

PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED TYPOLOGY

- Elimilech – the first generation of dispersed Jews from the Roman destruction of Jerusalem
- Naomi – represents Judaism
- Mahlon and Chilion – the death of all the Jews that had any connection with the Land.
- Orpah – The Jews who remain in dispersion at the end of days.
- Ruth – The Jews who return to Israel at the end of days.
- Boaz – The kinsman Redeemer (Christ).

BOAZ REDEEMS | VV. 7-10

- Verse 7 - By the time the author wrote, this custom was no longer in practice. The custom was drawn from and related to Deuteronomy 25:7-10, a passage which outlines the process for one who will not redeem the closest of kin.
- Verse 8 – **He drew off his shoe**
 - The time will come in which the Law is recognized by the Jewish public as unable to accomplish redemption. This time has not yet come, but is prophetically sure. The nation will someday recognize that the law was a "shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things" (Heb 10:1).

SUPPLEMENTAL: HOW TO WITNESS TO JEWS.

- Do not mock the law or the practice of it.
- Emphasize the coming Messiah and Messiah's role in Israel's future.
- Learn the marks of identity for the Messiah and relate those to Jesus.
- Honor Israel and the way it has been a fulfillment of prophecy, and will continue to be so.
- Express your Christian beliefs as a comparison.
- Invite Jewish friends to Christmas, Easter, and other aspects of the cultural aspect of Christianity.
- Verse 9 - Here the Redeemer purchases the Hebrew nation and all that belonged to Judaism (Naomi).
- Verse 10 – The common interpretation is that Ruth represents the church, which is commonly seen as "the bride of Christ."
 - Challenges to this interpretation:
 - Ruth converted to Judaism and was married to a Jewish exile. The church never converted nor "married" in to Judaism.
 - Ruth was purchased in order to **raise up the name of the dead**, but the church is "neither Jew nor gentile" and has no part nor interest in raising up the name of the dead.

THE RESPONSE OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE | VV. 11-12

- Verse 11 –
 - Rachel and Leah were the "mothers of the Hebrew nation."
 - Both were "cousins" within the clan of Abraham, just as the Moabites were.
 - Rachel and Leah were descendants of Abraham's brother Nahor, Moab was a descendant of Abraham's brother Haran (father of Lot).
 - If Rachel and Leah can be considered "Jewish," then why does the church almost exclusively consider Ruth to be gentile?
 - **Famous in Bethlehem** - The ultimate Redeemer has become very **famous in Bethlehem**.

- Verse 12 – **Like the house of Perez** (Perez)
 - This verse is packed with mystery by most Christians but filled with insight by keen students of the Word.
 - The passage says, literally, "Through the offspring, may your house be like Perez." This begs the question...
 - Why did they use the word seed? It implies offspring further than the immediate child at hand. It also has Messianic connotations from Genesis 3:15.
 - Why did they want his house to be like such an unknown figure as Perez, whose lineage is so questionable?
 - Perez was born to Tamar by Judah.
 - Judah was both his father and his grandfather.
 - Judah was going to kill the man who impregnated his daughter Tamar...until he found out he was the man (Gen. 38:24-26).
 - Tamar's husband died and her closest kin refused to father a child for the name of the offspring.
 - Perez is in the genealogy of Jesus - Matt 1:3.

THE REST OF THE STORY | VV. 13-22

- Verse 13 –
 - If Boaz represents Christ, who does the son represent?
 - He represents Christ the King!
 - There has always been a dual nature of the Christ: God & Man, King & Servant, etc., so it is not surprising to see a "double type of Christ" in the same story.
 - Notice that **the Lord gave her conception**. This doesn't imply virgin birth on the part of Ruth, but does shadow to the future story.
- Verse 16 - Just as for Jesus Christ, Judaism (Naomi) nursed the child. See Revelation 12:1-2.
- Verse 17 –
 - **Obed** means "to work or toil." It's first use is in Genesis 2:5 concerning Adam's assignment to till the ground.
 - **Jesse** is from the same root as YHWH and Joshua. It's root means "I forget."
 - **David** means "beloved."
 - Note the interesting progression from toil to forgetting to beloved.