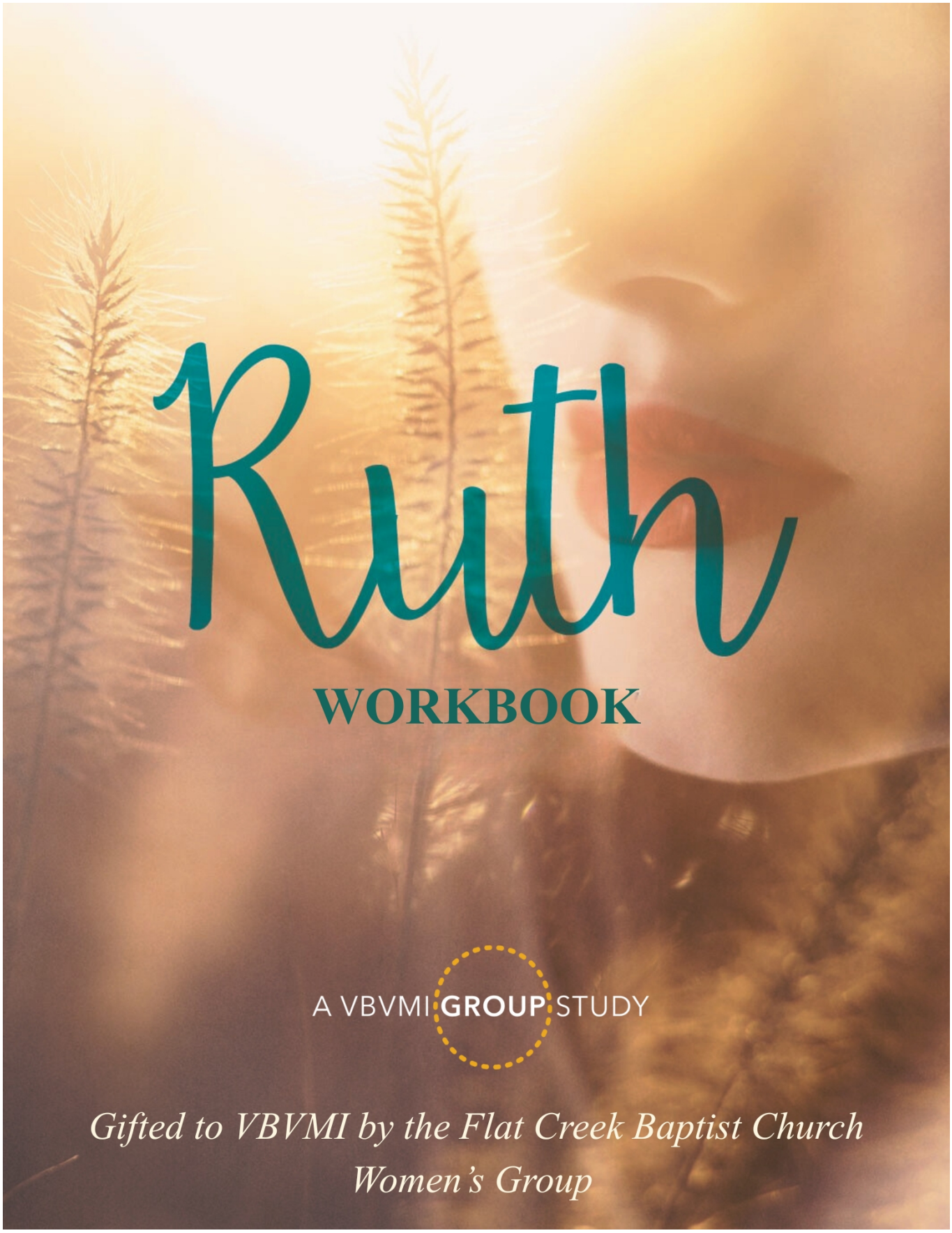
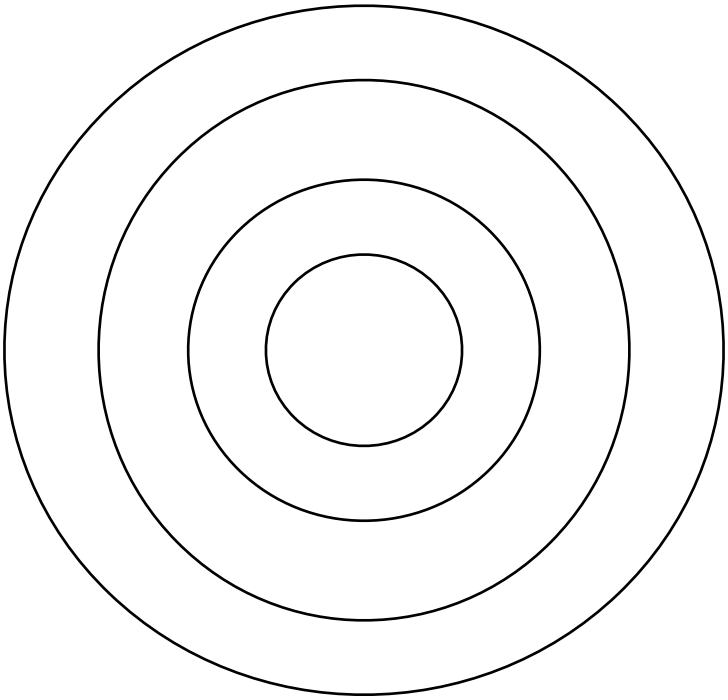


© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

Ruth Lesson 1A
Chapter 1:1-5

1. Explain the storyline of Ruth using the bull's eye analogy?



2. What is the common central theme throughout?

3. A "chiasm" is a literary structure used in the book of Ruth to draw attention to the _____ _____ or main idea.

4. What will be the main idea of the book of Ruth at the center of the chiasm?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

RUTH 1:1 **Now it came about in the days when the judges governed, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the land of Moab with his wife and his two sons.**
RUTH 1:2 **The name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife, Naomi; and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehem in Judah. Now they entered the land of Moab and remained there.**
RUTH 1:3 **Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left with her two sons.**
RUTH 1:4 **They took for themselves Moabite women as wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. And they lived there about ten years.**
RUTH 1:5 **Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died, and the woman was bereft of her two children and her husband.**

