

Judges 21**Key Verse:** v.25**Key Word:** *wives* – v.7**X-Ref:** 1Samuel 1:3**Paraphrase:** *Israel realizes that Benjamin will be wiped out if they don't find wives for the 600 remaining men.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) What oath did the tribes of Israel make before the Lord concerning the tribe of Benjamin? *That they would not give their daughters to them for wives* – v.1.
- 2) Word Study: Jabesh-Gilead – *“well-drained soil of Gilead”*. Located in the territory of Manasseh on the east side of the Jordan. The only city not to join the fight against Benjamin.
- 3) Where did Israel find wives for Benjamin? *400 virgins from Jabesh-Gilead and the rest they stole from Shiloah* – vv.12, 21.

Ruth 1**Key Verse:** v.16**Key Word:** *Mara* – v.20**X-Ref:** Ruth 2:11-12**Paraphrase:** *Naomi's husband and sons die. Naomi and Ruth travel to Bethlehem.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) At what time in Jewish history did Ruth live? *During the time of the Judges* – v.1.
- 2) List all the people mentioned in this chapter. *Elimelech, Naomi, Mahlon, Chilion, Orpah, and Ruth* – vs.2-4.
- 3) Naomi and Ruth left Moab and traveled where? *Bethlehem* – vs.19-22.
- 4) Word Study: *Mara* – *“famine; bitter”* – Strong's Concordance. *Naomi believed that she was being punished by God. She does not indicate why.*

Ruth 2**Key Verse:** v.20**Key Word:** *redeemer* – v.20**X-Ref:** Psalm 57:1**Paraphrase:** *Ruth meets Boaz while reaping in the field.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) Whose field was Ruth reaping in? *Boaz's* – vs.1-2.
- 2) Why did Boaz say that he took notice of Ruth? *Because of how she treated her mother in-law after the death of her husband* – v.11.
- 3) What did Ruth do with her leftovers? *She brought them home to Naomi* – v.18.
- 4) Naomi explained to Ruth that Boaz was what to them? *“close relative...one of our redeemers.”* – v.20.
- 5) Both Naomi and Boaz alluded to the fact that what could happen to Ruth in some other field? *She could be assaulted* – vs.9 & 22.

Ruth 3**Key Verse:** v.9**Key Word:** *redeem***X-Ref:** Proverbs 12:4**Paraphrase:** *Ruth approaches Boaz to ask him to redeem her.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) Deeper Study: Why would Boaz be sleeping with the grain? *The threshing floor was used by man in the community. They would have worked late into the evening. The grain would be guarded over night and carted away the following morning.* – IVP Bible Background Commentary.
- 2) What did Ruth mean when she said that Boaz was a redeemer? *She is asking him to marry her. She had no sons/children, the Law of Moses required that the brother/closest male relative take her as a wife and raise up children in the name of the deceased husband.* (Deuteronomy 25:5).

Ruth 4**Key Verse:** v.6**Key Word:** *conception* – v.13**X-Ref:** Matthew 1:3-6**Paraphrase:** *Ruth is redeemed and later, Obed is born.*

Examining the Text:

- 1) Why did Boaz ask the redeemer and ten elders to sit at the gate? *Business was often conducted near the gates of the city. Boaz wanted witnesses because he intended to conduct business.*
- 2) Initially, the redeemer agreed to redeem the land. What changed his mind? *When Boaz informed him, that Ruth was involved, the redeemer changed his mind. He did not want to compromise his inheritance. He apparently had sons already – v.6.*
- 3) What is significant about the child born to Ruth and Boaz? *He is the grandfather of King David – vs.17-22.*

1Samuel 1

Key Verse: v.11

Key Word: *lend to the Lord – v.28*

X-Ref: *Luke 1:4-8*

Paraphrase: *Hannah prays for a child and the Lord gives her Samuel.*

Examining the Text:

- 1) Describe Elkanah, the son of Jeroham. *He had two wives and several children. He faithfully worshipped God year by year. He loved his wife Hannah more – vs.1-5.*
- 2) What promise did Hannah make to the Lord? *That if He gave her a son, she would give him to the Lord and no razor would touch his head – v.11.*
- 3) Who did Hannah deliver her son to in Shiloh? *Eli – vs.25-28.*

1Samuel 2

Key Verse: v.2; v.12

Key Word: *evil – vs.23*

X-Ref: *Luke 2:52*

Paraphrase: *Eli's worthless sons. Hannah brings her son garments. Samuel grows in statures and favor before God and men.*

Examining the Text:

- 1) Briefly describe Hannah's prayer. *She praises the Lord for His power and His mercy. She acknowledges that God cares for the weak and brings down the prideful.*
- 2) What was the will of the Lord for Eli's sons and what did Eli do? *The will of the Lord was that they be put to death. Eli rebuked them verbally but no more – vs.22-25.*
- 3) What accusation did the man of God make towards Eli? *That his actions showed that he cared more for his sons than he did for God. – v.29.*