



The Generations

“Behold, the Redeemer” Series

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Introduction

In this passage God fits the story of the book of Ruth into the larger story of the Bible.

The Text: Ruth 4:18-22

¹⁸ Now these are the generations of Perez: Perez fathered Hezron, ¹⁹ Hezron fathered Ram, Ram fathered Amminadab, ²⁰ Amminadab fathered Nahshon, Nahshon fathered Salmon, ²¹ Salmon fathered Boaz, Boaz fathered Obed, ²² Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David.

1) God’s providence is often beautifully displayed in hindsight.

(a) By focusing on Elimelech’s family line, the text reminds us that God can work redemptively in families irrespective of the faithfulness of former (or even present) generations.

(b) The explanation for much that takes place in our lives lies well beyond our own lives and may even be hidden from us throughout our lives.

2) God’s purpose is ultimately to direct everything toward Jesus Christ.

(a) The point of Scripture is to present Jesus Christ to the reader.

(b) The goal of history and the purpose of all things is Jesus Christ and the glory of God.

Response

Let the book of Ruth teach you about God’s providence and the centrality of Jesus Christ.

Sunday Text Questions for Ruth 4:18-22 (“Behold, the Redeemer” Series)

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- 1) Starter Question: Can you describe a time when looking back at a season in your life you could see the ways in which God used it or was working?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) Genealogies tell a story. What story do you think this genealogy tells?
- 4) Why do you think the genealogy mentions Boaz when biblical law commanded the first son to be in the name of the deceased father, Mahlon (Ruth’s first husband)?
- 5) What makes the connection to King David significant?
- 6) How does the genealogy at the end of Ruth serve to connect this story to the larger story the Bible tells?
- 7) Read Matthew 1:1-17. What story does that genealogy tell (note both Boaz and Ruth are mentioned in v. 5)?
- 8) What did you learn about God from the book of Ruth?
- 9) How did Ruth or Boaz reflect Christian values or practices that are worthy to emulate?
- 10) In what way did the book of Ruth challenge you to believe a certain truth or act in a certain way?

Further study this week: Passages telling the biblical story through genealogies: Genesis 4 (Mon); Genesis 5 (Tues); Genesis 11 (Wed); Matthew 1 (Thurs); Luke 3 (Fri).