5. Elaborate on the setting for the book of Ruth and provide evidence that supports your answer.

6. How is the account of Ruth vastly different from the events recorded at the end of the book of Judges?

DEUT. 11:13 **"It shall come about, if you listen obediently to my commandments which I am commanding you today, to love the Lord your God and to serve Him with all your heart and all your soul,**
DEUT. 11:14 **that He will give the rain for your land in its season, the early and late rain, that you may gather in your grain and your new wine and your oil.**
DEUT. 11:15 **"He will give grass in your fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied.**
DEUT. 11:16 **"Beware that your hearts are not deceived, and that you do not turn away and serve other gods and worship them.**
DEUT. 11:17 **"Or the anger of the Lord will be kindled against you, and He will shut up the heavens so that there will be no rain and the ground will not yield its fruit; and you will perish quickly from the good land which the Lord is giving you.**

7. What is the purpose of the famine that results in Elimelech moving to Moab?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

8. What lessons can we learn from Elimelech's decision?

DEUT. 23:3 **"No Ammonite or Moabite shall enter the assembly of the Lord; none of their descendants, even to the tenth generation, shall ever enter the assembly of the Lord,**
DEUT. 23:4 **because they did not meet you with food and water on the way when you came out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you.**
DEUT. 23:5 **"Nevertheless, the Lord your God was not willing to listen to Balaam, but the Lord your God turned the curse into a blessing for you because the Lord your God loves you.**
DEUT. 23:6 **"You shall never seek their peace or their prosperity all your days.**

9. What were the negative outcomes of Elimelech's choices?

10. Elaborate on how the situation must appear from the perspective of Naomi.

11. Elaborate on the situation from the perspective of Ruth and Orpah?

12. List all the things that come through Israel for our redemption:

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

EPH. 2:11 **Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "Uncircumcision" by the so-called "Circumcision," which is performed in the flesh by human hands —**
EPH. 2:12 **remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.**
EPH. 2:13 **But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.**

13. How are Naomi, Orpah, and Ruth illustrated in the passage of Ephesians?

14. Share any other insights you discovered from lesson 1A, or something you discovered you didn't know, or knowledge that grew into a deeper understanding?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

Ruth Lesson 1B
Chapter 1:1-5

1. Elaborate on the significance of a picture in scripture? List examples.

2. List the reasons why God embeds pictures within scripture.

IS. 54:4 **"Fear not, for you will not be put to shame;**
And do not feel humiliated, for you will not be disgraced;
But you will forget the shame of your youth,
And the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.
IS. 54:5 **"For your husband is your Maker,**
Whose name is the Lord of hosts;
And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel,
Who is called the God of all the earth.
IS. 54:6 **"For the Lord has called you,**
Like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit,
Even like a wife of one's youth when she is rejected,"
Says your God.
IS. 54:7 **"For a brief moment I forsook you,**
But with great compassion I will gather you.
IS. 54:8 **"In an outburst of anger**
I hid My face from you for a moment,
But with everlasting lovingkindness I will have compassion on you,"
Says the Lord your Redeemer.

3. In the 2nd story within Ruth, who do Elimelech and Naomi represent?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

4. What do we learn about this relationship from the passage in Isaiah?

LEV. 26:14 **'But if you do not obey Me and do not carry out all these commandments,**
LEV. 26:15 **if, instead, you reject My statutes, and if your soul abhors My ordinances so as not to carry out all My commandments, and so break My covenant,**
LEV. 26:16 **I, in turn, will do this to you: I will appoint over you a sudden terror, consumption and fever that will waste away the eyes and cause the soul to pine away; also, you will sow your seed uselessly, for your enemies will eat it up.**
LEV. 26:19 **'I will also break down your pride of power; I will also make your sky like iron and your earth like bronze.**
LEV. 26:22 **'I will let loose among you the beasts of the field, which will bereave you of your children and destroy your cattle and reduce your number so that your roads lie deserted.**
LEV. 26:38 **'But you will perish among the nations, and your enemies' land will consume you.**
LEV. 26:39 **'So those of you who may be left will rot away because of their iniquity in the lands of your enemies; and also because of the iniquities of their forefathers they will rot away with them.**

5. What will be the result of Israel's disobedience to God?

6. How can this pattern established in Leviticus be seen in the opening verses of Ruth 1:1-5?

7. What is the significance or meaning behind numbers 1-10 in scripture?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

RUTH 1:4 **They took for themselves Moabite women as wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. And they lived there about ten years.**

8. What insights do we learn in regards to the word “about” and the number 10 at the end of Ruth 1:4?

DEUT. 28:62 **“Then you shall be left few in number, whereas you were as numerous as the stars of heaven, because you did not obey the Lord your God.**
DEUT. 28:63 **“It shall come about that as the Lord delighted over you to prosper you, and multiply you, so the Lord will delight over you to make you perish and destroy you; and you will be torn from the land where you are entering to possess it.**
DEUT. 28:64 **“Moreover, the Lord will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth; and there you shall serve other gods, wood and stone, which you or your fathers have not known.**
DEUT. 28:65 **“Among those nations you shall find no rest, and there will be no resting place for the sole of your foot; but there the Lord will give you a trembling heart, failing of eyes, and despair of soul.**
DEUT. 28:66 **“So your life shall hang in doubt before you; and you will be in dread night and day, and shall have no assurance of your life.**

9. As a result of Israel’s disobedience, God promises a scattering of His people in the passage of Deuteronomy. Explain the various stages of this scattering as it has occurred in history.

