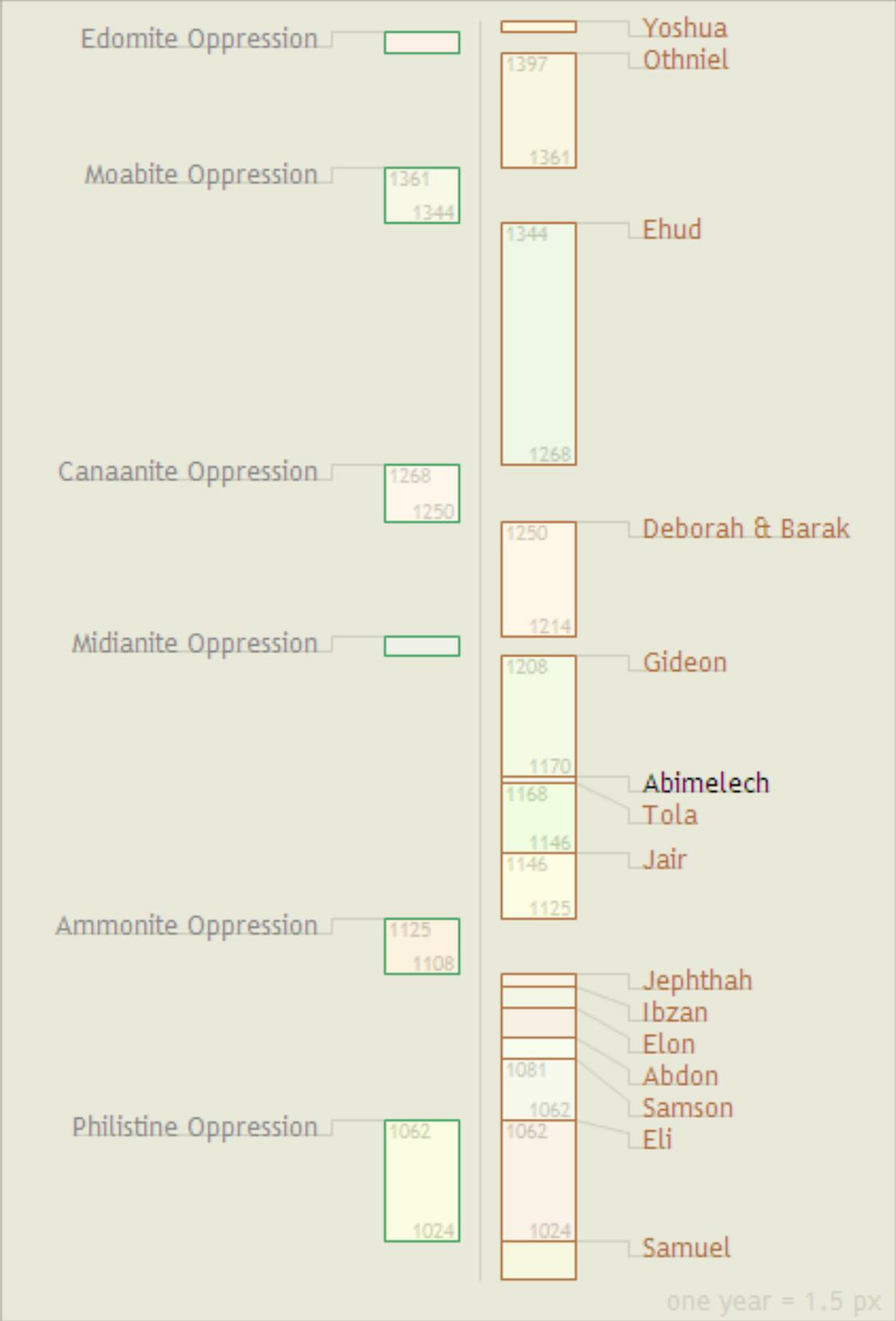


Introduction:
Review the Judges:

This Account Took Place In the Day Of the Judges

JUD 17:6 In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.





