

I. The Book of Ruth

A. Ruth 1 – In the Valley of Tears

1. Theme: When suffering comes into our lives, it is hard to see God's purposes accurately, but He will bring us through the valley of tears.
2. Text: Ruth 1
3. Reading: Jonah 2:1-9

B. Ruth 2 – Hope Rekindled

1. Theme: The Valley of Tears has become fields of food, family and hope.
2. Text: Ruth 2
3. Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31

C. Ruth 3 – Restoration Through A Kinsman Redeemer

1. Theme: God works to restore us through the work of a kinsman redeemer, a close relative who protects and provides for us.
2. Text: Ruth 3
3. Reading: Psalm 146

D. Ruth 4 – Naomi Has A Son

1. Theme: God, as kinsman-redeemer to Naomi and Ruth, prepares the way for his own son, our kinsman-redeemer.
2. Text: Ruth 4
3. Reading: Micah 5:2-5

II. Key Themes in the Book of Ruth

A. Divine Sovereignty and Human Responsibility

1. Theme: The book of Ruth shows a God Who is Sovereign over all things, and people who respond to this fact with great initiative and hard work.
2. Text: Ruth 1:22-2:3; 4:13
3. Reading: Philippians 2:5-13

B. God's Providence

1. Theme: The book of Ruth is a showcase of God's providence, his ongoing and intimate relationship with his creation.
2. Text: Ruth
3. Reading: Amos 4:6-13

C. The Value of Godly Character

1. Theme: God calls His people to respond to Him in faith and to display a character that is like His.
2. Text: Ruth 2:5-12
3. Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

D. God's Concern for the Poor

1. Theme: In the book of Ruth we see God's deep concern for the poor, and how His people are called to care for the poor.
2. Text: Ruth 2:1-3
3. Reading: Hebrews 2?

E. The Kinsman Redeemer

1. Theme: Jesus is our Kinsman Redeemer – a member of our family Who defends, protects, and redeems us from our trouble.
2. Text: Ruth 2:20
3. Reading: Hebrews 2:10-18

F. God Is Faithful

1. Theme: In the book of Ruth we see how God is faithful to His covenant people, through all circumstances.

2. Text: Ruth 4:18-22

3. Reading: Hebrews 12:1-2

Ruth - Series Outline