

RCF Academy—Old Testament
Class 10: “Israel Has a King”
Ruth, 1st Samuel, & 2nd Samuel



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RUTH

Context

- The time of the Judges
- Redemption History: a king is coming!

Theme: *God sovereignly orchestrates all things—even trials—for the good of His people, who He will one day redeem through the perfect rule of the kinsman King.*

I. THE BITTERNESS OF SIN—RUTH 1:11-12, 20

II. THE KINDNESS OF KINSMAN REDEMPTION—RUTH 4:9-10

III. THE WISDOM OF GOD’S GOOD PLAN—RUTH 4:13-17

1ST & 2ND SAMUEL

- Historical Context

Events occurred between *ca.* 1100 and 970 BC

- Redemptive-Historical Context

Another step forward: The king is crowned!

Theme: *God rules His people through the king who is a representative of the people and whose actions will bring God’s blessing or punishment.*

I. KINGSHIP

- 1 Sam. 8:19-20: “We want a king!”
- The “X” Pattern: Leaders’ Decline and Rise
 - The Decline of Eli: 1 Sam. 2:29-30
 - The Rise of Samuel: 1 Sam. 3:19-20
- 2 Sam. 21:1: The King = The Representative of the People
- 2 Sam. 8:14-15: David = *The* Type of Christ

II. REST

- 2 Sam. 7: The *Davidic Covenant*
 - 7:1-3: David desires a “house” for God...
 - 7:5-6: God doesn’t need that kind of house...
 - 7:10-11: God renews promises to Abraham...
 - 7:12-16: God promises David a “house”
- Near and Far Fulfillment of Prophecy
 - 7:13 – Solomon builds a “house” (temple)
 - 7:13 – Jesus is the everlasting king
 - *Heb. 3:6: “Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.”*

- Our rest in Christ – Heb. 1:3

Major Dates of Old Testament Events

<u>Event:</u>	<u>Date:</u>
Call of Abraham	ca. 2,000 BC
Joseph in Egypt	ca. 1850 BC
Exodus	1445 BC
Conquest of Canaan	ca. 1400 BC
Time of the Judges	ca. 1390-1050 BC
Crowning of King Saul	1050 BC
Crowning of King David	1010 BC
Crowning of King Solomon	970 BC
Construction of the Temple	started in 966 BC
Division of the Kingdom	931 BC
Scattering of the Northern Kingdom	722 BC
Daniel Taken Captive to Babylon	ca. 606 BC
Exile of the Southern Kingdom	586 BC
Return from Exile	537 BC
The Prophets Fall Silent	ca. 450 BC

A Study Outline for Ruth

- I. Ruth 1 – God brings affliction.
- II. Ruth 2 – God arranges circumstances.
- III. Ruth 3 – God builds suspense.
- IV. Ruth 4 – God provides a redeemer.
(And soon a kingly redeemer!)

A Study Outline for 1st and 2nd Samuel*

- I. 1 Samuel 1-7 – Samuel is a prophet from God’s grace.
- II. 1 Samuel 8-14 – Saul is a king in God’s place.
- III. 1 Samuel 15-2 Samuel 8 – David is a man after God’s heart.
- IV. 2 Samuel 9-20 – David is a servant under God’s rod.
- V. 2 Samuel 21-24 – Israel is a kingdom in God’s hands.

**The first four sections end with concluding summations of each central figure’s work.*

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