Othneil brother of Caleb, Beat Chushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia

Jabin & Sisera

Midianites

Tola Judged Israel 23 years

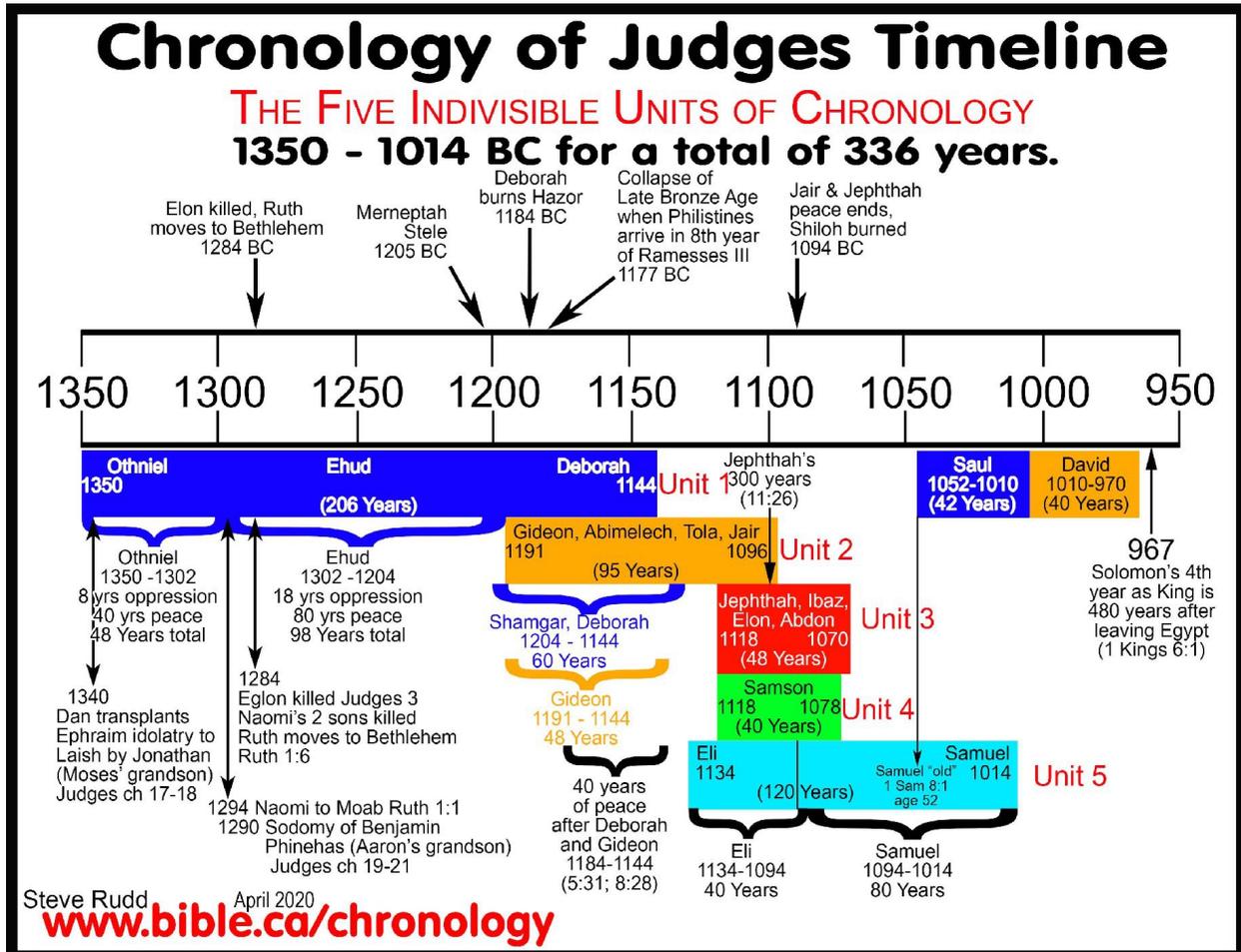
Jair 30 sons ruled 30 cities judged 22 years

Ibzan had 30 sons and 30 daughters 7 yrs

Elon 10 yrs
Abdon 8 yrs
40 sons and 30 nephews

TO GIVE A PERSPECTIVE OF WHEN THIS ALL TOOK PLACE HERE IS A TIMELINE OF THE JUDGES

Looking at the chart you will notice the story took place relatively recent to the early days of the book of judges. During the days of Ehud the second judge of Israel..



