

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

Lesson 7

Judges (Chaps. 13-21) & Ruth

This week we'll complete our look at Judges and study the book of Ruth. As we continue our survey through the Old Testament, it is easy to see the relationship between God and His chosen people develop in the desert, and then deteriorate during the period of the Judges as Israel embraced a cycle of sin.



As we conclude Judges with the last judge, Samson, we'll also notice that hidden in the background is the birth of Samuel, who will eventually anoint two of the kings of the united kingdom of Israel. Concluding our study of Judges, we are relieved to go from its pages of sin and rejection of God to the story of Ruth and the kinsman redeemer – a story reflecting the hope we have today in Jesus the Christ, our Redeemer.

Here's your assignment for this week:

1. Read Judges, Chapters 13 through 16 and summarize briefly below the life of Samson.
2. Research the activities of the tribe of Dan in seeking new land. Called the Danites, compare their activities from the last verses in the book of Joshua through Judges; then look at Revelation Chapter 9 to see if they are included in the list of "sealed tribes".
3. Describe the setting for the book of Ruth. (Ruth 1:1)
4. Discuss the concept of the "Kinsman Redeemer". What did it refer to?

5. Discuss the typology that exists between Boaz and the Lord Jesus Christ - that is, what parallels can we draw between these two that indicate that Boaz was demonstrating a Christ-like role?

6. Study the three main characters in the book of Ruth and briefly summarize each below:

a. Naomi

b. Ruth

c. Boaz

We praise God this week for sending us Jesus as our kinsman redeemer. He has saved us and now cares for us in this world and is building an eternal home for us. What a blessing! Have a great week everyone and tell anyone you can about Jesus -- you never know what will happen.

Thanks for studying with us.

In Christ,

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