
A Light in a Dark Place

THE BOOK OF JUDGES & RUTH

1. The period of the Judges

The Book of Judges:

A tragic, historical account of Israel's moral and spiritual decline after the death of Joshua, highlighting a repetitive cycle of sin

The Book of Ruth:

A striking contrast which serves as a beautiful, practical demonstration of how the Law of Moses was lived out in daily life

2. The Law lived out in the Book of Ruth

The right of gleaning:

Leaving
"gleanings" for
the poor
(Leviticus 19:9–
10; Deuteronomy
24:19; Ruth 2)

The kinsman-redeemer:

Protection of
ancestral lands
from permanently
losing a family's
possession due to
poverty (Leviticus
25:25; Ruth 3, 4)

Levirate marriage customs:

Brother marrying
his brother's widow
so his lineage is not
wiped out
(Deuteronomy
25:5-6; Ruth 4)

3. New Testament applications

No excuses for compromise:

If Ruth could
keep covenant in
the days of the
judges, we can
today

The Ultimate Redeemer:

Boaz is a
foreshadowing of
Jesus Christ who
is the ultimate
Redeemer

The Gospel is for all:

Jesus is the
universal
Redeemer and
salvation through
Him is open to all

Consider these passages:

- *Matthew 5:14-16*
- *Acts 2:38-41*
- *Romans 12:1-2*
- *1 Peter 2:11-12*