THE BOOK OF RUTH

Ruth 1:1 Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Beth-lehem-judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

Ruth 1:2 And the name of the man [was] Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Beth-lehem-judah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there.

Ruth 1:3 And Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons.

Ruth 1:4 And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one [was] Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: [Slide #3](#) and they dwelled there about ten years.

Elimelech was an example of what happens when a family does what is right in their own eyes.. As he family so is the country. As the family so is the church.. Because we as families do what is right in our own eyes so too.. Churches, the nation does the same.

I. Elimelech An Example of Failing to Trust God

JUD 17:6 In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

PRO 3:5 ¶ Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

PRO 3:6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

[Slide #4](#) There was a famine in the land.. We are introduced to the times..

[Slide #5](#) We are introduced to the family..

Ruth 1:2 And the name of the man [was] Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Beth-lehem-judah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there.

I. LESSONS ON THE TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES OF NOT WALKING BY FAITH

[SLIDE # 6](#) Notice their names.. SCRIPTURE RUTH 1:2 The name of the man was...

RUTH 1:2 And the name of the man [was] Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Beth-lehem-judah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there.

[Slide #7](#)

Lessons We can Glean From The Names of the People Involved in the Story:

We can surmise: what happened from these names:

1. Elimelech means El(i) Melek God of the King..
OR GOD MY KING..

Here we have the head of the family...

SLIDE #8

He had a good name.. Elimelech.. God is my king..
He was the head of the home... but though he had a good name..
Good background.. he was of the lineage of Judah..
He was from a good town.. Bethlehem Judah...

With all that... there was something desperately wrong...

Revelation 3:1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

SLIDE # 9

Here we have the beginning of a travesty...

When a man who has a name for being a man who loves God.. but here we see a man who runs scared when the going gets rough..

Ruth 1:1 Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Beth-lehem-judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

Notice Elimelech... should have trusted the Lord... this famine was an opportunity for Elimelech to show that his God was powerful enough to get them through this famine... Instead we have this tragedy... where Elimelech runs.. and leans on his own understanding... instead of trusting the Lord....

2. Next we have the other Members of the Family:

SLIDE #10 Meaning of Naomi's name..

Naomi Means pleasant, graceful and beautiful

Slide #11 Mahlon & Chilion's names..

Mahlon To be weak sickly and afflicted

Chilion To have consumption or Tuberculous, To pine away, and be consumed

Naomi... has a good name.. also.. Here we have what should have been a great Family... but because they did not trust the Lord.. In this time of trials they failed to trust the Lord.. and God brought judgment..

Note where judgment fell...

On Elimelech he died..,

Amazing how many families have gone through tragedy because they ceased to walk by faith...

#1 problem is trying to take care of the family in our own way.. through our own thinking...

Moving.. because of trials..

Taking a job outside of the will of God..

Walking by sight and not by faith...

3. After Elimelech died Naomi took wives for her sons.. Note what we can learn from their names..

Slide #14

Scripture Text Ruth 1:3-5

RUTH 1:3 And Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons.

RUTH 1:4 And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one [was] Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years.

RUTH 1:5 And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband.

Insight into the names of the daughters-in-law..

Slide #12

Orpah Stiff Necked

Slide #13

Ruth Means a female companion.. or friend..

Notice, sometimes it takes years to learn lessons. It doesn't happen over night.

Some lessons take a lifetime to learn. We only have one life why waste your life living a mistake, when you can just read the Bible and learn from the mistakes of others. There is a time to move and a time not to move.

God told Abraham to move and he was in the will of God..

God told Joseph and Mary to flee to Egypt to escape Herod, and they were in the will of God.

But in this case Elimelech moved his family not in faith but doubt not trusting God to take care of him.

