

# The Book of Ruth – Part Twelve

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### 1). Ruth 4:9

And Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, from the hand of Naomi. 10 "Moreover, Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of Mahlon, I have acquired as my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead through his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brethren and from his position at the gate. You are witnesses this day."

- a). We see in our scripture here the conclusion of a chain of events that began in a distant land, the land of Moab.
- b). The death of Elimelech, Mahlon and Chilion had resulted in the forfeiture of the family's inheritance, and had left no brother to Mahlon and Chilion to be able to redeem the inheritance on their behalf.
- c). Also, there remained 'a virtuous woman', Ruth, who now had no husband and no brother-in-law to take her under his wing to carry on the name of the dead through his inheritance.
- d). The only hope for the lost inheritance and Ruth was in a close relative who lived in Bethlehem. A relative in whose sight Ruth would need to find favour – Boaz –

### Ruth 1:9

"The LORD grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband."

- e). But Ruth made the journey from the land of her birth; she left her father and her mother in order to journey to the land in which her hope was to be realized. And Ruth worked for a complete period of time in Boaz's field,

finding favour in his sight. And Ruth properly prepared herself to meet with Boaz on his threshing floor, and because of this, Boaz fulfills Ruth request by redeeming the inheritance and marrying her. Through their union, that which was lost was restored and through their union comes David, the King of Israel.

2). And throughout this whole process we have witnessed the intimate involvement of Naomi, Ruth's mother-in-law, in providing all the necessary instruction for Ruth that would enable her realize the hope set before her. And Naomi's intimate involvement does not end with Ruth's successful appearance on Boaz's threshing floor.

a). Ruth 3:16

So when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, "Is that you, my daughter?" Then she told her all that the man had done for her. 17 And she said, "These six ephahs of barley he gave me; for he said to me, 'Do not go empty-handed to your mother-in-law.'" 18 Then she said, "Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will turn out; for the man will not rest until he has concluded the matter this day."

b). As the process of the redemption of the inheritance begins, Ruth does not go 'empty handed' to her mother-in-law, because the redemption of the inheritance impacts Naomi just as much as it does Ruth. The result for both is inseparable from one another.

3). And all of this, the whole content of the Book of Ruth in fact, is a panoramic picture, a panoramic type, of the fulfillment of God's plans and purposes for Man. Plans and purposes that are fulfilled through the Divinely perfect plan of redemption, a marriage relationship and regality.

4). Isaiah 46:9

Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'

5). And as we remember 'the former things of old' we see plainly that God has indeed declared 'the end from the beginning', 'and from ancient times things that are not yet done.' And we should note that His 'counsel shall stand' and He will do all His pleasure.

a). **Numbers 23:19**

"God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"

6). From ancient times and from 'of old' we find God's clearly stated plan and purpose for Man -

**Genesis 1:26**

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

a). His words in respect of Man are not spoken in a vacuum, but within the context of a newly restored earth with the intent of replacing the original ruler, Satan. Satan, you'll remember, defiled his sanctuaries- the heavens and the earth - through his rebellion -

**Ezekiel 28:18**

"You defiled your sanctuaries By the multitude of your iniquities, By the iniquity of your trading;

i/ Man's very existence is to fulfill God's pleasure in this. We have the privilege of being offered the opportunity to participate in that which God has ordained.

b). The newly restored earth would be the Man's inheritance, given to him by his Creator/Father. But in order to administer this inheritance, the Man needed a helper -

Genesis 2:18

And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

c). A helper who would be part of his very own body -

Genesis 2:23

And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."  
24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

d). However, because of sin, the Man, Adam (the head of the human family) died and the inheritance was forfeited before it ever came into his possession. But has God said and He will not do? Or has He spoken and He will not make it good?

e). And because of that sin, both the earth and Mankind became ruined-

Genesis 3:17

Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. 18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. 19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return."

f). However, just as with Ruth, there was the hope of a close relative in another land, who, after a complete period of time, would redeem that which was lost -

Genesis 3:14

So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. 15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

g). What we see here in God's statement to Satan is the promise of the Redeemer who will be Satan's replacement as ruler over the earth; One who would be the seed of the Woman, the close relative. And so the removal of Satan (because of what we have seen in Genesis 2 and 3) must necessitate the redemption of the material creation and the redemption of Mankind.

h). Romans 8:19

For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; 21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

And—

i). Ephesians 1:13

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

7). The seed of the woman is of course the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the second man, the last Adam, to whom all things have been given as His inheritance –

Psalm 2:8

Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.

