

Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup> 2016

Ruth

Part Three

Study Questions

1). The deaths of Elimelech and Mahlon and Chilion provide us with 2 interrelated pictures concerning the history of nation of Israel. What is the first of these historical pictures and which scriptures did we look at in connection with it?

a). What is the second historical picture and which scriptures could we look at in connection with this?

b). In the Book of Ruth Orpah and Ruth become part of the family before Mahlon and Chilion die but we know that the Church does not come into existence until after Christ's death – how do we reconcile this?

c). Do the deaths of Mahlon and Chilion make any difference to Orpah's and Ruth's family relationship?

d). Why could there be no change in this relationship and which scripture did we look at with this?

2). Read Ephesians 2:10 again – How are the ‘good works’ seen in this verse represented in Ruth?

a). Read 2 Timothy 3:16 – What is the connection between this verse and Naomi and Ruth travelling to Judah and the gleaning and preparation that takes place after this?

3). In Ruth there is a sequential chronology that begins with becoming part of the family and ends on Boaz’s threshing floor preceding the redemption of the inheritance – how would we explain this within the Christian experience?

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

b). Does Ruth know everything there is to know about what awaits her at the start of the journey and if not what does this teach us?

c). Which scriptures can you think of that would describe this process for us?

4). Read Ruth 1:8-10 – What do we see in these verses and what is the choice being presented?

a). Which verses did we look at where the Lord details this same choice?

b). What did Orpah and Ruth choose and what would have to be the basis for the choice they made?

5). Read Ruth 1:11-14 – What do we see in these verses and what is it that makes a distinction between Orpah and Ruth?

a). Where did we see this same distinction made in the Matthew 13 parables?

b). In which other parables can we see this exact same thing?

c). What do we learn from this for ourselves?

d). What do the names Orpah and Ruth tell us about the choices each one would make and what should we learn from this?

e). What does Hebrews 11:15-16 have to say about this?

f). Read Ruth 1:16-17 – What do we learn from this and which other scriptures did we look at in connection with it?

g). Any final thoughts?