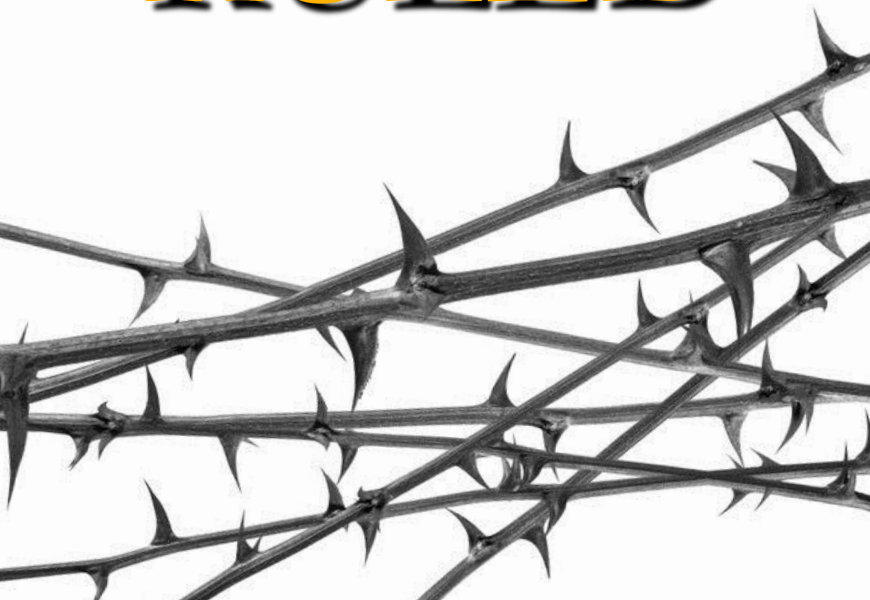


THE JUDGES RULED



RUTH – Bible Marking Homework

“The Country of Moab”

Day 1	1.	The country of Moab	1:1
	2.	The country of Moab	1:2
	3.	The country of Moab	1:6
	4.	The country of Moab	1:6
	5.	The country of Moab	1:22
	6.	The country of Moab	2:6
	7.	The country of Moab	4:3

“Rising Up”

Day 1	1.	Arose	1:6
	2.	Risen up	2:15
	3.	Rose up	3:14
	4.	Raise up	4:5
	5.	Confirm	4:7
	6.	Raise up	4:10

“Returning”

Day 2	1.	Return	1:6
	2.	Return	1:7
	3.	Return	1:8
	4.	Return	1:10
	5.	Turn again	1:11
	6.	Turn again	1:12
	7.	Gone back	1:15
	8.	Return	1:15
	9.	Return	1:16
	10.	Brought me home again	1:21
	11.	Returned	1:22
	12.	Returned	1:22
	13.	Came back	2:6
	14.	Come again	4:3
	15.	A restorer	4:15

“Barley”

Day 3	1.	Barley	1:22
	2.	Barley	2:17
	3.	Barley	2:23
	4.	Barley	3:2
	5.	Barley	3:15
	6.	Barley	3:17

The LORD
be with you

The LORD
bless thee

THE AGENDA

– THE STORY OF RUTH –

1 THE JUDGES RULED

2 THY PEOPLE SHALL BE MY
PEOPLE

3 THE LORD RECOMPENSE
THY WORK

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THE AGENDA



THE DAYS OF THE
JUDGES

SPIRITUAL FAMINE



LEAVING THE
ECCLESIA



EXHORTATIONS



NO KING IN ISRAEL

- **Judges 17**

“Corruption amongst a family”

- **Judges 18**

“Corruption amongst an ecclesia”

- **Judges 19 – 20**

“Corruption amongst an ecclesial area”

- **Judges 21**

“Corruption amongst the ecclesial brotherhood”



BREAKDOWN

– THE STORY OF RUTH –

- **Chapter 1 “Tears”**

Verse 8 – 9 “they lift up their voice and wept”

- **Chapter 2 “Toil”**

Verse 6 – 7 “she came and hath continued even from morning until now”

- **Chapter 3 “Trust”**

Verse 9 – 10 “for thou has shewed more kindness in the latter end”

- **Chapter 4 “Triumph”**

Verse 10 “Ruth the Moabitess...I have purchased”