LUKE 21:20 **“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near.**
LUKE 21:21 **“Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city;**
LUKE 21:22 **because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled.**

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

LUKE 21:23 **“Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days; for there will be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people;**
LUKE 21:24 **and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.**

10. What event did Christ prophesy in the above passage of Luke?

11. There will be a gathering of the nation of Israel. When and how has it already begun?

EZEK. 20:33 **“As I live,” declares the Lord God, “surely with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out, I shall be king over you.**
EZEK. 20:34 **“I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out;**
EZEK. 20:35 **and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgment with you face to face.**
EZEK. 20:36 **“As I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you,” declares the Lord God.**
EZEK. 20:37 **“I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;**
EZEK. 20:38 **and I will purge from you the rebels and those who transgress against Me; I will bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they will not enter the land of Israel. Thus you will know that I am the Lord.**

12. What do we learn from the above passage?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

EZEK. 36:17 **"Son of man, when the house of Israel was living in their own land, they defiled it by their ways and their deeds; their way before Me was like the uncleanness of a woman in her impurity.**
EZEK. 36:18 **"Therefore I poured out My wrath on them for the blood which they had shed on the land, because they had defiled it with their idols.**
EZEK. 36:19 **"Also I scattered them among the nations and they were dispersed throughout the lands. According to their ways and their deeds I judged them.**
EZEK. 36:20 **"When they came to the nations where they went, they profaned My holy name, because it was said of them, 'These are the people of the Lord; yet they have come out of His land.'**
EZEK. 36:21 **"But I had concern for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations where they went.**
EZEK. 36:22 **"Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord God, "It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you went.**
EZEK. 36:23 **"I will vindicate the holiness of My great name which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord," declares the Lord God, "when I prove Myself holy among you in their sight.**
EZEK. 36:24 **"For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land.**

13. How does the above passage exemplify God's great love?

14. Summarize in your own words how Ruth 1:1-5 is a prophetic picture of an event occurring now.

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

Ruth Lesson 1C
Chapter 1:6-22

RUTH 1:6 **Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the land of Moab, for she had heard in the land of Moab that the Lord had visited His people in giving them food.**
RUTH 1:7 **So she departed from the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.**
RUTH 1:8 **And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you as you have dealt with the dead and with me.**
RUTH 1:9 **"May the Lord grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband." Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept.**
RUTH 1:10 **And they said to her, "No, but we will surely return with you to your people."**
RUTH 1:11 **But Naomi said, "Return, my daughters. Why should you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?**
RUTH 1:12 **"Return, my daughters! Go, for I am too old to have a husband. If I said I have hope, if I should even have a husband tonight and also bear sons,**
RUTH 1:13 **would you therefore wait until they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters; for it is harder for me than for you, for the hand of the Lord has gone forth against me."**

1. What prompts Naomi to return to Judah?

2. What is significant about the phrase "the Lord had visited His people"?

3. With Naomi planning to return to Judah, what prospects do her two Moabite daughter-in-laws face?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

4. What is Naomi's act of mercy to her daughter-in-laws?

RUTH 1:14 **And they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.**

5. Compare and contrast the responses of Orpah and Ruth?

6. What may be the reasons for Ruth's decision?

RUTH 1:15 **Then she said, "Behold, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and her gods; return after your sister-in-law."**
RUTH 1:16 **But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God.**
RUTH 1:17 **"Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. Thus may the Lord do to me, and worse, if anything but death parts you and me."**

7. What do we learn about Orpah's decision to return versus Ruth's decision to stay?

8. What can we conclude about Ruth?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

RUTH 1:18 **When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.**
RUTH 1:19 **So they both went until they came to Bethlehem. And when they had come to Bethlehem, all the city was stirred because of them, and the women said, "Is this Naomi?"**
RUTH 1:20 **She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.**
RUTH 1:21 **"I went out full, but the Lord has brought me back empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since the Lord has witnessed against me and the Almighty has afflicted me?"**
RUTH 1:22 **So Naomi returned, and with her Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, who returned from the land of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.**

9. Explain the Biblical definition of "love" and how Ruth exemplifies its meaning?

10. Contrast the meanings of "Naomi" and "Mara"?

11. How is Naomi's view of her life ironically opposite of what she perceives?

MATT. 10:24 **"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master.**
MATT. 10:25 **"It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher, and the slave like his master. If they have called the head of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign the members of his household!**

12. What does Christ remind us to be mindful of as His followers?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

GAL. 4:28 **And you brethren, like Isaac, are children of promise.**
GAL. 4:29 **But as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also.**

13. As enemies of the world, what basic fundamental spiritual principle should guide us as we walk through this world?

ROM. 8:18 **For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.**

14. What then should our challenge be in light of what we have learned about Naomi's circumstances?

15. How can I learn to rise to this challenge on a daily basis?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

Ruth Lesson 1D
Chapter 1:6-22

1. What prophetic picture does the life of Naomi and her family represent?

2. Summarize the importance of the number 10 in relation to these events.

3. What does Naomi's future look like?

LUKE 7:11 **Soon afterwards He went to a city called Nain; and His disciples were going along with Him, accompanied by a large crowd.**
LUKE 7:12 **Now as He approached the gate of the city, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her.**
LUKE 7:13 **When the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her, and said to her, "Do not weep."**
LUKE 7:14 **And He came up and touched the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise!"**
LUKE 7:15 **The dead man sat up and began to speak. And Jesus gave him back to his mother.**

4. How does the above passage help you appreciate how much Jesus loves you?

5. Compare and contrast the widowhood of Naomi with the widowhood of Israel?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

DEUT. 32:20 **"Then He said, 'I will hide My face from them,**
I will see what their end shall be;
For they are a perverse generation,
Sons in whom is no faithfulness.
DEUT. 32:21 **'They have made Me jealous with what is not God;**
They have provoked Me to anger with their idols.
So I will make them jealous with those who are not a people;
I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation,

6. How does God use Israel's judgment to extend grace to another group of people?

IS. 65:1 **"I permitted Myself to be sought by those who did not ask for Me;**
I permitted Myself to be found by those who did not seek Me.
I said, 'Here am I, here am I,'
To a nation which did not call on My name.

7. How does the above passage demonstrate God's sovereignty in our salvation?

IS. 55:5 **"Behold, you will call a nation you do not know,**
And a nation which knows you not will run to you,
Because of the Lord your God, even the Holy One of Israel;
For He has glorified you."
Is. 55:6 **Seek the Lord while He may be found;**
Call upon Him while He is near.

8. How are we as Christians represented in Isaiah 55:5-6?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

ROM. 11:11 **I say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? May it never be! But by their transgression salvation has come to the Gentiles, to make them jealous.**
ROM. 11:12 **Now if their transgression is riches for the world and their failure is riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their fulfillment be!**

ROM. 11:17 **But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree,**
ROM. 11:18 **do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, remember that it is not you who supports the root, but the root supports you.**
How is the Church attached to Israel as a Gentile family member?