Whenever, God has you move or relocate in his will.. it will be for spiritual cause and matter. Not because of circumstances or physical benefits only.

I remember, when God called me to move up into this area from the Philadelphia area. I had more financial opportunities there, but God wanted me to separate myself from my family and friends so he could use me and help me to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

II. LESSONS ON ANOTHER TEST OF FAITH:

Slide #63 Lessons from the book

1. Naomi decides to return to Bethlehem Judah.

Ruth 1:5 And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband.

Ruth 1:6 Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the Lord had visited his people in giving them bread.

Ruth

1:7 Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her; and they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah.

The Bible gives the time that Naomi Dwelt in Moab as ten Years

Ruth 1:4 And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one [was] Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years.

How long they were there before Elimelech died we do not know. It doesn't seem they were there too long before he died. Within that ten year period both of her sons died.

After ten years and the death of her sons, Naomi decides to return to Bethlehem. Apparently she thought to take both her daughters-in-law.

SLIDE #15 Ruth Clings To Naomi

Orpah decides to go back but Ruth clings to Naomi...

2. Ruth Trusts The Lord and decides to go with Naomi:

Ruth 1:7 Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her; and they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah.

Ruth 1:8 And Naomi said unto her two daughters in law, Go, return each to her mother's house: the LORD deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me.

Ruth 1:9 The LORD grant you that ye may find rest, each [of you] in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept.

Ruth 1:10 And they said unto her, Surely we will return with thee unto thy people.

Ruth 1:11 And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters: why will ye go with me? [are] there yet [any more] sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?

Ruth 1:12 Turn again, my daughters, go [your way]; for I am too old to have an husband. If I should say, I have hope, [if] I should have an husband also to night, and should also bear sons;

Ruth 1:13 Would ye tarry for them till they were grown? would ye stay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for it grieveth me much for your sakes that the hand of the LORD is gone out against me.

Ruth 1:14 And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her.

Ruth 1:15 And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister in law.

Ruth 1:16 And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, [or] to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people [shall be] my people, and thy God my God:

Ruth 1:17 Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, [if ought] but death part thee and me.

Ruth 1:18 When she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.

Ruth endures in the faith, and follows Naomi to the land of Israel..

The Evidence Of the Saved:

She was truly saved:

Ruth 1:15 And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister in law.

Ruth 1:16 And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, [or] to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people [shall be] my people, and thy God my God:

Ruth 1:17 Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, [if ought] but death part thee and me.

Ruth 1:18 When she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.

Here we have Ruth going back to Bethlehem ... exercising faith in the Lord.. like Elimelech should have...

She is willing to trust the Lord even unto death...

She is willing to follow the Lord even if it means she dies a lonely widow..

She is willing to follow the Lord no matter what..

Naomi says, "Go back to your people and your gods... "

What amazes me is how God saves people in spite of our witness, imagine telling people to go back to worshipping their demonic worship which only would lead them to hell.

She says no...

SLIDE # 16

Ruth 1:15 And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister in law.

Ruth 1:16 And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, [or] to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people [shall be] my people, and thy God my God:

Ruth 1:17 Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, [if ought] but death part thee and me.

Our commitment in salvation is till death.

We are not looking for a reward on this side of eternity..

SLIDE #17

She left all to follow the Lord and Naomi..

She did this by faith she had no guarantee things would work out..

Slide #18 Evidence of her faith..

Ruth's Example Of True Faith:

- She was willing to trust the Lord unto death
- She was willing to follow the Lord even if it meant dying as a lonely widow
- She was willing to follow the Lord into a strange land
- She was willing to trust the Lord and leave her gods and family and friends

III. Lessons To learn About Ruth's Virtue and Character: She was a Virtuous Woman,

Slide #19

Greatest Manifestation of that was her willingness to work..

Ruth 2:2 And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after [him] in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.

Ruth 2:3 And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field [belonging] unto Boaz, who [was] of the kindred of Elimelech.

Greatest Characteristics and Evidence of a Godly Person is their good works..

SLIDE # 20

Slide #21

For some people their religion is all talk.. and no walk..