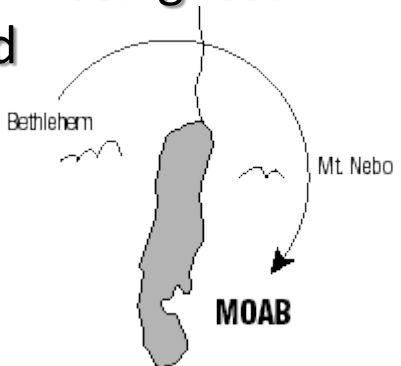
GRACE OF GOD

– THE STORY OF RUTH –

- The book begins with a funeral
- ...and ends with a wedding
- The Land is suppressed by famine
- ...but springs forth with a harvest
- Naomi moves from bitterness
- ...to blessedness
- Ruth moves from being lost
- ...to being loved

Key Theme:

- Leaving
- Returning



MOAB

MOAB = From father (Lot)

Genesis 19:37

...“Foundational”

- Born out of incest
- Moabites were descendants from an ungodly union

Numbers 22 & 25

...“Societal”

- Balaam and his curses
- Idolatry and immorality with Moabite women

Judges 3

...“Political”

- Under King Eglon, Israel oppressed 18 years

1 Kings 11:7

...“Spiritual”

- Chemosh was the Moabite god and was called an abomination

TESTED

- Prove that our faith is real

And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

Deuteronomy 8:2



TESTED

- Help our faith to grow

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

James 1:2 – 4



TESTED

- Bring glory to God

Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:6 – 7



TESTED

- Prove that our faith is real
Deuteronomy 8:2
- Help our faith to grow
James 1:2 – 4
- Bring glory to God
1 Peter 1:6 – 7



THE PRESENCE OF GOD

- Couldn't forgive himself

Genesis 4:16

- Couldn't forgive others

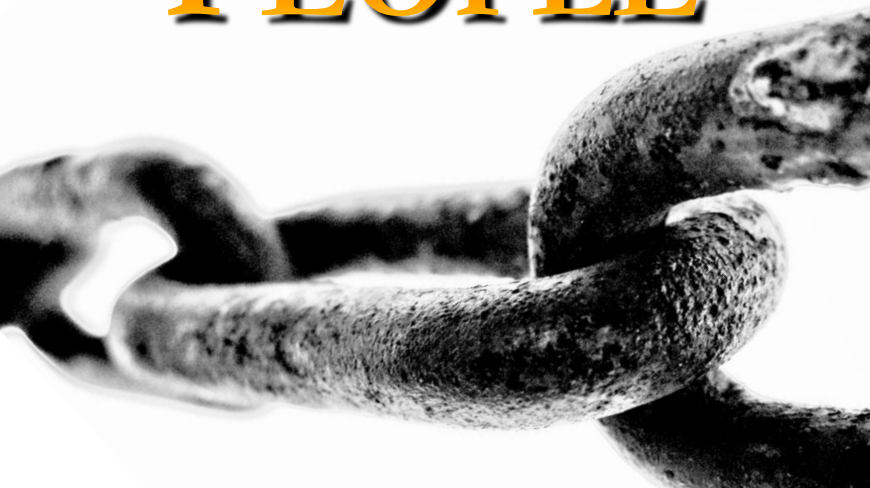
Jonah 1:3

- Couldn't forgive God

1 Samuel 16:14 & 28:15



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REVIEW



ELIMELECH

= God is my King



NAOMI

= Pleasantness, favour



MAHLON

= Sickly, puny



CHILION

= Pining, wasting



RUTH

= Friendly



ORPAH

= Back of the neck



THE AGENDA



THE PROVIDENCE
OF GOD

SEEKING THE LORD



EMBRACING THE
TRUTH



EXHORTATIONS



PROVIDENCE OF GOD

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

Biblical Examples of Providence:

- Joseph **Genesis 45:5**
- Daniel **Daniel 6:22**
- Paul & Silas **Acts 16:25 – 34**
- John **Revelation 1:9**
- Christ **John 3:16**



FAITH IN GOD'S WORD

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Psalms 103:12

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Galatians 6:7

But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.