9. Who then does Ruth represent?

EPH. 2:13 **But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.**
EPH. 2:14 **For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,**
EPH. 2:15 **by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace,**
EPH. 2:16 **and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.**
EPH. 2:17 **and He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near;**
EPH. 2:18 **for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.**

10. What do we learn about the church and Israel from the passage of Ephesians?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

ACTS 15:6 **The apostles and the elders came together to look into this matter.**
ACTS 15:7 **After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brethren, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles would hear the word of the gospel and believe.**
ACTS 15:8 **"And God, who knows the heart, testified to them giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He also did to us;**
ACTS 15:9 **and He made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith.**

11. How does the passage of Acts relate to our story of Naomi and Ruth?

12. Share something you have discovered so far from this Bible study that you did not already know or has become more clear to you:

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

Ruth Lesson 2A
Chapter 2:1-14

1. As Naomi and Ruth enter Israel, how are these women similar and yet also different from each other?

RUTH 2:1 **Now Naomi had a kinsman of her husband, a man of great wealth, of the family of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz.**
RUTH 2:2 **And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Please let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after one in whose sight I may find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."**
RUTH 2:3 **So she departed and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers; and she happened to come to the portion of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.**

2. What information do we discover about Boaz?

3. How will these women try to meet their basic needs?

LEV. 19:9 **'Now when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest.**
LEV. 19:10 **'Nor shall you glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the needy and for the stranger. I am the Lord your God.**

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

4. Explain the process of how the Lord provided for widows and the poor to have their needs met?

5. As Ruth goes out to glean, how is God's providence and sovereignty clearly seen?

RUTH 2:4 **Now behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem and said to the reapers, "May the Lord be with you." And they said to him, "May the Lord bless you."**
RUTH 2:5 **Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?"**
RUTH 2:6 **The servant in charge of the reapers replied, "She is the young Moabite woman who returned with Naomi from the land of Moab.**
RUTH 2:7 **"And she said, 'Please let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves.' Thus she came and has remained from the morning until now; she has been sitting in the house for a little while."**

6. What more do we learn about Boaz?

JAMES 1:27 **Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.**

7. What does true worship of God look like?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

8. How does the servant's report of Ruth reveal Ruth's character?

2TH. 3:10 **For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either.**
2TH. 3:11 **For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies.**
2TH. 3:12 **Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread.**
2TH. 3:13 **But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good.**
2TH. 3:14 **If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of that person and do not associate with him, so that he will be put to shame.**
2TH. 3:15 **Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.**

9. How does the passage of 2 Thessalonians complement what we are seeing through the character of both Boaz and Ruth?

10. Who was the mother of Boaz, and how might that influence his character?

RUTH 2:8 **Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Listen carefully, my daughter. Do not go to glean in another field; furthermore, do not go on from this one, but stay here with my maids.**
RUTH 2:9 **"Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them. Indeed, I have commanded the servants not to touch you. When you are thirsty, go to the water jars and drink from what the servants draw."**
RUTH 2:10 **Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your sight that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"**
RUTH 2:11 **Boaz replied to her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law after the death of your husband has been fully reported to me, and how you left**

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and came to a people that you did not previously know.
RUTH 2:12 **“May the Lord reward your work, and your wages be full from the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge.”**
RUTH 2:13 **Then she said, “I have found favor in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me and indeed have spoken kindly to your maidservant, though I am not like one of your maidservants.”**

11. How does Boaz extend promises of provision, protection, and privilege to Ruth?

12. What is the Hebrew word for “favor,” and how else can it be translated?

13. How have I been granted unmerited, undeserved favor?

14. What is Boaz’s response to Ruth’s question?

15. How is Ruth unlike the other maidservants?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

16. Explain how you can see yourself in this story:

17. How does Christ extend promises of provision, protection, and privilege to me?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

Ruth Lesson 2B
Chapter 2:1-14

1. Elaborate on who Boaz, his servant, and Ruth picture in this second story?

2. We know Ruth is working in the fields to provide for her and Naomi. How is this a picture of you and me? (Matthew 13:38)

3. Did Ruth take notice of Boaz, or did Boaz take notice of Ruth? Elaborate on this spiritually:

4. In all the grace Boaz bestowed upon Ruth, did he have any expectations of her? How does this apply to us? (see 1 John 5:2-4)

1JOHN 5:2 **By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments.**
1JOHN 5:3 **For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.**
1JOHN 5:4 **For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith.**

5. What do you think about the phrase “God has purposely left us in a state of need to motivate us to serve him”?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

MATT. 11:28 **“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.**
MATT. 11:29 **“Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and You will find rest for your souls.**
MATT. 11:30 **“For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”**

6. How does Christ’s yoke compare to the yoke of the world?

7. Elaborate on how the three things Boaz tells Ruth in response to why he was helping her parallel Christ, you and me, and the Church?

   1. Parallels Christ:

   2. Parallels you and me (believers):

   JOHN 17:16 **“They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.**

   MATT. 10:37 **“He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.**

   PHIL. 3:7 **But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.**
   PHIL. 3:8 **More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ,**

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

3. Parallels the Church:

8. Reflect on how well you work at achieving this second point.

9. What is Ruth's, and ultimately our, reward from God?

MARK 10:29 **Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel's sake,**
MARK 10:30 **but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life.**

10. Elaborate on how Pastor Armstrong breaks down the passage in Matthew.

RUTH 2:14 **At mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come here, that you may eat of the bread and dip your piece of bread in the vinegar." So she sat beside the reapers; and he served her roasted grain, and she ate and was satisfied and had some left.**

11. What is actually happening in verse 14? Elaborate on its significance.

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

12. How does this picture what Christ has done for us?

2TIM. 2:13 **If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.**

PHIL. 1:6 **For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.**

ROM. 8:38 **For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,**
ROM. 8:39 **nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

13. How do the passages of 2 Timothy, Philippians, and Romans confirm our eternal security?

MATT. 11:28 **"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.**
MATT. 11:29 **"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and You will find rest for your souls.**

14. How do we commemorate this covenant in a way that is similar to Boaz and Ruth?

15. What is one more detail that connects these characters in our story?

16. Prophetically, why hasn't Naomi been able to enjoy the same benefits?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

