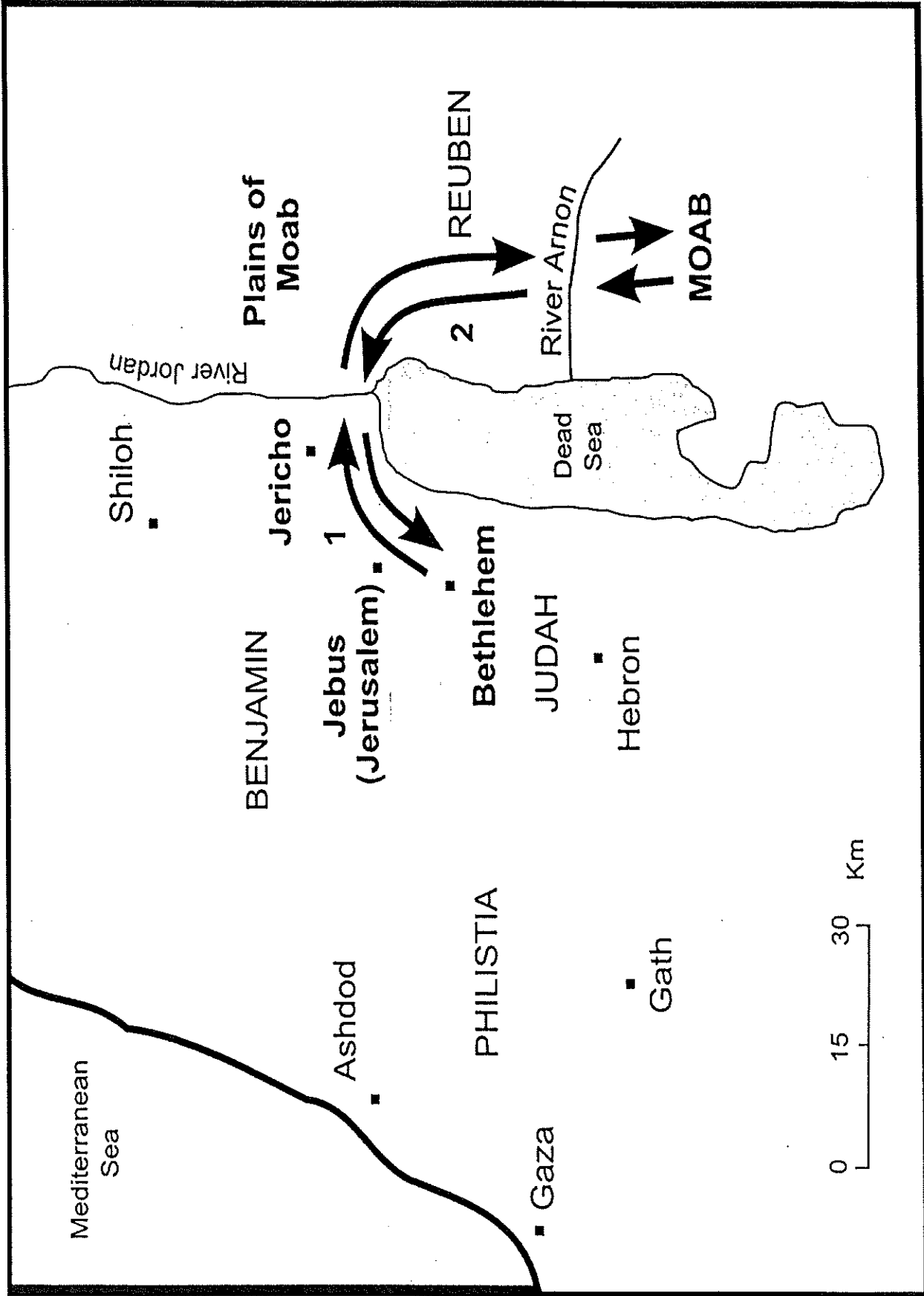


RUTH
Redemption for all



Ruth – Lesson 4

Have you ever wondered about the book of Revelation? Have you ever questioned if Jesus has already redeemed us from our slavery to sin and heaven is assured to us, why He is coming back to earth and why with such bloodshed and destruction along with it? It is in fulfillment of His role as our Kinsman Redeemer. What great truth awaits us this week? Pray and ask God to give insight and wisdom into His Word this week.

Last week you studied Leviticus 25, and you saw that the land God gave Israel as an everlasting possession was His land and they were never to sell it. It was always to belong to His covenant people.

Israel does not have possession of all the land that was given them by God – some of it has been “sold” and needs to be returned to its rightful owner.

Think about the earth in general – was not man given dominion over it? If Jesus is our Kinsman Redeemer, how responsible is He to keep the land in the family? This is what we need to work out by reasoning our way through the Scriptures. What you are about to see will give you a far greater interest in and appreciation of all that will transpire with the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ with those who are “the called and chosen and faithful” (Revelation 17:14).

This part of the study strips the devil of all glory he has taken for himself. He doesn't want us to understand these things of life, so don't forget to pray each day as you study. Always remember you have only one offensive weapon you need in any conflict with him, and that's the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God!