Numbers 14:21



COUNTING THE COST

Luke 14

- “Which of you...”

v 28 – 30



= Controlled Situation
= Spiritual Foundations
= Defence

- “What king...”

v 31 – 32



= Uncontrolled Situation
= Spiritual Warfare
= Offence

PETITIONS TO RETURN

- To Ruth and Orpah **v 8 – 9**

“Return...find safety with a husband”

- To Ruth and Orpah **v 11**

“Return...I have no sons for husbands”

- To Ruth and Orpah **v 12 – 13**

“Return...too old, no husband, no sons”

- To Ruth **v 15**

“Return...be with a people and a god”

Orpah
“Kissed”



Ruth
“Clave”

MORE THAN JUST WORDS

Both...

- Arose to return with Naomi **v 6**
- Went on the way with Naomi **v 7**
- Said they would return with Naomi **v 10**

Only...

- Only Ruth returned with Naomi **v 22**

When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.

Ecclesiastes 5:4 – 5

BAPTISMAL INTERVIEW

Confession of Faith

Ruth 1:16 – 17

- **v 16** “whither thou goest, I will go”

Discipleship

- **v 16** “where thou lodgest, I will lodge”

Companionship

- **v 16** “thy people shall be my people”

Fellowship

- **v 16** “thy God my God”

Headship

- **v 17** “where thou diest, will I die”

Heirship


SPIRITUAL EMPTINESS

Those made empty in the Bible:

- Samson **Judges 16:28**
- Prodigal Son **Luke 15:17**
- Jonah **Jonah 2**
- Peter **Luke 22:62**

THE ALMIGHTY

El Shaddai

SHAD		SHADAD
= Breast		= Strength
= Nourish		= Destroy

Romans 11:22

“the goodness and severity of God”

THE LORD RECOMPENSE THY WORK



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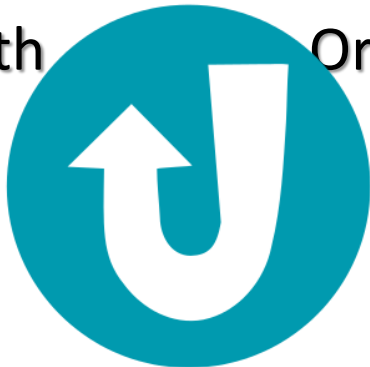


House of Sorrow & Death



Ruth

Orpah



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GLEANNING THE WORD
OF GOD



TRUSTING IN GOD



RECEIVING BLESSINGS



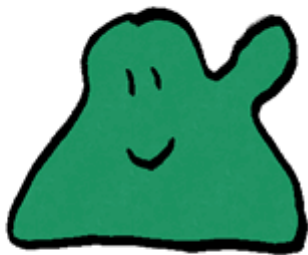
EXHORTATIONS



DRAMATIC IRONY



This is when the reader of the story has a greater knowledge than the characters in the story.



Slime Monster wanted some balloons.

BOAZ

A mighty man of wealth

- BOAZ = In him is strength

The king shall joy in thy strength, O
LORD... **Psalms 21:1**

KINSMAN (Moda) = Acquaintance **v 1**

KINSMEN (Gaal) = Redeemer **v 20**

Introduced to:

- The reader **Ruth 2:1**
- Ruth **Ruth 2:8**
- Naomi **Ruth 2:19 – 20**



BOAZ

A mighty man of wealth

Ruth 2:1

- BOAZ = In him is strength
- MIGHTY (*Gibbor*) = Strong, valiant
- MAN (*Ish*) = A great man
- WEALTH (*Chayil*) = A force, virtue, & strength S.W. “virtuous” **Ruth 3:11**

Elimelech

- Left the land and came to poverty and died

Boaz

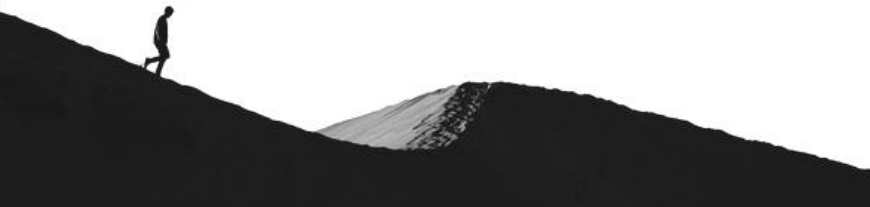
- Stayed in the land and came to wealth and lived

GUIDING OUR PATH

- Who is our Shepherd?

