

RUTH REVIEW

11-9

Background - (A) Gen 18-19 Birth of Amon and Moav who owe their existence to Abraham.
(B) Num 22-24 Balak King of Moav hires Balaam to curse Israel.
(C) Deut. 23: 4-8 Moav may not join the congregation of G-d.
(D) Judg 3: 12-30 Israel subjugated by Moav.
(E) Sam I 17: 55-57 David's genealogy tested.

Purpose of Book (A) Justify David's lineage.
(B) To teach the power of gemilus chasadim.

Style of Book (A) Every verse but 8 beginning with "ו" (vuv).
(B) Compare style to Parshat Vayyeshev.
(C) Cause and effect of events.

10 Famines - Targum to 1st verse. Ruth has a messianic theme of people thirsting for the word of G-d. (The tenth famine - Amos 8:11).

Responsibility - Elimelech shirks his responsibility as do his sons, and they are all punished.
Naomi survives but surely endures much pain herself. Verse 1 - לָגַד
Verse 2 - עַל לִבִּי

Drashot of Names - More than in any other Biblical story.

Elimelech - kingdom tome
Naomi - pleasantness
Mara - bitterness
Machlon - disease
Chilyon - destruction
Ruth - appease
Orpa - neck turned
Boaz - strength
P'loni Almoni - John Doe

Syntax - Number and gender, various derashot.

Keri Uketiv - וְיָשָׁב - וְיָשָׁב

A lesson in what to expect from G-d. Concept of Keri Uketiv.

Marriage as Menucha - וְיָשָׁב וְיָשָׁב

Husbands and wives meeting at wells.

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1:10-22

Regarding Conversion

- (1) Ibn Ezra - Conversion takes place in Moav. Otherwise no obligation of Yibum.
- (2) Chazal - Conversion takes place at 1:10-18.
 - (A) Refuse three times, convert insists three times 1:10; 14; 16-17.
 - (B) - Teach laws of Shabbos, sexual conduct, relating to of K'lal Yisrael, relationship to HASHEM, the stringency of the court system and philosophical issues.

Ruth's Hope in Israel

Only for a son of Naomi's
(v.13) לכלחי היות לאיש might imply that others would marry her, only she is זקוקה לינום, an obligation that is difficult to find.

Ruth's and Orpa's Progeny - David and Goliath.

Formal Conversion (v. 16-17)

Ruth Follows With Usage of G-d's Name (v.17)

Compare to Parach and Yosef at Gen. 41.

חורה מחשת נח של ארם - Vilna Gaon: מחאמצח.

Naomi and Mara - מרא with an K.

שקי; ה in a woman's name.

Barley Harvest - Between Pesach and Shavuos.

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2:1-14

Elimelech's Family: Salmon, Elimelech, Ploni Almoni and Naomi's father were all brothers.

She'elat Shalom B'shem: Boaz's rapport with his workers.

Boaz Notices Ruth: Tzniut and knowledge of halakha.

Na'ars Reply: Chazal's approach.

Boaz's Care of Ruth: (vv. 8-9): D'rashot Chazal.

Boaz's Prophecy: (v.12)

Ruth and Boaz's Handmaids: (v.13) Targum, Rashi, Ib'n Ezra, and Ruth Rabbah.

Boaz Tests Ruth: Laws of Conversion. See 2 Kings 4:43.

Ruth is Satisfied: S'forno on Yoseph's Frugality.

2:15-23

Boaz's Generosity: (vv.15-16) Halakhic implications.

Efah of Barley: Symbolism and Ib'n Ezra! See also Ib'n Ezra Gen. 14:14, Zech. 3:8.

A Message of חסד ורחמים: (v.19)

Once Again, Chesed To חסד ורחמים and חסד ורחמים: (v.20)

חסד ורחמים וחסד ורחמים: (v.21-22)

Barley and Wheat: Pesach and Shavuot.

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וַיִּנָּח - See above 1:9.

Boaz's Personality and Disposition

Naomi's Plan: Compare to Tamar at Gen. 38.

Women and Men in Deciding Fate of the Family

וַיִּרְבֵּ: Connotations of וַיִּרְבֵּ.

1st and 2nd Person Interchanging

Images of Feet: Chalitzah, Kinyan.

Who Will Tell Whom What To Do?: (v.4:11)

Keri V'lo Ketib; Ketib V'lo Keri: Nedarim 38, Radak 2 Sam. 15:21.

וְהָיָה כִּי יִשָּׂא וְהָיָה and וְהָיָה כִּי יִשָּׂא

וַיִּפְרֹשׂ בְּנֵי פִי: Badeken.

וַיִּבְרַח and וַיִּבְרַח

וַיִּלְוֶנִי אֶל מְרֹנֵי and וַיִּלְוֶנִי

6 Se'orim

Why Didn't Naomi Recognize Ruth?

Boaz Knows Whom To Impress

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Images of Sanhedrin

Why is the Closer Goel Called לוי אלמני?

Mitzva of Geulat Sadeh: Lev.25

Bircat Chattanim - 10 Men (v.2)

Geulah and Yibbum (v.5)

What is the Reason For א. ה Refusal?

Kinyan, Marriage and Yibbum

Why is Rachel 1st?

Reference to Tamar

Unusual Conception

Seven Sons 15 2:5

Naomi's Son Sanh.19

Davidic Lineage

Purpose of Book