

Ruth Handout

Week Six

22 So Naomi returned from Moab accompanied by Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, arriving in Bethlehem as the *barley harvest* was beginning.

So, you're God...

Lk. 24:7

Why bother then?

Why use OT metaphors to gentiles?

Beginning of the barley harvest:

What the festivals involved

-Designated

-Designated

-Physicality

-Interaction

The Spring Festivals

-Passover/pesach: Ex. 12

Jesus

Jn. 1:29, 1 Pt. 1:18

-The feast of Unleavened Bread/Matstsah Bread of Affliction Deut. 16

Jesus

Acts 13:36, 1 Cor. 5:7

A little bit about barley:

-First Fruits/Reshiyth qatsiyr The barley harvest

The importance

-

-

*It is not as if

What's all this got to do with Ruth?

What's all this have to do with Jesus and us?

1 Cor. 15:20

Rom. 11:16, Rom. 8:23

1 Thes. 2:13, Jam. 1:18

Like Naomi...

Like Ruth...

We are the harvest

-

-

-

What can Jesus do with a little barley? Jn. 6:5

We are the harvesters

-

-

-

-

-

Fellow harvesters of souls

Jn. 4:35, Mat. 9:37

Modern day dilemma? The cyber harvest?

Lev. 23:12 Maybe we are supposed to keep doing this...

22 So Naomi returned from Moab accompanied by Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, arriving in Bethlehem as the barley harvest was beginning.

2:1 Now Naomi had a kinsman (known to her) of her husband, a mighty man of wealth, of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. 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." 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.

The contrasts

-The pace

-The people

Boaz

Land and property

Lev. 25:2

What does God say?

What did God do?

Leb. 25:11

What did God say?

What did God do?

Heb. 4:9

*

Lev. 25:23 Lev. 25:35

Discussion

How do these OT laws affect your attitude/behavior as an employer?

How do they affect your attitude as an employee?

Should we still use all these rules in Leviticus and Deuteronomy as guidelines for our lives? Can you think of any specific ways you could do that in the 21st century, besides just being nice to the waitress. Think bigger.

How can you make your kitchen an altar?

How do you think about your service to God? Are you keeping score?