Let's sharpen our swords –

1. One of the first things we need to see and understand is what Adam and Eve's role was to be with respect to the earth. Look up Genesis 1:26-31. Mark every reference to the earth and every reference including pronouns, to man and woman. Then list what the text tells you about Adam and Eve and their relationship to the earth.

2. Genesis 3 tells us when the serpent came into the Garden of Eden and tempted the woman, Eve took the forbidden fruit, ate it, and gave it to Adam. The Bible tells us in Romans 5:12 it was then that sin entered the world. From this point on, men and women would die. In the meantime, how would sin affect their lives here on earth?

Let's read Hebrews 2:5-15.

3. According to Hebrews 2:8, to whom is the world to be subjected, and has it happened yet?
4. According to this passage in Hebrews, who was subject to slavery all their lives and why?
5. What has Jesus done for man with respect to
 - a. Death
 - b. The devil
6. When man sinned, under whose power did all mankind come?
Read Ephesians 2:1-7, list what we were formerly and what we are in Him.
Write how Satan is described.
 - a. Before you are saved, who is your father? What is he like?
Read John 8:44.

- b. Look at Colossians 1:11-14 – explain from these verses where those who truly believe in Jesus Christ are transferred from and how.

- c. Look at John 12:31-33 and 1 John 5:19 and list what you learn about Satan, the devil, or as he is also called, “the serpent of old.” What event is Jesus talking about that will cause him to be cast out?

7. Read Matthew 4:8-10.

- a. What does the devil offer Jesus? For what?

- b. Does Jesus say the devil doesn't have a right to offer that? Why not?

8. Now after looking up all the previous verses, answer these two questions:

- a. Who was to rule over the earth as God's vice-rulers?

- b. Who ended up doing it and why? Is he still ruling?
Over whose territory?

We have seen that when man sinned, the dominion of this earth was lost to the serpent of old. But it is not rightfully Satan's. The earth is the Lord's and man was appointed by God to rule over the works of His hands (Hebrew 2:7). But Satan is still the prince of this world. Will the earth be redeemed from the prince of this world? If so, how and when? That is what we are going to look at and discover together.

- 9. A reading of Revelation 4 makes it clear that these events which will be fulfilled literally are still future, as Revelation 1:19 also indicates. Look up

Revelation 1:19 and compare it with Revelation 4:1. When, relatively, are the events of Revelation 4 to take place? Don't overthink this. There is not a specific date, but a period of time.

10. Read Revelation 5. What cannot be opened, and who is the one worthy to break the seal? Make a list of everything the text tells you about the One who takes the book from the Father's hand.

11. The question now is what is this book/scroll that no one can open?
Let's look at some scripture together:
 - a. Jeremiah 32:1-19 – What is the Lord going to do to the city of Jerusalem? What is Jeremiah to do? How many deeds are there, and how are they distinguished from one another? What do you learn about the Lord from verses 17-19?

 - b. Daniel 7:13-14 – this is a portion of a dream given by God to Daniel in the first year of Belshazzar's reign. Belshazzar was a king of Babylon. The dream or vision centers around four beasts and their ultimate destruction. After these verses the vision is interpreted. Read these two verses and list what you learn about the One like a Son of Man.

12. Who is this One like a Son of Man? Read John 1:49-51 and Mark 13:24-27 and list what you learn by comparing Scripture with Scripture.

13. According to Hebrews 2:7 who became man? In Daniel 7:13-14, what is the One “like a Son of Man” given?

14. Read Revelation 19:11-16.
 - a. Who is the main person in this passage?

 - b. Where does He come from and where does He go?

 - c. What does He do when He arrives?

 - d. Does He have a right to do this? Why?

15. Read Daniel 7:27. What is given to the people of the saints of the Highest One?
 - a. Do you see the parallel between Daniel 7 and Revelation 19?

Do you see how this would all fit in with what you have learned about the Kinsman Redeemer, and His responsibility to redeem the land so it stays in the family?

Isn't this so exciting to see all these truths tied together in the Kinsman Redeemer's responsibility to redeem the land of their kinsman and keep it in the family? I love how God ties the Word together all the way through His Word to create a seamless story of His love and redemption for His people.

We will cover one more responsibility of the Kinsman Redeemer as the blood avenger in the lecture this week.

As we conclude I realize why the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders sing a new song to our Kinsman Redeemer....

"Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth." Revelation 5:9b-10

Glory be to God!! You have been faithful to study His Word. Now let's take these truths, and encourage one another, and pass them on, for He is coming, and what a Glorious Day it will be!

Questions to Ponder

- 1. What does redemption mean?*
- 2. What are some similarities between Ruth, the bride of Boaz, and the church, the bride of Christ?*
- 3. How does God's treatment of Ruth show His grace and power?*
- 4. Ruth left behind an eternal legacy. What legacy would you like to leave for your family?*
- 5. What has the book of Ruth taught you?*
- 6. Have there been any new insights about God that you have learned through this study?*