

A TIME OF REFLECTION

[Pastor Gene Henderson edited by Pastor Pier]

Some time ago we outlined the kingdoms of David and Solomon. Forty years of building through suffering and warfare (David) and forty more years of peace and security (Solomon). Don't we wish Israel had continued under the reign of David's and Solomon's leadership? But they did not. Instead, they suffered a civil war and centuries of decay and trouble until other great kingdoms destroyed their cities and carried off the best and brightest.

The Bible is organized by sections, not by chronology, which is why the Pentateuch ended with Moses' death. The History & Stories section contains several stories separated from the passage of time, named after people. Poetry & Wisdom are the works of David and Solomon. The prophets we'll cover later. Today a quick encapsulation of Ruth.

Ruth is not even Israeli. Her husband, Mahlon, died leaving Ruth childless, and Ruth becomes Naomi's daughter by choice. She returns to Israel with Naomi and follows her advice to find food and to attract a man. Boaz marries Ruth, and Ruth becomes the great-grandmother of David. She is known by a great quotation in Ruth 1:16-18: *"But Ruth said, 'Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.' And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more."*

Pentateuch	History & Stories		Poetry & Wisdom	Major Prophets
Genesis	Joshua	1 & 2 Chronicles	Psalms	Isaiah
Exodus	Judges	Ezra	Proverbs	Jeremiah
Leviticus	Ruth	Nehemiah	Ecclesiastes	Lamentation
Numbers	1 & 2 Samuel	Esther	Song of Solomon	Ezekiel
Deuteronomy	1 & 2 Kings	Job		Daniel
Minor Prophets				
Hosea	Nahum			
Joel	Habakkuk			
Amos	Zephaniah			
Obadiah	Haggai			
Jonah	Zechariah			
Micah	Malachi			

Welcome!

January 21st, 2024



"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM
Unity in Prayer & Youth: 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; Kid's Club
Prayer ½ hour before services



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Bible Study – we continue our new study, “The Great

Disappearance” – Rapture of the church, taken from Dr. David Jeremiah’s study. We have student study guides available for \$10 each. Please see the Pastor for more details.

Flagging Class – begins again on Wednesday evening, February 7th at 6:00 PM. We will be focusing on a praise presentation for our Easter Service on March 31st. Parents, please try to have your children here on time. Thank you!

Special Fellowship Dinner – January 28th, following the morning service in our basement. Please plan to attend and what you might be able to bring to eat and share with all. We will soon have a sign-up sheet in the foyer to plan what we will have to eat. For more information, please see Leah or Caroline.

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