

Sermon Outline

“WHEN RUTH MET BOAZ ...” | Geoff Lin

Bible Reading: Ruth 1-4 (p.374ff)

Jdg 21:25 In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit.

Ruth 1:1 In the days when the judges ruled ...

1. In the days when the judges ruled ... (Chapter 1)

Naomi and Elimelek migrate from Bethlehem to Moab, with their 2 sons Mahlon (who marries Ruth) and Killion (who marries Orpah)

"Elimelek" means "God is my king"

Ruth 1:16 Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. 17 Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.

"Naomi" means "pleasant" whereas "Mara" means "bitter"

2. A new beginning (Chapter 2)

Lev 23:22 When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you. I am the LORD your God.

Boaz is from the same clan as Elimelek

Ruth 2:12 May the LORD repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.

3. Planning for the future (Chapter 3)

Lev 19:18 Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

"The vertical shapes the horizontal"

"Levirate marriage" (Dt 25:5-10) provides for a "guardian-redeemer"



4. Praise be to the LORD! (Chapter 4)

Ruth 4:14 The women said to Naomi: “**Praise be to the LORD**, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! 15 He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth.”

Gen 12:1 The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. 2 “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; **and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.**”

