

Sunday January 24th 2016
Ruth
Part One
Study Questions

1). Which are the 2 Books in the Bible named for women? What do they have in common and what is different between them?

a). Where in the Gospel of John do we find a wedding and why is this wedding significant?

b). Where do we first see a marriage within a 7 day structure?

c). What happens between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2 and how and why does God begin to resolve this issue?

d). What follows on from this beginning point?

e). Why is this pattern set at the beginning of scripture so important?

f). Given our own experience what does day 1 in the restoration in Genesis Chapter 1 picture for us and what do days 2-6 subsequently picture?

g). Read Genesis 3:21 – What does the event in this verse parallel from Chapter 1 and how does it connect with our own experience?

h). How is this same beginning point pictured for Orpah and Ruth and why would it be presented this way?

i). Can you think of any NT scripture that would give a parallel picture to Orpah and Ruth becoming part of a Jewish family?

j). How was this same picture presented in the Matthew 13 parables?

2). Read Ruth 1:1-5 – What is the historical setting for the Book of Ruth and what might we learn from it?

a). What is significant about the family dwelling in Moab for 10 years?

b). In which OT Book have we previously seen this complete period of time seen in Ruth set out for us? How long will it last? And what lies beyond it?

c). What is significant about the deaths of Elimelech, Mahlon and Chilion?

d). What are we taught through Naomi surviving her husband and sons and what other examples have we seen in the scriptures of this same truth?

3). Read Ruth 1:6-7 – What do we see happening in these verses and why is it happening?

a). Who determines what Orpah and Ruth do at this point and what does this teach us?

b). What events in Genesis Chapter 1 does Ruth's journey and subsequent experience once she has reached Bethlehem picture for us and what does this look like from our own experience?

c). Can you think of any other journey's made in the scriptures that would directly parallel Ruth's journey?

d). Any final thoughts for this week?