Hebrews 1:2

...has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

a). And He is, as we saw last week, the only One able to redeem that which was lost –

Revelation 5:1

And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. 2 Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" 3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. 4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. 5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." 6 ¶ And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7 Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

i/ Revelation 13:8

All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

ii/ Is this not the end declared from the beginning?

b). And just as we saw in the Book of Ruth with regards to Boaz, so with Christ. We see a properly prepared Bride that has been identified in His presence through the process of the Judgment of works at Christ's Judgment Seat, following the rapture/resurrection. And by the nature of the Bride's journey, work, and preparation, she has declared to Him her desire for Him to redeem the inheritance on her behalf. And in the process of the redeeming of the inheritance, he takes her as His wife - just as we saw in Genesis 2.

c). And again, just as we saw in the Book of Ruth in respect of Naomi, so Christ's actions in redeeming the inheritance on behalf of the Bride are inextricably linked to Israel, who Naomi typifies.

d). Remember Israel had been created as a firstborn son -

[Exodus 4:22](#)

["Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD: 'Israel is My son, My firstborn.](#)

e). Israel had been created for God's specific purpose - And God does not change His mind.

8). This is borne out for us by revisiting two of the last three of the Matthew 13 parables.

a). We will remember that the 7 parables of Matthew 13 present a dispensational view of the Church in respect of the Word of the Kingdom of the heavens.

b). And I hope we'll remember that Jesus "leaving the house and going by the seaside" (in Matthew 13:1) to deliver the parables denoted the setting aside of Israel because of the nations rejection of the offer of the Kingdom of the Heavens. His going to "the seaside" pictures His dealings then

moving on with the Church, to whom this Kingdom was now to be offered, a Church which would come mostly from the Gentile nations -

Acts 15:14

"Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name.

c). But let's note that the two parables we are going to reference today were given by the Lord **after having gone back into the house** -

Matthew 13:36

Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house.

d). The focus of the parables in no way changes at this point, it is still the Church. However, His return to the house makes clear to us that that which happens with the Church at the end of this dispensation (the Judgment Seat of Christ, the revealing of the Bride, the redemption of the inheritance) is inextricably linked to that which happens to Israel within the same time frame.

9). The first parable we will look at is in -

Matthew 13:44

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

a). The man is the Lord Jesus Christ, the field is the world and the treasure is the nation of Israel -

Psalm 135:4

For the LORD has chosen Jacob for Himself, Israel for His special treasure.

b). Notice that in order to get the treasure, which is a joy to Him, He must first sell all He has and buy the field.

c). The price was paid at Calvary 2000 years ago, but the redemption as a result of the purchase price still remains yet future -

Colossians 1:20

...and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

d). And as we had seen last week, redemption comes through Judgment -

Matthew 24:21

"For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

e). The Judgment that comes upon the material creation cannot be separated from the Judgment that comes upon Israel -

Jeremiah 30:7

Alas! For that day is great, So that none is like it; And it is the time of Jacob's trouble, But he shall be saved out of it.

f). And this of course is not only the fulfillment of the scriptural types of Joseph and Moses, but it is also the outworking of that which God had promised the nation of Israel in -

Leviticus 26:14

'But if you do not obey Me, and do not observe all these commandments, 15 and if you despise My statutes, or if your soul abhors My judgments, so that you do not perform all My commandments, but break My covenant, 16 I also will do this to you: I will even appoint terror over you, wasting disease and fever which shall consume the eyes and cause sorrow of heart. And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. 17 I will set My face against you, and you shall be defeated by your enemies. Those who hate you shall reign over you, and you shall flee when no one

pursues you. 18 'And after all this, if you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.

h). And of course at Christ's first coming we see exactly the same pattern as in the types with exactly the same promised outcome as found in Leviticus-

Matthew 12:43

"When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. 44 "Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. 45 "Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation."

Matthew 23:37

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! 38 "See! Your house is left to you desolate; 39 "for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'"

i). The house of Israel was to be left desolate, it was to be swept clean and put in order, referring to the people, the Temple, Jerusalem and the land, and was to be left desolate until the second coming of Christ.

10). In AD 70, with the destruction of the Temple, Israel's house was totally desolate. The nation was further dispersed amongst the Gentile nations, and Israel as a house within its own borders ceased to exist.

a). Just as we read in our Matthew 12 scripture though, the house that had been swept and put in order is reoccupied before the appointed time with the result that the last state of Israel will be worse than the first.

b). In 1948, the nation of Israel was reestablished in the land as a result of Zionistic efforts, but is there outside of God's timing and outside of God's will in respect to the restoration of the nation.

c). Hence we find continual uproar in the Middle East, with the overflow of this uproar effecting the entire world in one way or another.

d). This is just the situation that is shown to us in the Book of Jonah -

#### Jonah 1:11

Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you that the sea may be calm for us?" -for the sea [which pictures the Gentile nations] was growing more tempestuous. 12 And he said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will become calm for you. For I know that this great tempest is because of me." 13 Nevertheless the men rowed hard to return to land, but they could not, for the sea continued to grow more tempestuous against them. 14 Therefore they cried out to the LORD and said, "We pray, O LORD, please do not let us perish for this man's life, and do not charge us with innocent blood; for You, O LORD, have done as it pleased You." 15 So they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging.