Ruth Lesson 3A
Ruth 2:14-23; 3:1-5

REVIEW:

1. List the many ways in which Ruth's life has greatly improved.

2. What can we possibly conclude about Boaz and his intentions toward Ruth?

RUTH 2:14 **At mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come here, that you may eat of the bread and dip your piece of bread in the vinegar." So she sat beside the reapers; and he served her roasted grain, and she ate and was satisfied and had some left.**
RUTH 2:15 **When she rose to glean, Boaz commanded his servants, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not insult her.**
RUTH 2:16 **"Also you shall purposely pull out for her some grain from the bundles and leave it that she may glean, and do not rebuke her."**
RUTH 2:17 **So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.**
RUTH 2:18 **She took it up and went into the city, and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She also took it out and gave Naomi what she had left after she was satisfied.**

3. What is the first and very surprising thing we noticed as we look back on verse 14?

4. Explain the significance of Boaz giving Ruth such a large portion of a meal. What does this remind us of from our study in Genesis?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

5. What becomes clear in the story from the words of verse 12 “When she rose to glean”, and how does this show Boaz keeping his promises?

6. Elaborate on how Boaz fulfilled his promise of provision to Ruth?

7. How does he maintain her dignity?

8. Do you agree with the statement “When something is rewarding, the difficulty of it does not impinge on your joy.”? Explain.

9. How does Ruth working in the field represent you and me as believers?

HEB. 1:14 **Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?**

10. Who is helping us in this work? Describe the way in which we are being helped.

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

11. Can you share a time when you stepped up to work for the Lord and were able to see the help He provided?

12. To see God working through our lives, what must we do first?

13. How do we see the impact of Boaz's grace to Ruth on the first day of harvest and ultimately to Naomi as well?

RUTH 2:19 **Her mother-in-law then said to her, "Where did you glean today and where did you work? May he who took notice of you be blessed." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, "The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz."**
RUTH 2:20 **Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed of the Lord who has not withdrawn his kindness to the living and to the dead." Again Naomi said to her, "The man is our relative, he is one of our closest relatives."**

14. What is Naomi's first response?

15. What are the meanings behind the phrase "the Lord who has not withdrawn his kindness to the living and to the dead"?

RUTH 2:21 **Then Ruth the Moabitess said, "Furthermore, he said to me, 'You should stay close to my servants until they have finished all my harvest.'"**

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

RUTH 2:22 **Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his maids, so that others do not fall upon you in another field."**
RUTH 2:23 **So she stayed close by the maids of Boaz in order to glean until the end of the barley harvest and the wheat harvest. And she lived with her mother-in-law.**

16. For how long has Ruth been working in the harvest fields?

RUTH 3:1 **Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may be well with you?**
RUTH 3:2 **"Now is not Boaz our kinsman, with whose maids you were? Behold, he winnows barley at the threshing floor tonight.**
RUTH 3:3 **"Wash yourself therefore, and anoint yourself and put on your best clothes, and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.**
RUTH 3:4 **"It shall be when he lies down, that you shall notice the place where he lies, and you shall go and uncover his feet and lie down; then he will tell you what you shall do."**
RUTH 3:5 **She said to her, "All that you say I will do."**

17. Ultimately what are these verses about?

DEUT. 25:5 **"When brothers live together and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the deceased shall not be married outside the family to a strange man. Her husband's brother shall go in to her and take her to himself as wife and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her.**
Deut. 25:6 **"It shall be that the firstborn whom she bears shall assume the name of his dead brother, so that his name will not be blotted out from Israel.**

18. Explain how this law in Deuteronomy further ensures the well-being of a widow?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

19. What story from Genesis do you remember this law “partially” being applied to?

20. According to the Law, who is then assigned as the kinsman?

21. What makes Ruth’s situation so unique?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

Ruth Lesson 3B
Ruth 3:1-13

REVIEW:

1. What prophecy will play out for Israel and the church?

RUTH 3:1 **Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may be well with you?**
RUTH 3:2 **"Now is not Boaz our kinsman, with whose maids you were? Behold, he winnows barley at the threshing floor tonight.**
RUTH 3:3 **"Wash yourself therefore, and anoint yourself and put on your best clothes, and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.**
RUTH 3:4 **"It shall be when he lies down, that you shall notice the place where he lies, and you shall go and uncover his feet and lie down; then he will tell you what you shall do."**
RUTH 3:5 **She said to her, "All that you say I will do."**

2. How is Naomi's future tied to Ruth's future?

3. What is significant about chapter 3:1?

4. What is the sacred meaning of the word rest among the Hebrews?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

5. How is Naomi's life an ongoing story of striving to find rest?

6. Where am I seeking to find my rest?

7. What is the more permanent rest Naomi is seeking for Ruth?

8. What does our permanent rest consist of?

9. Is there anything we can do to have that now?

10. Why was Boaz sleeping on the threshing floor?

11. Explain the directions given by Naomi to Ruth to encourage a marriage proposal?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

EZEK. 16:7 **“I made you numerous like plants of the field. Then you grew up, became tall and reached the age for fine ornaments; your breasts were formed and your hair had grown. Yet you were naked and bare.**
EZEK. 16:8 **“Then I passed by you and saw you, and behold, you were at the time for love; so I spread My skirt over you and covered your nakedness. I also swore to you and entered into a covenant with you so that you became Mine,” declares the Lord God.**

DEUT. 22:30 **“A man shall not take his father’s wife so that he will not uncover his father’s skirt.**

DEUT. 27:20 **‘Cursed is he who lies with his father’s wife, because he has uncovered his father’s skirt.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’**

12. How are the above passages similar to Ruth’s actions, and what meaning is implied?

13. How is Naomi’s plan discrete?

RUTH 3:6 **So she went down to the threshing floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law had commanded her.**
RUTH 3:7 **When Boaz had eaten and drunk and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain; and she came secretly, and uncovered his feet and lay down.**
RUTH 3:8 **It happened in the middle of the night that the man was startled and bent forward; and behold, a woman was lying at his feet.**
RUTH 3:9 **He said, “Who are you?” And she answered, “I am Ruth your maid. So spread your covering over your maid, for you are a close relative.”**
RUTH 3:10 **Then he said, “May you be blessed of the Lord, my daughter. You have shown your last kindness to be better than the first by not going after young men, whether poor or rich.**
RUTH 3:11 **“Now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you whatever you ask, for all my people in the city know that you are a woman of excellence.**
RUTH 3:12 **“Now it is true I am a close relative; however, there is a relative closer than I.**