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5 – 6

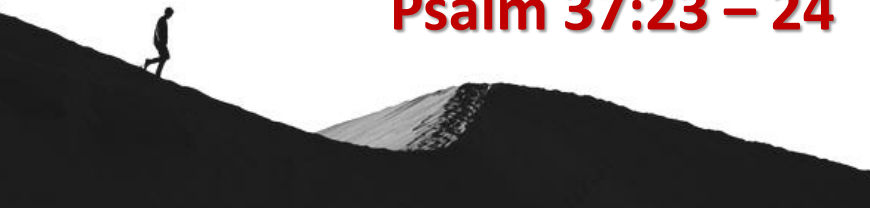


GUIDING OUR PATH

- Who holds our hand?

The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.

Psalm 37:23 – 24

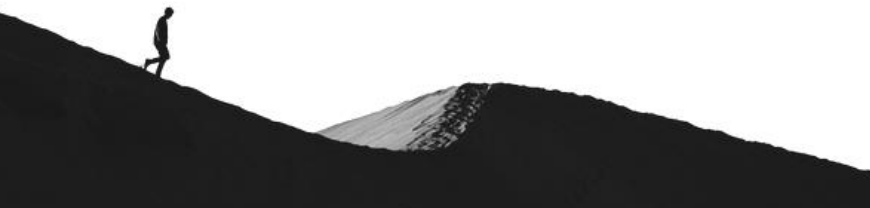


GUIDING OUR PATH

- Who lights our path?

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.

Psalms 119:105 – 106



GUIDING OUR PATH

- Who is our Shepherd?

Proverbs 3:5 – 6

- Who holds our hand?

Psalms 37:23 – 24

- Who lights our path?

Psalms 119:105 – 106



FIRST WORDS

- Words Full of Meaning -

- John the Baptist **Matthew 3:1 – 2**

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

- Paul **Acts 9:5 – 6**

And he said, Who art thou, Lord?... Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?

- Jesus **Luke 2:49**

And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

AMERICAN BOSSSES



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“Only 51 percent of Americans say that they are satisfied with their boss – down from 55 percent in 2008 and around 60 percent from two decades ago.”

– *New York Post, January 6 2010*



CHARACTER

Those in my ecclesia would describe me as _____, _____, _____.



CHARACTER

Those in my ecclesia would describe me as _____, _____, _____.

Boastful

Bossy

Careless

Detached

Fussy

Grumpy

Harsh

Impatient

Inconsiderate

Inconsistent

Indecisive

Irresponsible

Lazy



Materialistic

Moody

Overcritical

Patronizing

Proud

Quick-tempered

Sarcastic

Self-centred

Stubborn

Superficial

Thoughtless

Unpredictable

Unreliable



AN EPHAH OF BARLEY

- An ephah was made up of 10 omers. An omer was a daily provision in the wilderness.

Exodus 16:16 – 22

Ruth had
gathered
enough for her
and Naomi for
5 days

5 the number
of grace



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GOD'S PROVISIONS
FOR REDEMPTION



CHRIST OUR
REDEEMER



PETITIONING THE
REDEEMER



THE BOOK OF
PSALMS
EXHORTATIONS

RESTORED

Redeeming Land “Property”



- Kinsman Restored **v 25**
- Seller Restored **v 26 – 27**
- Jubilee Restored **v 28**

Redeeming Brother “Person”