e). And just as we find in our Matthew 12 scripture the latter end for the nation will be worse than the first, with twice as many Jews being killed in half the time as that of the Holocaust.

f). In fact, things will be so bad that we find this recorded in -

#### Mark 13:20

"And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days.

g). It would seem that within the cataclysmic upheavals in the material creation during the Tribulation, the earth will literally be caused to spin

more rapidly, thereby causing a shortening of the time between sunrise and sunset. Resulting in the actual number of days allocated to the Tribulation passing more quickly than they would otherwise have done. Without God's intervention in this way, 'no flesh would be saved'.

11). In the midst of this, let us keep in mind that the purpose of Judgment on Israel is redemption –

Isaiah 26:8

Yes, in the way of Your judgments, O LORD, we have waited for You; The desire of our soul is for Your name And for the remembrance of You. 9 With my soul I have desired You in the night, Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early; For when Your judgments are in the earth, The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

a). Remember in Jeremiah 30 God promised that Jacob would be saved from the time of his trouble. And Israel is still His treasure.

12). Just as in the days of Joseph and Moses, likewise during the days of the Tribulation Israel, in a state of utter desperation, as a result of the intensity of their persecution, will cry out to the God of their Fathers and do that which God spoke in –

2Chronicles 7:14

"if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

a). And as a result of the nation's repentance, that recorded in Hosea 6 will be realized –

Hosea 6:1

Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. 2 After two days He

will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight.

b). That pictured in the resurrection of Lazarus will take place -

John 11:6

So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was. 7 Then after this He said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." .....43 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" 44 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."

c). Not only restoration for the nation, but also for the land, as God had promised in 2 Chronicles 7:14 and in -

Isaiah 35:4

Say to those who are fearful-hearted, "Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, With the recompense of God; He will come and save you." 5 ¶ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. 6 Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert. 7 The parched ground shall become a pool, And the thirsty land springs of water; In the habitation of jackals, where each lay, There shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

13). At this time, as a result of purchasing the field, the Man will also have His treasure -

Esther 2:17

The king loved Esther more than all the other women, and she obtained grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins; so he set the royal crown upon her head and made her queen instead of Vashti. 18 Then the king made a great feast, the Feast of Esther, for all

his officials and servants; and he proclaimed a holiday in the provinces and gave gifts according to the generosity of a king.

14). And through the redemption of the inheritance, that shown in the second parable we shall revisit, will come to pass –

Matthew 13:45

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, 46 "who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

a). The merchant is the same person as the man from the parable of the treasure, the Lord Jesus Christ. The price for the pearl was paid at Calvary and the pearl is the Church, and more particularly, given the timing in relation to the redemption of the inheritance, the Bride. Who, at the conclusion of the redemption of the inheritance, becomes the wife –

Revelation 19:1

After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God! 2 "For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her." 3 Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!" 4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!" 5 ¶ Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!" 6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! 7 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. 9 Then he said to me, "Write:

'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

15). And so, with the redemption of the inheritance, we see the fulfillment of the things that were 'of old' and we see the end that was declared from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done .

a). We shall the total inter-relation of Israel and the Church in respect of this event – just as we have seen with Naomi and Ruth.

b). And in particular, with respect to the parable of the pearl of great price – the Second Man receiving His inheritance with the woman taken from His body, His helper, His bride, His consort Queen at His side sharing in that inheritance

c). Psalm 45:6

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. 7 You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions. 8 All Your garments are scented with myrrh and aloes and cassia, Out of the ivory palaces, by which they have made You glad. 9 Kings' daughters are among Your honorable women; At Your right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir.

16). And the purpose for the Man and woman is realized after the 6 days (the 6000 years) of work... the man and the woman replace the angelic system of rulership over the earth. Satan and his angels will be cast down from the heavens, and we will see the destruction of the corresponding Gentile world power on the earth.

a). Revelation 10:7

...but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

And—

b). Revelation 11:15

Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

And—

c). Revelation 20:1

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; 3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished.

17). And then the promises to Abraham will be fulfilled in respect of his natural, and his spiritual, seed -

a). Genesis 22:17

"blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. 18 "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

And—

b). Isaiah 46:9

Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,' 11 Calling a bird of prey from the east, The man who executes My

counsel, from a far country. Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it. 12 "Listen to Me, you stubborn-hearted, Who are far from righteousness: 13 I bring My righteousness near, it shall not be far off; My salvation shall not linger. And I will place salvation in Zion, For Israel My glory.