Ruth • The Need for a Redeemer

- 1. (v.1:1-5) The seedline from Bethlehem appears to be cut off.
- 2. (v.1:6-18) A physical return to the land is <u>incomplete</u> if not accompanied by a <u>spiritual</u> return to the Lord.
- 3. (v.1:19-22) Hope in this life is <u>futile</u> without spiritual hope for the life to come.
- 4. (v.2:1-3) God uses the things of this life to lead back to Him. This is called "providence".
- 5. (v.2:4-16) Reconciliation with God is actually a life-lesson in the meaning of God's grace.
- 6. (v.2:17-23) Reconciliation can only be accomplished through our Kinsman-Redeemer.
- 7. (v.3:1-18) Salvation is God's **down payment** in this life verifying all He has promised us in the life to come.
- 8. (v.4:1-10) It's a process of <u>resurrection</u> of bringing back to life those who are spiritually dead.
- 9. (v.4:11-22) The taking of a Gentile bride results in restoration of the Jewish seedline both physically and spiritually.