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Titus 3:14 And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

What are the evidences of Godliness:

SLIDE # 22 through 34 Chart

Characteristic of Godliness

Characteristic of the ungodly

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Giving.. | the ungodly love to take |
| 2. Generosity | the ungodly are selfish |
| 3. Hard Working | the ungodly are lazy |
| 4. Sacrificial | the ungodly |
| 5. Patient | impatient |
| 6. kind | cruel |

IV. Lessons Concerning Her Humility: She was Humble:

SLIDE # 35

Slide #36

Ruth 2:3 And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field [belonging] unto Boaz, who [was] of the kindred of Elimelech.

Ruth 2:5 Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel [is] this?

Ruth 2:6 And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It [is] the Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab:

Ruth 2:7 And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, that she tarried a little in the house.

Ruth 2:8 Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens:

Ruth 2:9 [Let] thine eyes [be] on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of [that] which the young men have drawn.

Ruth 2:10 Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I [am] a stranger?

Ruth 2:11 And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and [how] thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore.

Ruth 2:12 The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.

Ruth 2:13 Then she said, Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidens.

Ruth never thought she deserved respect and in fact was surprised that an Israelite treated her kindly..

So many people think the world owes them something..
Ruth never said... look at all that I sacrificed to come and help my Mother-in-law.. Left my family friends, country... and now I am toiling in the fields.. to provide a scant living for both of us...

WHAT IS HUMILITY?

Humility is bringing yourself down..
Humility is to be be subject.. afflicted,
Humility is an attitude of being a servant,
Humility is to see yourself as poor and brought low...
Humility is to be abased...

I Peter 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all [of you] be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

A person who is humble has a certain demeanor about them..

A characteristic of godliness is humility...
We cannot be godly and filled with pride at the same time....

James 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

God fights against the proud....

Slide #40 What are the Lessons we should learn from this book..

Slide #41

PART II BOAZ AND RUTH

Slides 42 43 44

V. BOAZ TAKES NOTICE OF RUTH

Slide 45

1. Boaz Shows kindness to Ruth: Boaz was a godly man.

Slide #46

Boaz was godly.. and allowed Ruth to glean, and showed her kindness..

Characteristic of a Godly Person To Be A Lover Of Good and Virtuous People:

Titus 1:8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

Ruth 2:15 And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not:

Ruth 2:16 And let fall also [some] of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave [them], that she may glean [them], and rebuke her not.

Ruth 2:17 So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley.

An ephah was about 3/4 cubit feet of Grain.. 20 Dry Quarts

1/10th of an ephah was enough to eat for a day, SO she was able to glean at least 10 days of food..

It is good to precipitate good to others who show kindness to God's people....

No room for prejudice in the Christian life. This was evident in the life and character of Boaz.

Boaz.. Did not let the fact that Ruth was a Moabite affect his thinking towards her!

2. WHAT VIRTUES DID BOAZ ADMIRE AND SEE IN RUTH?

RUT 2:11 And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and [how] thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore.

RUT 2:12 The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.

HE ADMIRER HER FAITH AND SACRIFICES TO COME BE WITH NAOMI..
HER FAITH TO TRUST IN THE LORD..
HER GOOD WORKS TO BE A HELP TO HER MOTHER IN LAW..

SLIDE # 48 He saw here faith, works, virtue etc..

SLIDE #49 WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE DO WE ADMIRE

What kind of people do we admire? People of race or people of character.

There are people of good character and bad character of all races and people.

SLIDE #50... Naomi Sees God Working.

3. Naomi Sees God Working.. since Boaz is a near kinsman to her husband....

It is the duty of parents to help when they discern the hand of God in a matter..

We say let nature take it's course..
Nature sometimes needs a little help...
If God has enabled us to help....

Ruth 2:18 And she took [it] up, and went into the city: and her mother in law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth, and gave to her that she had reserved after she was sufficed.

Ruth 2:19 And her mother in law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned to day? and where wroughtest thou? blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee. And she shewed her mother in law with whom she had wrought, and said, The man's name with whom I wrought to day [is] Boaz.

