

## THERE IS A REDEEMER

--RUTH 4:1-22--

### INTRODUCTION:

For the nation of Israel, the idea of redemption and a redeemer went back to the time of Moses when God redeemed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. The history of the nation of Israel began with redemption and this principle became a part of the Law of Moses in which they were to be redeemers as God had redeemed them.

In Ruth we are seeing this principle of redemption played out within the pages of this book. Not just redemption but redeeming love as Boaz seeks to redeem both Ruth and Naomi. This final chapter opens at Bethlehem's gate.

#### I. BOAZ AT THE GATE (Ruth 4:1-6)

- a. When Ruth had returned to Naomi after the night that she spent at the threshing floor, her mother-in-law told her to \_\_\_\_\_ until she knew how the matter turned out.
- b. Upon spotting this \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Boaz calls to him to come and sit down.
- c. This was not the outcome that Boaz was hoping for because there is more than \_\_\_\_\_ involved here.
- d. The nearer redeemer decides that he cannot \_\_\_\_\_ the land, this might jeopardize his own inheritance.

#### II. BOAZ THE KINSMAN-REDEEMER (Ruth 4:7-13)

- a. Suddenly Boaz's \_\_\_\_\_ to redeem Ruth is possible. The closer redeemer has relinquished his right to redeem the land or Ruth.
- b. So, this kinsman-redeemer removes his \_\_\_\_\_ and gives it to Boaz to legalize his giving up his rights to the land and to Ruth.
- c. Boaz announces before the elders that they are witnesses that he will buy back the \_\_\_\_\_ that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to his sons, Chilion and Mahlon.

- a. The elders and the people respond that they are witnesses and they pronounce the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD upon Ruth and Boaz.
- b. With the official duties taken care of, Boaz wastes no time in fulfilling his promise to Ruth to \_\_\_\_\_ her.

#### II. OBED THE REDEEMER (Ruth 4:14-17)

- a. Naomi has a \_\_\_\_\_, and as she takes this child into her arms the women of Bethlehem pronounce a blessing on her too.
- b. Naomi is not an extremely old woman yet, there is time for this baby to \_\_\_\_\_ into a young man who will renew her life and support her in her old age.

#### III. JESUS CHRIST, OUR KINSMAN-REDEEMER (Ruth 4:17-22)

- a. This chapter and the whole book of Ruth ends with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the newborn son and an account of what followed from his birth.
- b. Was this second baby born in Bethlehem also a \_\_\_\_\_? Yes, He was.
- c. And from \_\_\_\_\_ did Jesus Christ redeem us?
- d. And \_\_\_\_\_ did Jesus Christ do this?

### CONCLUSION:

There is a Redeemer! That is the message with which Judges and Ruth leave us. It is a wonder to marvel at, something to sing about, and a truth never to be forgotten, especially when we find ourselves betrayed again by our own sinfulness. And when the moral and spiritual chaos all around and within seems overwhelming, we need never despair, because a baby has been born in Bethlehem. Light has come into the world, and darkness never has and never will be able to put it out. Remember that God is always with you even in the midst of the chaos.

