

Sunday January 31st 2016
Ruth
Part Two
Study Questions

- 1). What do we know to be the central focus of the Book of Ruth?
 - a). Within this focus then, who do Orpah and Ruth picture?
 - b). Who does Naomi picture?
 - c). Who does Boaz picture?
 - d). Which verse at the beginning of Ruth deals with eternal salvation?
 - e). How many more verses comprise the rest of the Book and what does this teach us?

f). Can you think of any other examples where we see this same truth?

g). Why is eternal salvation and then what lies beyond it presented in this sequence?

2). The fact that Naomi remains present throughout the events in Ruth teaches us about the inseparable connection between the Israel and the Church. We saw this connection through 3 different facets of the same picture. Read John 4:22b – What do we see here and what is significant in this for us?

a). Read Romans 3:2b – What do we see here and what is the significance of this with respect to our own success in the race of the faith?

b). Read Ezekiel 22:14-15 – What are these verses describing and what connection does this have for Israel with Christians?

c). Read Hosea 6:1-2 and Esther 5:1- What is described in these verses and what connection is there between this time and the realization of our hope?

d). How is the restoration of Israel pictured in the foundation and how is it pictured in the Book of Ruth?

3). What period of Israel's history is encompassed by the death of Elimelech?

a). How does Isaiah describe the spiritual state of Israel?

b). How is this same spiritual state seen in Elimelech's 2 sons?

c). What are we taught through the deaths of Mahlon and Chilion in conjunction with Orpah and Ruth becoming part of the family?

d). Which other scriptures did we look at in connection with this?

4). Read Genesis 21:1 and Exodus 6:6-8 – What do we see in these verses and what do they tell us about what Christians are supposed to know?

a). What do both Abraham and his descendants Israel experience in common on their journeys and what would this teach us about our own?

b). Read 1 Peter 1:6-8 – What do these verses teach us?

c). Any final thoughts?