

THE BOOK OF RUTH – LESSON TWO

- I. THE NEAR KINSMAN PLAN AND ITS FRUITION WITH BOAZ MARRYING RUTH (Chapters 3-4)**
- A. Ruth's appeal to Boaz (3:1-18)
 - a. Naomi encourages Ruth to prepare herself and go meet Boaz in the threshing floor – Ruth carries out the plan.
 - b. Naomi encouraged when Ruth returns showing and telling her what Boaz had done.
 - B. Boaz addresses near kinsman before the elders at the gate of Bethlehem (4:1-12)
 - 1. Boaz states the case for Naomi and Ruth.
 - 2. Nearest kinsman responds by refusing to marrying Ruth and raising children in name of deceased family member.
 - 3. Boaz receives praise for his determination of perform the duty of the near kinsman.
 - C. Boaz marries Ruth who bears a male child (4:13-22)
 - 1. Women bless Naomi
 - 2. Naomi becomes nurse to child
 - 3. Child names Obed – the grandfather of David.
 - 4. Genealogy of David beginning with Perez.

QUESTIONS:

- 1. How was Naomi seeking “rest” for Ruth?
- 2. What was Boaz doing in the evening?
- 3. Should we believe that Ruth was acting improperly when she laid down where Boaz was?
- 4. What kindness did Ruth show Boaz according to him?
- 5. What had to be done according to law before Boaz could marry Ruth?

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6. What basis for hope does Naomi have for Ruth when she tells Ruth to “Sit still...”?

7. What was the nearest kinsman willing to do?
What was he unwilling to do?
Why the difference?

8. What significance did the “shoe” play in connection with the law of the near kinsman?

9. Why are the three women Rachel, Leah and Tamar mentioned as being worthy for Ruth to be like?

10. What did the women wish the child of Boaz and Ruth to be for Naomi?
How is this wish conveyed in their naming the child “obed”?

11. How high did the women regard Ruth?

12. What place in the genealogy of David does Ruth have?

13. What can we see in the genealogy of David and ultimately Jesus that makes man take notice that God is behind it all?