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

RUTH 3:13 **“Remain this night, and when morning comes, if he will redeem you, good; let him redeem you. But if he does not wish to redeem you, then I will redeem you, as the Lord lives. Lie down until morning.”**

14. What does Boaz mean by his statement, “**You have shown your last kindness to be better than the first”?**

15. What were the two reasons that kept Boaz from pursuing a marriage with Ruth?

16. In the 2nd story that is unfolding Ruth represents the_____ that is betrothed to _____.

1 COR. 2:9 **but just as it is written,**
“Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard,
And which have not entered the heart of man,
All that God has prepared for those who love Him.”

17. Just as Ruth was a blessing to Boaz, how can we be a blessing to our Savior?

ROM. 12:1 **Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.**
ROM. 12:2 **And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.**

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

18. How does Paul sum up how we can be a blessing to the Lord?

19. What does living this way look like?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

Ruth Lesson 3C
Ruth 3:1-13
Plus Old Testament Scriptures

REVIEW:

1. Elaborate on your understanding of the 2nd story embedded within the book of Ruth:

2. Define “eschatology”.

3. Elaborate on where we, the church, are currently within this second story:

4. What will be the focus of today’s message?

JOHN 4:35 **“Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest.**
JOHN 4:36 **“Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.**

5. What will be our wages?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

MATT. 9:37 **Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.**
MATT. 9:38 **“Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”**

6. What alarming truth does Matthew 9:37-38 reveal?

MATT. 13:37 **And He said, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man,**
MATT. 13:38 **and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one;**
MATT. 13:39 **and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels.**
Matt. 13:40 **“So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age.**
MATT. 13:41 **“The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness,**
MATT. 13:42 **and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**
MATT. 13:43 **“Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.**

7. What important meanings throughout scripture are tied to words like “harvest”, “workers”, and “fields”, etc?

8. Compare and contrast the passages of Matthew 9 and Matthew 13.

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

9. Putting all this together, we come to understand that the harvest in Ruth 3 pictures the _____ of the _____ _____.

LUKE 14:16 **But He said to him, "A man was giving a big dinner, and he invited many;**
LUKE 14:17 **and at the dinner hour he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.'**
LUKE 14:18 **"But they all alike began to make excuses. The first one said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land and I need to go out and look at it; please consider me excused.'**
LUKE 14:19 **"Another one said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please consider me excused.'**
LUKE 14:20 **"Another one said, 'I have married a wife, and for that reason I cannot come.'**
LUKE 14:21 **"And the slave came back and reported this to his master. Then the head of the household became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame.'**
LUKE 14:22 **"And the slave said, 'Master, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.'**
LUKE 14:23 **"And the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled.**
LUKE 14:24 **'For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste of my dinner.'"**

10. What do we learn will happen at the end of the age as we examine the characters in the book of Ruth?

Ruth:

Boaz:

Naomi:

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

11. List the important elements found in the description of this scene in Ruth 3.

ZEPH. 1:14 **Near is the great day of the Lord, Near and coming very quickly;**
Listen, the day of the Lord! In it the warrior cries out bitterly.
ZEPH. 1:15 **A day of wrath is that day, A day of trouble and distress,**
A day of destruction and desolation, A day of darkness and gloom,
A day of clouds and thick darkness,
ZEPH. 1:16 **A day of trumpet and battle cry Against the fortified cities**
And the high corner towers.
ZEPH. 1:17 **I will bring distress on men So that they will walk like the blind,**
Because they have sinned against the Lord; And their blood will be poured out like dust And their flesh like dung.
ZEPH. 1:18 **Neither their silver nor their gold Will be able to deliver them**
On the day of the Lord's wrath; And all the earth will be devoured
In the fire of His jealousy, For He will make a complete end, Indeed a terrifying one, Of all the inhabitants of the earth.

12. Explain the 1st parallel of "night/darkness"?

JER. 30:2 **"Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Write all the words which I have spoken to you in a book.**
JER. 30:3 **'For behold, days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will restore the fortunes of My people Israel and Judah.' The Lord says, 'I will also bring them back to the land that I gave to their forefathers and they shall possess it.'"**
JER. 30:4 **Now these are the words which the Lord spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah:**
JER. 30:5 **"For thus says the Lord,**
'I have heard a sound of terror,
Of dread, and there is no peace.
JER. 30:6 **'Ask now, and see**
If a male can give birth.
Why do I see every man
With his hands on his loins, as a woman in childbirth?
And why have all faces turned pale?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

JER. 30:7 **‘Alas! for that day is great,**
There is none like it;
And it is the time of Jacob’s distress,
But he will be saved from it.
JER. 30:8 **‘It shall come about on that day,’ declares the Lord of hosts, ‘that I will break his yoke from off their neck and will tear off their bonds; and strangers will no longer make them their slaves.**
JER. 30:9 **‘But they shall serve the Lord their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them.**

13. List the important details concerning Israel in Jeremiah's prophecy.

EZEK. 20:33 **“As I live,” declares the Lord God, “surely with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out, I shall be king over you.**
EZEK. 20:34 **“I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out;**

14. What do the first two verses of Ezekiel make abundantly clear?

EZEK. 20:35 **and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgment with you face to face.**
EZEK. 20:36 **“As I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you,” declares the Lord God.**
EZEK. 20:37 **“I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;**
EZEK. 20:38 **and I will purge from you the rebels and those who transgress against Me; I will bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they will not enter the land of Israel. Thus you will know that I am the Lord.**

15. What is meant by the metaphor “pass under the rod”?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

16. Which covenant is being referred to in verse 37?

17. What is the 2nd parallel/clue seen in the story of Ruth?

LUKE 3:16 **John answered and said to them all, "As for me, I baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**
LUKE 3:17 **"His winnowing fork is in His hand to thoroughly clear His threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into His barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."**

18. How has your understanding deepened/grown through the passage of Luke?

IS. 27:6 **In the days to come Jacob will take root,**
Israel will blossom and sprout,
And they will fill the whole world with fruit.

