

Ruth (Part 13)
(Prominent Themes – Conclusion)

V. God's Eternal Plan of Redemption Through Christ

-God's Plan (Ps. 2:8; 110:1; 2 Sam. 7:13, 14; Is. 53:10, 11; Dan. 7:13, 14)

-Christ, the Redeemer: Boaz (2:20; 3:9, 12); Bethlehem (1:1, 2; 2:4; 4:11; Mic. 5:2); Obed (4:14, 15); David's Pedigree (4:18-22 with Matt. 1:3-6)

VI. The Multiethnic Composition of the People of God

-Rom. 9:22-24; 11:17-24; Eph. 2:16-22; 3:4-6; Rev. 5:9

-God has one people, the church, composed of believing Jews and Gentiles, and in whom the OT prophecies are fulfilled (Ps. 87; Is. 19:18-25; 56:1-8; 66:18-24)

-The church is the true Israel (Gal. 6:16); believers are true Jews (Rom. 2:28, 29)

- Boaz redeems Ruth and becomes her husband, brings her to a position of great favor, provides for her, endows her with riches and privileges, and loves her with the deepest affection.

VII. The Vital Connection Between our Lives and God's Overall Plan

-Out of the ordinary actions/suffering of these two women came God's purpose to send His Son into the world. God takes the common and complicated circumstances in the lives of His people—even their sufferings—and makes them contribute to the coming of His kingdom in this world.

→This perspective will help us to live by faith; inoculates us against living entirely for ourselves; against the crushing disappointment that sometimes results from suffering.

→Implications for personal evangelism

→We can trust God in everything, even in the midst of afflictions

Dale Ralph Davis: "Faith can seldom guess what God will do through affliction."