

Ruth 1

“God’s Providential Mercies and Steadfast Love for Israel and Beyond!”
(pt. 5)

INTRO- We should write Romans 15:4-6 on the top of all the RUTH sermon notes.

Rom. 15:4-6, “For whatever was written in earlier times (i.e. the O.T.) was written for OUR INSTRUCTION, that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures WE MIGHT HAVE HOPE! Now may the God who gives perseverance and the encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus.”

THE MAIN POINT OF THE MESSAGE:

God’s _____ and _____
extend well beyond the Jewish people.

What did we really have of true and lasting value BEFORE the Lord saved us by His grace?

How does **Ephesians 2:11-13** relate to the book of Ruth and to our own personal testimonies?

We were A) _____

We were B) _____

We were C) _____

What setbacks, personal losses, and/or national judgments do we encounter in the opening five verses of Ruth 1? (Ruth must be read against the backdrop of the Judges & Deut. 28-32.)

4 Facts We Need to Know About Israel's Nemesis (the Moabites)

- 1) Family Tree/ Origins- Genesis 19:30-38

- 2) A Wicked Moabite Ruler Seeks Israel's Demise- Numbers 22-24

- 3) Sinister Sensuality and Pagan Idolatry- Numbers 25

- 4) Foreign Oppression- Judges 3:12-23

Does Moab sound like a good place to raise a godly family? What was Elimelech thinking?

Biblical principles related to missionary dating and marrying non-Christians.

(Ruth 1:1-5; Deut. 7; 1 Cor. 7; 1 Kings 11:1-4; Prov. 5)

How does Ruth's conversion relate to God's dealings with us (former Gentile unbelievers)?

God's providential mercies and His steadfast love (Gen. 12:1-3; Ruth 2:11-12) extend WELL beyond the Jewish people! How ought we to live, worship, and witness in view of this?

Meditate this week on Romans 15:4-6; Ruth 1:16-19, 2:12-12; and Eph. 2:1-13 and report back to me how it impacts your Christian walk.