Ruth 2:20 And Naomi said unto her daughter in law, Blessed [be] he of the LORD, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man [is] near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen.

Ruth 2:21 And Ruth the Moabitess said, He said unto me also, Thou shalt keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest.

Sometimes.. the younger people cannot see what we see..

Ruth was from Moab.. she needed someone who was more knowledgeable of Biblical culture to help her....

So younger people may not see the working of the Lord as we do...

Application... So it is today... many young people miss out in God's will because they do not rely on the wisdom of the older generation..

Who was Boaz? His name means.. Swiftmess or Strength.

Boaz "Salmon was the father of Boaz by Rahab the harlot..

Note the genealogies...

Matthew 1:5 And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse;

Boaz's mother was a convert and he would not have been prejudice about taking a wife of someone who converted to the Lord.

SLIDE #51 It was Naomi's idea..

Everyone in Judah knew the story of Judah, Tamar, and her two sons, Pharez and Zarah.. So Naomi. Had to remind, Boaz that it was his duty to raise up children of the dead..

4. Naomi Encourages Boaz to fulfill his duty as near Kinsman...

Sometimes men need a reminder of their biblical responsibilities:

Men are suppose to be the aggressor.. but many times a parent sees what we cannot see..

SEE SLIDE #51 for Scripture

Ruth 3:1 Then Naomi her mother in law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?

Ruth 3:2 And now [is] not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to night in the threshingfloor.

Ruth 3:3 Wash thy self therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor: [but] make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking.

Ruth 3:4 And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do.

Ruth 3:5 And she said unto her, All that thou sayest unto me I will do.

Ruth 3:6 And she went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her.

Ruth 3:7 And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.

Ruth 3:8 And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet.

Ruth 3:9 And he said, Who [art] thou? And she answered, I [am] Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou [art] a near kinsman.

Ruth 3:10 And he said, Blessed [be] thou of the LORD, my daughter: [for] thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich.

Ruth 3:11 And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou [art] a virtuous woman.

Ruth 3:12 And now it is true that I [am thy] near kinsman: howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I.

Ruth 3:13 Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, [that] if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, [as] the LORD liveth: lie down until the morning.

4. Boaz Seeks to Fulfill His role... but Is Willing To Test And See If God Is In It.. SLIDE #52

A test to see if we are truly seeking to do the will of the Lord is to see if we will compromise to get our way...

If God is in it.. who can be against it..

Boaz knew that things needed to be done in a Biblical fashion and done in a right way.

Ruth 4:2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit ye down here. And they sat down.

Ruth 4:3 And he said unto the kinsman, Naomi, that is come again out of the country of Moab, selleth a parcel of land, which [was] our brother Elimelech's:

Ruth 4:4 And I thought to advertise thee, saying, Buy [it] before the inhabitants, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem [it], redeem [it]: but if thou wilt not redeem [it, then] tell me, that I may know: for [there is] none to redeem [it] beside thee; and I [am] after thee. And he said, I will redeem [it].

Ruth 4:5 Then said Boaz, What day thou buyest the field of the hand of Naomi, 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 4:6 And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem [it] for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem [it].

Ruth 4:7 Now this [was the manner] in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave [it] to his neighbour: and this [was] a testimony in Israel.

Ruth 4:8 Therefore the kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy [it] for thee. So he drew off his shoe.

5. Boaz Reminds The Other Kinsman Of His Responsibility To Fulfill the Kinsman Redeemer:

Deuteronomy 25:5 If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an husband's brother unto her.

Deuteronomy 25:6 And it shall be, [that] the firstborn which she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother [which is] dead, that his name be not put out of Israel.

Deuteronomy 25:7 And if the man like not to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate unto the elders, and say, My husband's brother refuseth to raise up unto his brother a name in Israel, he will not perform the duty of my husband's brother.

Deuteronomy 25:8 Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak unto him: and [if] he stand [to it], and say, I like not to take her;

Deuteronomy 25:9 Then shall his brother's wife come unto him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto that man that will not build up his brother's house.

Deuteronomy 25:10 And his name shall be called in Israel, The house of him that hath his shoe loosed.

