

## NAOMI'S EMPTINESS IS FILLED: THE BIRTH OF OBED

(Ruth 4:13-22)

### I. INTRODUCTION

### II. DEATH IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY (1:1-22)

### III. HOPE IN A BARLEY FIELD (2:1-23)

### IV. COMMITMENT ON A THRESHING FLOOR (3:1-18)

### V. NEW LIFE IN A JEWISH FAMILY (4:1-22)

#### A. The Legal Resolution (4:1-12)

#### B. The Messianic Line Perpetuated (4:13-16)

1. With the legal matter settled, Boaz kept his word and married Ruth, and the Lord removed her barrenness and she conceived. (v. 13)
  - a. The “\_\_\_\_\_” that Naomi longed for regarding her daughter-in-law (1:9), had sovereignly and \_\_\_\_\_ arrived in a matter of a few short months.
  - b. From verses 12 and 13, it is clear that these Jews believed that a child was a \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The women of the town who had originally witnessed Naomi's \_\_\_\_\_ (1:20-21) now gave credit where credit was due, “*Blessed be the \_\_\_\_\_, who has \_\_\_\_\_ left you this day without a close relative.*” (v. 14)
3. “*Restorer of life*” expresses \_\_\_\_\_ for Naomi's future; her little grandson \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ in her heart left vacant by the death of her husband and two sons. (v. 15a, 16)
4. Ruth, whom Naomi had \_\_\_\_\_ thought worth mentioning when she came back to Bethlehem, was declared by the women to be of more worth “*than seven sons,*” this symbolized the supreme \_\_\_\_\_ in a \_\_\_\_\_ family. (v. 15b, cf. 1 Sam. 2:5; Job 1:1-2; 42:12-13)

5. After anticipating a lonely life of widowhood, Naomi had a \_\_\_\_\_ once again; she gladly took the \_\_\_\_\_ to help raise and nurture little Obed. (v. 16)

### **C. The Genealogy of the Messianic Line (4:17-22)**

1. The women of the town \_\_\_\_\_ Obed's name, and \_\_\_\_\_ Naomi with the child because he was in effect, the son of Mahlon, the descendant of Naomi. (v. 17)
  
2. Far from being an unimportant postscript, this genealogy helps us see that God \_\_\_\_\_ over His people like Naomi, Ruth and Boaz, and \_\_\_\_\_ their paths generation after generation. (vv. 18-21)
  
3. Little did Ruth and Boaz realize that from their union would come Israel's greatest kings, including \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 22)

### **D. Our Kinsman-Redeemer is Coming Back to Marry His Bride!**

1. As a man chooses a woman for his bride, and as Boaz claimed Ruth, so Christ came to this earth to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ His Bride. (Ps. 49:7-8; Gal. 4:4-5; Col. 1:13-14, 19-22; Titus 2:13-14)
  
2. Our Bridegroom is returning one day to \_\_\_\_\_ His Bride that has been betrothed to Himself, and He will then \_\_\_\_\_ her \_\_\_\_\_ to His Father's house. (1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:51-52; John 14:1-3)

\* How can this passage encourage you in the things of the Lord?