

RUTH

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

“Now it came about in the days
when the judges were judging...”

Two Important things about
when the judges were judging...

CYCLES IN JUDGES...



CHAOS IN JUDGES...

In those days there was
no king in Israel;
everyone did what
was right in his own eyes.

Judges 17:6;21:25

by different judges. After becoming a monarchy, Israel is guided by prophets who pronounce judgement on Israel.

Major Judges

- 1 Othniel from Debir (Judges 3:7-11)
- 2 Ehud from Gilgal (Judges 3:12-30)
- 3 Deborah from Bethel (Judges 4:11-5:31)
- 4 Gideon from Ophrah (Judges 6:1-8:27)
- 5 Tola from Shamir (Judges 10:1-2)
- 6 Jair from Kamon (Judges 10:3-5)
- 7 Jephthah from Gilead (Judges 10:6-12:7)
- 8 Ibzan from Bethlehem (Judges 12:8-10)
- 9 Elon from Zebulun (Judges 12:11-12)
- 10 Abdon from Pirathon (Judges 12:13-15)
- 11 Samson from Zorah (Judges 13:1-16:31)

Major Prophets

- 1 Elijah from Tishbe
- 2 Elisha from Abel-meholah
- 3 Isaiah from Jerusalem
- 4 Jeremiah from Anathoth
- 5 Ezekiel from Jerusalem



RUTH: The Main Characters...

- ✓ Elimelech ⇔ “My God is King”
- ✓ Naomi ⇔ “fair,” “pleasant,” “lovely”
- ✓ Mahlon ⇔ “sickness,” or “disease”
- ✓ Chilion ⇔ “destruction,” or “pining”
- ✓ Orpah
- ✓ Ruth!
- ✓ Boaz

RUTH 1

HOW DO YOU
HANDLE ADVERSITY?

RUTH 2

Meet Mr. Boaz!!

'IYSH GiBBoR HaYiL

HaYiL

A HaYiL MAN...

- Overcomes the negatives of his heritage!
- Works diligently!, 4
- Respects others!, 4
- Is Respected by others, 4.
- Is not too important to notice “little people,” 5.
- Is gracious...cares for others!, 8-11.

A ḤaYiL MAN...

- Recognizes that he is a “channel” of blessing, not the Source!, 12.
- Gives God the glory and points people to Him, 12.
- Is willing to serve others, 14.
- Is a helper to the needy, 15-16.
- Is faithful to his responsibilities!, 20

RUTH 3

The Kinsman

Redeemer...GOÉL

“Close Relative” ⇔ GOÉL

Responsibilities of The GOÉL

1. “Redeem” the land so it is not lost from the family, Leviticus 25:23-25.
2. Raise up an heir to the deceased relative.
Deut. 25:5-10.

RUTH 4: Boaz Redeems Ruth

- Boaz' Preparations, 1-2.
 - Boaz' Presentation, 3-4.
- The GOÉL's Response, 4b.

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- Boaz' Proviso, 5.

The GOÉL's Reservation, 6-8.

- ✓ His explanation, 6.
- ✓ His example, 7.
- ✓ His exclusion, 8!

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- Boaz' Proclamation, 9-10.
 - ✓ Concerning the property, 9.
 - ✓ Concerning Mahlon (and Ruth!), 10.

RUTH 4

- ❖ The Witnesses' Attestation, 11-12.
 - ✓ The acclamation!, 11a.
 - ✓ The blessings, 11b-12.
 - To Ruth, 11b.
 - To Boaz, 11c-12.

RUTH 4

- ❖ The Conclusions, 13-17
 - ✓ For Boaz, 13a.
 - ✓ For Ruth, 13b.
 - ✓ For Naomi, 14-17.
- ❖ The Postscript, 18-22.

RUTH 4: Precious Principles...

1. In the hardest of times, we are still amazingly, richly blessed!
2. Sometimes, God uses extremely hard situations to lead the way to incredible blessings!

OTHER INSTANCES OF HARDSHIP LEADING TO BLESSING:

- ✓ Mary & Joseph...
- ✓ Job!
- ✓ Joseph, in Genesis!
- ✓ The crucifixion of Jesus!

Two truths to remember...

1. We can't see what God is doing, and what God sees!
2. Our story isn't over, yet!

And we know that
God causes all things
to work together for good
to those who love God,
to those who are called
according to *His* purpose.

Romans 8:28

“ For
Momentary
Light
Affliction

an
eternal
weight of
glory...

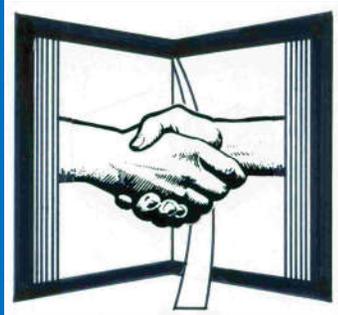
Is producing for us

Far beyond all comparison!

II Corinthians 4:17

“For we walk by faith,
Not by sight!”

II Cor. 5:7



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