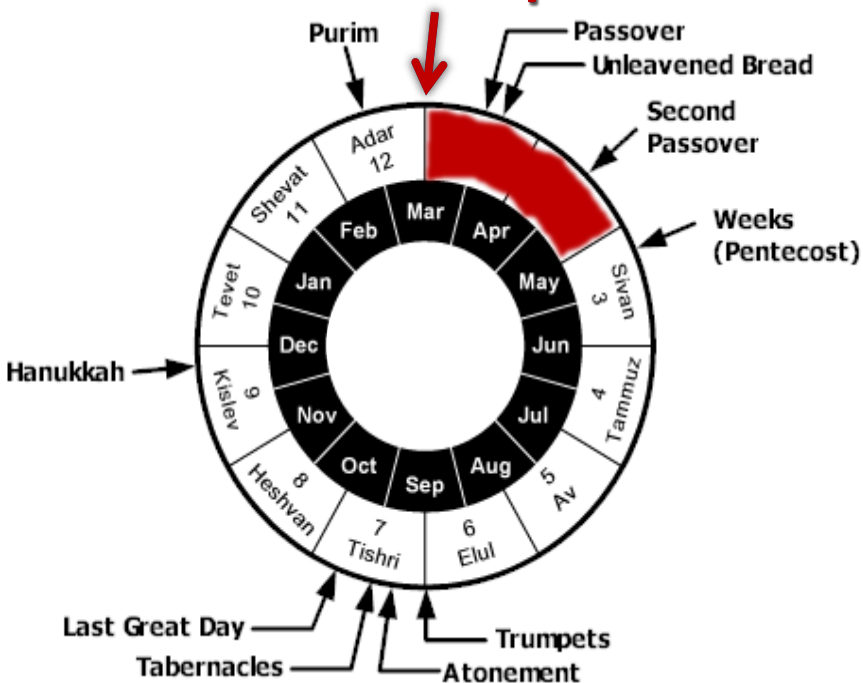
- Kinsman Restored **v 47**
- Seller Restored **v 49b**
- Jubilee Restored **v 54**

REDEEMER

- He was prophesied
1 Peter 1:18 – 20
- He was related to man
Hebrews 2:14 – 15
- He was free from the
debt of sin
Hebrews 4:15 – 16
- He was willing to pay
the price of sacrifice
Titus 2:13 – 14

CALENDAR

Chapter 2





PREPARATION

1) To Wash

- Read the Word

Husbands, love your wives,
even as Christ also loved the
church, and gave himself for it;
That he might sanctify and
cleanse it with the washing of
water by the word.

Ephesians 5:26 – 27



PREPARATION

2) To Anoint

- Choose Righteousness

Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Psalm 45:7



PREPARATION

3) To Clothe

- Exemplify that Decision

Let us walk honestly, as in the day...But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Romans 13:13 – 14



PREPARATION

4) To Appear

- Prepare for Judgment

Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

2 Corinthians 5:9 – 10



PREPARATION

1) To Wash **Eph. 5:25 – 26**

- Read the Word

2) To Anoint **Psalms 45:7**

- Choose Righteousness

3) To Clothe **Rom. 13:13 - 14**

- Exemplify that Decision

4) To Appear **2 Cor. 5:9 – 10**

- Prepare for Judgment



**THE SEED
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An illustration showing a group of people in traditional Middle Eastern attire gathered at a stone gate. A man in a blue robe is gesturing towards the gate, while others stand or sit nearby. A donkey is visible on the right side of the scene.

ASSEMBLING
AT THE GATE

An illustration of a woman wearing a blue headscarf and a yellow garment, looking towards the right. The background is a mix of blue and purple hues.

PURCHASING
THE BRIDE

An illustration of two men in prayer. The man on the left is wearing a blue garment and has his hands clasped in prayer. The man on the right is wearing a yellow garment and has his hands clasped in prayer. The background is a mix of orange and blue hues.

BLESSING FROM
THE LORD

An illustration of several golden wheat stalks, some of which are being held up by hands, symbolizing harvest or offering.

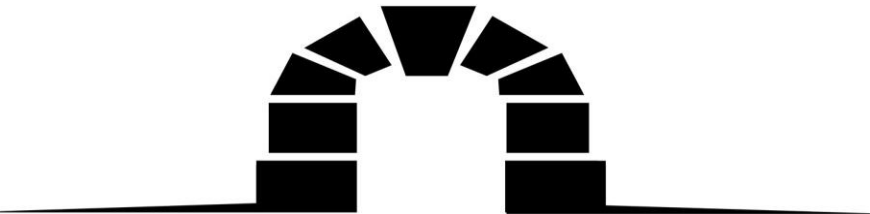
THE BOOK OF
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THE GATE

- **Chief Place of Concourse**

Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets: She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words.

Proverbs 1:20 – 21

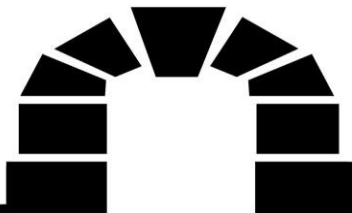


THE GATE

- Courts of Justice

Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy gates, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, throughout thy tribes: and they shall judge the people with just judgment.