IS. 27:7 **Like the striking of Him who has struck them, has He struck them?**
Or like the slaughter of His slain, have they been slain?

IS. 27:12 **In that day the Lord will start His threshing from the flowing stream of the Euphrates to the brook of Egypt, and you will be gathered up one by one, O sons of Israel.**

19. What important truths do we learn to further our understanding from Isaiah 27?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

20. What is the 3rd parallel/clue seen in the story?

21. This time of judgment we've been describing goes by many names in scripture. List some of those names from the passages below.

EZEK. 30:3 **"For the day is near,**
Even the day of the Lord is near;
It will be a day of clouds,
A time of doom for the nations.

JOEL 1:15 **Alas for the day!**
For the day of the Lord is near,
And it will come as destruction from the Almighty.

JOEL 2:11 **The Lord utters His voice before His army;**
Surely His camp is very great,
For strong is he who carries out His word.
The day of the Lord is indeed great and very awesome,
And who can endure it?

AMOS 5:18 **Alas, you who are longing for the day of the Lord,**
For what purpose will the day of the Lord be to you?
It will be darkness and not light;

MAL. 4:5 **"Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord.**

1TH. 4:13 **But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.**
1TH. 4:14 **For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.**

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

1TH. 4:15 **For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.**
1TH. 4:16 **For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.**
1TH. 4:17 **Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.**
1TH. 4:18 **Therefore comfort one another with these words.**

1TH. 5:1 **Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you.**
1TH. 5:2 **For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.**
1TH. 5:3 **While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.**
1TH. 5:4 **But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief;**
1TH. 5:5 **for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness;**

1TH. 5:9 **For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,**

22. What do we learn about the "day of the Lord" from Thessalonians, and what event from the story of Ruth is a picture of the "day of the Lord"?

23. What do we call the "day of the Lord" in churches today?

24. Is the "day of the Lord" the 2nd coming of Christ? Explain.

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

25. What reassuring fact about the church and the time of tribulation can we learn from the study of the book of Ruth?

26. What is in store for the Church following its removal (rapture) from the earth?

REV. 19:5 **And a voice came from the throne, saying, "Give praise to our God, all you His bond-servants, you who fear Him, the small and the great."**
REV. 19:6 **Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.**
REV. 19:7 **"Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready."**
REV. 19:8 **It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.**

27. What is special about Revelation 19:6-7?

28. Summarize what you have learned from today's sermon.

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

Ruth Lesson 4A
Ruth 3:11-18; 4:1-6

1. Summarize the events where we left off at the end of last week's lesson.

RUTH 3:11 **"Now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you whatever you ask, for all my people in the city know that you are a woman of excellence.**
RUTH 3:12 **"Now it is true I am a close relative; however, there is a relative closer than I.**
RUTH 3:13 **"Remain this night, and when morning comes, if he will redeem you, good; let him redeem you. But if he does not wish to redeem you, then I will redeem you, as the Lord lives. Lie down until morning."**
RUTH 3:14 **So she lay at his feet until morning and rose before one could recognize another; and he said, "Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor."**
RUTH 3:15 **Again he said, "Give me the cloak that is on you and hold it." So she held it, and he measured six measures of barley and laid it on her. Then she went into the city.**
RUTH 3:16 **When she came to her mother-in-law, she said, "How did it go, my daughter?" And she told her all that the man had done for her.**
RUTH 3:17 **She said, "These six measures of barley he gave to me, for he said, 'Do not go to your mother-in-law empty-handed.'"**
RUTH 3:18 **Then she said, "Wait, my daughter, until you know how the matter turns out; for the man will not rest until he has settled it today."**

2. What obstacle must Boaz overcome to redeem Ruth?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

3. Why was it necessary for Ruth to stay the night, and how does Boaz protect her reputation?

4. What is interesting about the grain Boaz provides for Ruth and Naomi?

RUTH 4:1 **Now Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there, and behold, the close relative of whom Boaz spoke was passing by, so he said, "Turn aside, friend, sit down here." And he turned aside and sat down.**
RUTH 4:2 **He took ten men of the elders of the city and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down.**

5. Explain how elaborate a gate was in the ancient East, and why Boaz went there:

6. When Christ said to his disciples, "Be as wise as serpents and innocent as doves," what did he mean, and how is Boaz orchestrating this moment to do that very thing?

7. What is the role of the 10 men assembled by Boaz?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

RUTH 4:3 **Then he said to the closest relative, "Naomi, who has come back from the land of Moab, has to sell the piece of land which belonged to our brother Elimelech.**
RUTH 4:4 **"So I thought to inform you, saying, 'Buy it before those who are sitting here, and before the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if not, tell me that I may know; for there is no one but you to redeem it, and I am after you.'" And he said, "I will redeem it."**

8. Explain the catch-22 (no-win situation) that Naomi finds herself in?

LEV. 25:24 **'Thus for every piece of your property, you are to provide for the redemption of the land.**
LEV. 25:25 **'If a fellow countryman of yours becomes so poor he has to sell part of his property, then his nearest kinsman is to come and buy back what his relative has sold.**

9. How does the law of Moses provide a solution for situations like Naomi's?

10. What then is Boaz suggesting to Naomi's nearest kinsman?

11. Explain why Boaz is drawing the man out to decide this way:

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

12. Is there any changing of the mind for the kinsman redeemer once he has declared he will redeem the land?

RUTH 4:5 **Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must also acquire Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of the deceased, in order to raise up the name of the deceased on his inheritance."**

DEUT. 25:5 **"When brothers live together and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the deceased shall not be married outside the family to a strange man. Her husband's brother shall go in to her and take her to himself as wife and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her.**
DEUT. 25:6 **"It shall be that the firstborn whom she bears shall assume the name of his dead brother, so that his name will not be blotted out from Israel.**

13. Explain the twist Boaz reveals to the kinsman redeemer:

14. Why was it important that Boaz present the information about the land first to the kinsman redeemer?

RUTH 4:6 **The closest relative said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, because I would jeopardize my own inheritance. Redeem it for yourself; you may have my right of redemption, for I cannot redeem it."**

