

Study Questions for Ruth Chapter 4

Ruth and Boaz by John Faed (1819-1902)

Please read *The Book of Ruth*, Chapter 4. Then, read Leviticus, Chapter 25. Much of the questions concerning today's lesson will revolve around these passages. Then consider the following discussion questions:

- 1) So, who did the Land of Israel actually belong to? (Hint: You might want to pay special attention to Lev. 25:23)
- 2) How did the existence of the "Year of Jubilee" (Lev. 25:11) influence the Children of Israel's view of land ownership?
- 3) If Boaz does not have an heir by one of his previous marriages, what would happen if his union with Ruth produce a child? So what kind of responsibility is he accepting?
- 4) When Ruth's closest relative refuses to bring Naomi and Ruth into his household, he removes his sandal and gives it to Boaz. (See Ruth 4:8) What do you think might be going on here? (Hint: Read Deut. 25:5-10)
- 5) Read Jeremiah 18:1-6. How might that Bible passage apply to what God is doing here?
- 6) Let's look back for a moment. When Boaz woke up on the threshing floor and found beside him the woman with whom God had chosen to spend the rest of his life, did that remind you of anything else in the Old Testament (Hint: Re-read Genesis 2:20-24)
- 7) If you read Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 3:7-12, you can see Paul's conviction about the central place of God's will in his own life. How might this apply to Ruth and Boaz?
- 8) Who is Obed?