Deuteronomy 16:18

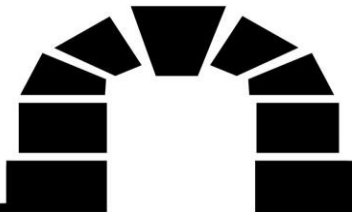


THE GATE

- **Selling & Buying of Land**

Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the audience of the children of Heth, even of all that went in at the gate of his city ... and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver.

Genesis 23:10 – 16

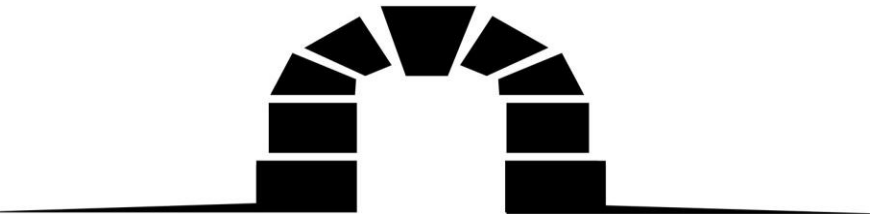


THE GATE

- Proclamations

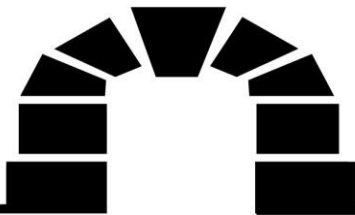
Thus said the LORD unto me:
Go and stand in the gate of the
children of the people...and
say unto them, Hear ye the
word of the LORD.

Jeremiah 17:19 – 20



THE GATE

- Chief Place of Concourse
Proverbs 1:20 – 21
- Courts of Justice
Deuteronomy 16:18
- Selling & Buying of Land
Genesis 23:10 – 16
- Proclamations
Jeremiah 17:19 – 20



SIT YE

Then went Boaz up to the gate, and sat him down there: and, behold, the kinsman of whom Boaz spake came by; unto whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down.

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

Ruth 4:1 – 2



DUTY

The duty of the kinsman

- DUTY = To perform levirate marriage, to perform the duty of a brother-in-law
- Only found 3 times in the Old Testament:

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| 1) Genesis 38:8 | <i>“marry”</i> |
| 2) Deuteronomy 25:5 | <i>“duty”</i> |
| 3) Deuteronomy 25:7 | <i>“duty”</i> |



I CANNOT

Reasons behind his decision:

- **Defilement**

Law condemned the marriage to foreigners

Deuteronomy 7:3 – 5

- **Selfish**

The land purchased would pass to the seed of Ruth

Deuteronomy 25:6

- **Pride**

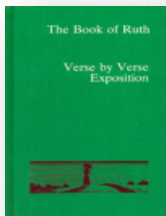
Unwilling to lower himself to aid someone in need

Matthew 23:1 – 4

PASSING THE RIGHT

“It is with shoes that one walks on a field, or paces out the measurements of it, and so claims possession of it (see **Joshua 1:3; 14:9; Ezekiel 43:7**). The nameless redeemer abandoned the right to do that, and handed the token of his refusal to Boaz.”

- *H.P. Mansfield, Ruth p 77*



THE MOABITESS

Six times previously Ruth had this title, but with her redemption into the covenant people, it exists no longer:

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1) ...the Moabiteess | Ruth 1:22 |
| 2) ...the Moabiteess | Ruth 2:2 |
| 3) ...the Moabitish | Ruth 2:6 |
| 4) ...the Moabiteess | Ruth 2:21 |
| 5) ...the Moabiteess | Ruth 4:5 |
| 6) ...the Moabiteess | Ruth 4:10 |
| 7) ...his wife | Ruth 4:13 |

THE STORY OF RUTH

- From tears
- ...to joy
- From labour
- ...to rest
- From emptiness
- ...to fullness
- From fear
- ...to peace and assurance



THE STORY OF RUTH

It seems incredible that this beautiful love story could occur during the dark days when the judges ruled, but such is the grace of God. We live in trying days; yet God is at work gathering a bride for His Son. Providentially, that bride will soon be gathered under the shadow of the wings that they have come to trust. "Blessed be the LORD, which hath not left us this day without a Kinsman."