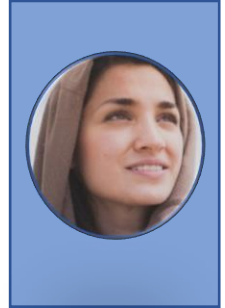


Ruth

God's Loving-Kindness Exemplified

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RUTH CHAPTER 4 ***Boaz Redeems Ruth***

"Praise be to the LORD, who this day has not left you without a kinsman-redeemer." (4:14)

A. THE REDEMPTION OF THE LAND (4:1-17)

1. Boaz wants to marry Ruth but there is a closer relative.
2. The closer relative rejects the offer of the land and marriage to Ruth.
3. Boaz then "buys" the property and the deal was sealed by taking off his sandal and giving it to the closer relative.
4. The deal included Ruth whom he married.
5. Ruth and Boaz eventually have a son, who was named Obed.
6. Obed became the father of Jesse, the father of King David (1 Sam. 16:1).



B. THE GENEALOGY OF DAVID (4:18-21)

1. Ruth, becomes the great-grandmother of King David (See Matthew 1:1-17).
2. By bringing in a non-Israelite into the covenant, God is fulfilling his promise to Abraham that all nations will be blessed through his seed (Gen. 12:3).
3. The Book of Ruth opens with three funerals but closes with a wedding and a birth.
4. There is a good deal of weeping recorded in the first chapter, but the last chapter records an overflowing of joy in the little town of Bethlehem.



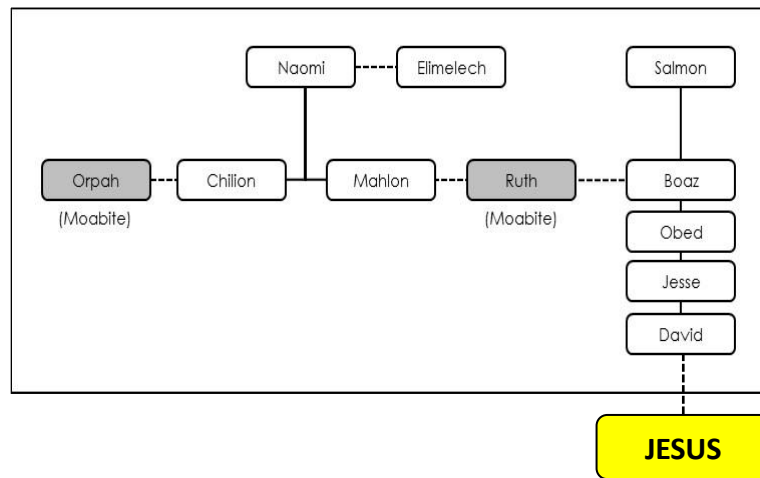


Figure 1: The Genealogy of David

C. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In what ways can you identify with Ruth, Naomi, or Boaz. Explain why.
2. In what ways does the book of Ruth give you a clearer picture of Jesus Christ?