

## The Bible Panorama – The History III: Ruth

“A Faithful Journey”

Ruth 1:15-22

*Going Beyond* the sermons into the Scripture preached by Pastor Peter Oh on June 24, 2018

### ***Entering In:***

*How do you decide what to do when you have to make a decision?*

1. What decision did Elimelech make in 1:1, 2?

What did he consider before he made his decision?

What did he *not* consider before making his decision?

- Genesis 19:30-38
- Numbers 22:10-12; 25:1-3
- Deuteronomy 23:1-6

What recurring phrase in Judges would be a good way to describe Elimelech’s decision to leave Canaan?

What did his decision reveal about the condition of his heart?

In light of 1:6, was God unfaithful to his word?

Share an experience you had where you tried to solve a problem your way rather than waiting on God to act.

2. What events subsequently happened to Elimelech and his family? (1:3, 4)

Read Deuteronomy 25:5-10. What else was lost?

To who was it lost? Who had to live with these losses?

3. God had a plan that anticipated such loss. Based on the following texts, explain in your own words the essence of that plan.

- Deuteronomy 25:5-10 (Law of the Levirate)
- Leviticus 25:25, 26 (Law of the Goel)

How did these laws apply to Naomi and her daughter-in-law, Ruth? (2:20; 4:13, 14)

Why do *we* need a Goel?

How is Christ our Goel (Kinsman-Redeemer)? (Matthew 20:28; 1 Peter 1:18, 19)

What benefits flow to us from our Goel?

- Romans 8:14-16
- Romans 8:17 (cf. 1 Peter 1:3, 4)

4. For whose sake did Boaz accept the role of Goel? (4:9, 10)

Why do you think the nearest kinsman (4:1-6), while willing to fulfill the requirements of the Goel, refused to honor the requirements of the Levirate?

How have you used God's law as an excuse to do avoid doing what is right?

Skim Genesis 38 in order to answer the following questions.

- Which tribe's Patriarch was the principal character in this story?
- How was the Law of the Levirate dishonored in this chapter?
- What detail in this story is related to the situation of the unnamed kinsman in Ruth 4?
- How did the Law of the Levirate ultimately get fulfilled?
- How was Boaz related to Tamar (v.29; Ruth 4:18-21a)?

5. Several decisions were made subsequent to Elimelech's decision to move to Moab. For each of the following, tell what important decision that person made and why they made it.

- Naomi (1:6, 7)
- Ruth (1:16, 17)
- Boaz (4:9, 10)

***Living It Out:***

*What difficult situation or decision has God given to you?*

*Pray that your heart will remain faithful to God as you decide what you must do.*