15. Explain the reason why this relative bails on being the kinsman redeemer?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

16. Predict who you think the first kinsman redeemer could be a picture of, in our second story?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

Ruth Lesson 4B
Ruth 4:7-22

REVIEW:

1. Summarize Boaz's brilliant strategy with the kinsman redeemer?

RUTH 4:7 **Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning the redemption and the exchange of land to confirm any matter: a man removed his sandal and gave it to another; and this was the manner of attestation in Israel.**
RUTH 4:8 **So the closest relative said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself." And he removed his sandal.**
RUTH 4:9 **Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses today that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon.**
RUTH 4:10 **"Moreover, I have acquired Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of Mahlon, to be my wife in order to raise up the name of the deceased on his inheritance, so that the name of the deceased will not be cut off from his brothers or from the court of his birth place; you are witnesses today."**

Deut. 25:8 **"Then the elders of his city shall summon him and speak to him. And if he persists and says, 'I do not desire to take her,'**
DEUT. 25:9 **then his brother's wife shall come to him in the sight of the elders, and pull his sandal off his foot and spit in his face; and she shall declare, 'Thus it is done to the man who does not build up his brother's house.'**
DEUT. 25:10 **"In Israel his name shall be called, 'The house of him whose sandal is removed.'**

2. Explain what the law of Moses said would be done if a kinsman refused to redeem a woman:

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

3. Explain how the custom is practiced differently from the way described in the law of Moses:

4. Explain the two powerful symbolic messages behind giving up the sandal to the new redeemer:

Ruth 4:11 **All the people who were in the court, and the elders, said, "We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, both of whom built the house of Israel; and may you achieve wealth in Ephrathah and become famous in Bethlehem.**
RUTH 4:12 **"Moreover, may your house be like the house of Perez whom Tamar bore to Judah, through the offspring which the Lord will give you by this young woman."**

5. Why do the witnesses refer to Rachel and Leah?

6. Why do the 10 witnesses ask for the Lord to bless Boaz with great wealth?

7. What is the third thing the witnesses asked the Lord to bless Boaz with?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

8. A reference to Tamar and her son Perez is made by the 10 witnesses. Summarize Tamar's story:

9. What are the interesting parallels between Ruth and Tamar?

10. What is special about Tamar‘s son Perez, and how does it relate to the story of Boaz?

RUTH 4:13 **So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife, and he went in to her. And the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son.**
RUTH 4:14 **Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed is the Lord who has not left you without a redeemer today, and may his name become famous in Israel.**
RUTH 4:15 **“May he also be to you a restorer of life and a sustainer of your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you and is better to you than seven sons, has given birth to him.”**
RUTH 4:16 **Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her lap, and became his nurse.**
RUTH 4:17 **The neighbor women gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi!” So they named him Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.**

11. What becomes Naomi‘s role once Boaz and Ruth produce their son?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

12. In human terms, who is the father of the child? And in spiritual terms?

13. Describe the symbiotic relationship seen in the lives of Ruth and Naomi:

14. What is the meaning of the name Obed?

15. What did Ruth need redemption from? What do we need redemption from?

ROM. 3:23 **for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,**

ROM. 6:23 **For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

1JOHN 4:10 **In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

ROM. 5:1 **Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,**

16. What do the 10 witnesses represent/picture, and how were they met in Christ?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

1 JOHN 3:5 **You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin.**

17. Elaborate on who represents the close relative/first kinsman redeemer.

HEB. 2:14 **Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,**

18. Describe how Christ is a close relative to us.

PHIL. 2:5 **Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,**
PHIL. 2:6 **who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,**
PHIL. 2:7 **but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.**
PHIL. 2:8 **Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.**

19. What is significant about the first redeemer being the closer redeemer than Boaz/ Christ?

20. How is Christ the more perfect redeemer than what Boaz pictures?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

COL. 2:13 **When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,**
COL. 2:14 **having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.**

HEB. 12:2 **fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

COL. 1:19 **For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him,**
COL. 1:20 **and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.**

21. According to the passages above, what else has Christ redeemed?

PHIL. 2:9 **For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,**
PHIL. 2:10 **so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,**
PHIL. 2:11 **and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

HEB. 1:1 **God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,**
HEB. 1:2 **in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.**

22. Compare what Boaz receives as a redeemer to what Christ receives.

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

23. Has Naomi been redeemed? What about Israel?

ZECH. 12:9 **"And in that day I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.**
ZECH. 12:10 **"I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.**

24. How will Israel's tears be different from Naomi's?

ROM. 11:13 **But I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle of Gentiles, I magnify my ministry,**
ROM. 11:14 **if somehow I might move to jealousy my fellow countrymen and save some of them.**
ROM. 11:15 **For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?**

ROM. 11:30 **For just as you once were disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience,**
ROM. 11:31 **so these also now have been disobedient, that because of the mercy shown to you they also may now be shown mercy.**
ROM. 11:32 **For God has shut up all in disobedience so that He may show mercy to all.**

RUTH 4:18 **Now these are the generations of Perez: to Perez was born Hezron,**
RUTH 4:19 **and to Hezron was born Ram, and to Ram, Amminadab,**
RUTH 4:20 **and to Amminadab was born Nahshon, and to Nahshon, Salmon,**
RUTH 4:21 **and to Salmon was born Boaz, and to Boaz, Obed,**
RUTH 4:22 **and to Obed was born Jesse, and to Jesse, David.**

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.

25. Why does the story end with a genealogy?

DEUT. 23:2 **“No one of illegitimate birth shall enter the assembly of the Lord; none of his descendants, even to the tenth generation, shall enter the assembly of the Lord.**

26. What is an additional reason for mentioning the genealogy?

Deut. 23:3 **“No Ammonite or Moabite shall enter the assembly of the Lord; none of their descendants, even to the tenth generation, shall ever enter the assembly of the Lord,**

27. What is interesting about verse 3?

28. Compare and contrast Boaz and King David:

29. How is this story of Ruth an encouragement and motivation to you?

© 2025 – Verse By Verse Ministry International (www.versebyverseministry.org)
May be copied and distributed provided the document is reproduced in its entirety, including this copyright statement, and no fee is collected for its distribution.