

Ruth Handout Week Two

Ruth 1:1. *And* it came to pass/ Now it came about
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It came to pass- Ex. 2:11, Deut. 7:12, Josh 2:14

And it came about in the days when the judges judged (ruled, governed), that there was a famine in the land.

What is our viewpoint?
What about these days?

What is the cycle? R -> R -> R ->R -> ->

Is a God fool? Why does He keep at it?
What is the beautiful part of Judges?

What are they missing at the opening of Ruth?
Just a cursory analysis of the start and finish of Ruth tells us what...

What are we waiting for? How does this book help?

Was real faith even possible during the time of the judges? How do we know?
Gen. 45:7 Isa. 28:5 Ezra 9:8 Rom. 11:1 Rev. 14:12

How do Ruth and Judges inform our view of the church?

How must we be different from those in the times of the Judges? How did they determine right and wrong?

Coram Deo: The idea that all of one's life is lived in the presence of God, before His face, under His authority and for His glory.

Ps. 139 How much attention does God give us?

1 Chron. 7:14 What does it mean to seek His face?
Num. 6:24

How is it convicting that we are before God's face? How is it comforting?

To live a life coram Deo is to say-- I am _____ None of this is _____
This is true _____

Famine. What does it mean physically/biologically?

Ruth 1 vayhi ra'av ha arets sojourn gur

Gen. 12:10 Now there was a famine in the land (vayhi ra'av ha aretz) so Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn (gur) there, for the famine was severe in the land.

What is the author doing?

Famine. What do we know spiritually?

Deut. 11:16

Deut. 32:15, 45

Famine is an alarm bell telling them to do what?

...And a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the land of Moab with his wife and his two sons. 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.

Bethlehem-

Judah-

Ephrathites

Moab- Ps. 60:6

Elimelech-

Naomi-

Mahlon-

Chilion

What are we to think about this?

Jn. 9:1

Jn. 9:4

We cannot see suffering as God's-

We cannot choose the refining fire, but we can choose...

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- Zeph. 3:16-17

The brilliant, providential geography.

Egypt

Moab

Israel Deut. 11:10

Why is life so hard?

Sometimes our choices are thrust upon us. Sometimes we choose. Always there are consequences.

The X factor-

Is there anything wrong with planning?

What was wrong with Elimelech's plan?

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Prov. 14:12

Heb. 10:23, Deut. 7:9, Ps. 138:7, Phil. 4:19, Ps. 34:9 Outrageous!

What is "good"?

2 Cor. 5:6, 1 Pt. 1:3

What do we rejoice in?!!

1 Pt. 1:6

Discussion

1. Be honest, how often do you truly sense that God is involved in the daily affairs of your life?

100% of the time, 50% of the time, 15% of the time? Do you sense Him more when things are going well or poorly?

2. Are there any threatening circumstances you are dealing with right now, whether physical or spiritual? How are you choosing to handle those circumstances? Are you staying in the land of God or heading to Moab?

Ask for prayer for yourself or someone else.