Note the importance of keeping the inheritance in the line and keeping the family name going. So important was it that the Lord ordained this ordinance of the Kinsmen redeemer. This was where a brother was to keep alive the memory of his brother to keep his inheritance in his memory alive.

This whole matter seems strange to us, yet in Israel, keeping a person's memory and inheritance alive was very important.

Today marriage means nothing..

Inheritances mean nothing..

We marry like dogs, raise children like dogs, with no meaning at all.

SLIDE #53

6. Boaz Pictures Christ In That He Purchased Ruth As His Bride..

Ruth 4:9 And Boaz said unto the elders, and [unto] all the people, Ye [are] witnesses this day, that I have bought all that [was] Elimelech's, and all that [was] Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi.

Ruth 4:10 Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye [are] witnesses this day.

Ruth 4:11 And all the people that [were] in the gate, and the elders, said, [We are] witnesses. The LORD make the woman that is come into thine house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and do thou worthily in Ephratah, and be famous in Beth-lehem:

Ruth 4:12 And let thy house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bare unto Judah, of the seed which the LORD shall give thee of this young woman.

Ruth 4:13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bare a son.

Jesus took us to be his bride even though we were by nature children of wrath.. Moabites, so to speak. Set apart from the promises of Israel.

Slide # 54

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Ephesians 2:11 Wherefore remember, that ye [being] in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

Ephesians 2:12 **That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:**

Ephesians 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 2:14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition [between us];

Ephesians 2:15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, [even] the law of commandments [contained] in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, [so] making peace;

So Ruth the Moabite is a picture of Christ's future church that would someday be made up of mostly aliens, strangers from the commonwealth of Israel, but brought close and became eligible to be in the family of God because of faith and obedience to the gospel.

SLIDE #57 We now can be received of Christ though we are aliens..

***V. Lessons on the Linage Of Christ:
Ruth's Son Was in the Linage of Christ..***

Ruth 4:14 And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed [be] the LORD, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel.

Ruth 4:15 And he shall be unto thee a restorer of [thy] life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter in law, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath borne him.

Ruth 4:16 And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it.

Ruth 4:17 And the women her neighbors gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed: he [is] the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Note the woman, and neighbors who helped her in the delivery of the child gave the child a name:

They named the Child Obed which means to serve...

5744! `Owbed, o-bade'; act. part. of 5647; serving; Obed, the name of five Isr.: -Obed.

5647! `abad, aw-bad'; a prim. root; to work (in any sense); by impl. to serve, till, (caus.) enslave, etc: -X be, keep in bondage, be bondmen, bond-service, compel, do, dress, ear, execute, + husbandman, keep, labour (-ing man), bring to pass, (cause to, make to) serve (-ing, self), (be, become) servant (-s), do (use) service, till (-er), transgress [from margin], (set a) work, be wrought, worshipper.

Note: When we get saved we cease to be a Gentile.. and we are adopted into God's family!

Psalms 108:9 Moab [is] my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe; over Philistia will I triumph.

Deuteronomy 23:3 An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the LORD for ever:

Foretaste of the the time.. neither being a Jew or Gentile will matter..
What matters is having Christ in our hearts..

Galatians 6:15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

Romans 2:28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither [is that] circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

Romans 2:29 But he [is] a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision [is that] of the heart, in the spirit, [and] not in the letter; whose praise [is] not of men, but of God.

Ruth 4:18 Now these [are] the generations of Pharez: Pharez begat Hezron,

Ruth 4:19 And Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab,

Ruth 4:20 And Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon,

Ruth 4:21 And Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed,

Ruth 4:22 And Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.

So Salmon married Rahab, from Jericho..

His son Boaz married Ruth the Moabites..

The their child Obed was the grandfather of King David.

Obed > Jesse > David!

Matthew 1:5 And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse;

Matthew 1:6 And Jesse begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her [that had been the wife] of Urias;

Our Lord was more concerned about a heritage of faith, than a heritage of nobility. Obed a perfect picture of what Jesus would be. He came into this world to be a servant.

Philippians 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: