

## CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

### RUTH

The year is approximately 1322 BC. The author of the book of Ruth is unknown. The purpose behind this book was to present the link between Judah and the Gentile world, probably during the time of the judges.

Aside from its historical and genealogical contents, the book is of great merit because

Of its ethical teachings, for instance, when a vow is made, it should be kept. Ruth's refusal to be free exalts the importance of safe-keeping a moral obligation. She could not have known what would result from her decision. Her willingness to obey Naomi's instructions, as well as to be a menial laborer, emphasizes the message of the Old Testament and of experience that youth need the counsel from those who are more mature. Finally, the marriage ceremony shows that worthy people respect customs whose symbolisms portray basic commitments among men. Simply put, this means that traditions which do not conflict with the Bible should be kept.

Ruth, a gentile, is best known as the mother of the grandfather of David. This, of course, put her in lineage of Christ.

#### RUTH 4:13-22

13 SO BOAZ TOOK RUTH, AND SHE WAS HIS WIFE: AND WHEN HE WENT IN UNTO HER, THE LORD GAVE HER CONCEPTION, AND SHE BARE A SON.

14 AND THE WOMEN SAID UNTO NAOMI, BLESSED BE THE LORD, WHICH HATH NOT LEFT THEE THIS DAY WITHOUT A KINSMAN, THAT HIS NAME MAY BE FAMOUS IN ISRAEL.

15 AND HE SHALL BE UNTO THEE A RESTORER OF THY LIFE, AND A NOURISHER OF THINE OLD AGE: FOR THY DAUGHTER IN LAW, WHICH LOVETH THEE, WHICH IS BETTER TO THEE THAN SEVEN SONS, HATH BORN HIM.

16 AND NAOMI TOOK THE CHILD, AND LAID IT IN HER BOSOM, AND BECAME NURSE UNTO IT.

17 AND THE WOMEN HER NEIGHBOURS GAVE IT A NAME, SAYING, THERE IS A SON BORN TO NAOMI; AND THEY CALLED HIS NAME OBED: HE IS THE FATHER OF JESSE, THE FATHER OF DAVID.

18 NOW THESE ARE THE GENERATIONS OF PHAREZ: PHAREZ BEGAT HEZRON,

19 AND HEZRON BEGAT RAM, AND RAM BEGAT AMMINADAB,

20 AND AMMINADAB BEGAT NAHSHON, AND NAHSHON BEGAT SALMON,

21 AND SALMON BEGAT BOAZ, AND BOAZ BEGAT OBED,

22 AND OBED BEGAT JESSE, AND JESSE BEGAT DAVID.

**Even though Jesus is not mentioned by name or referred to regarding His ministry, it is easy to see Boaz represents Him as the Kinsman's Redeemer.**