

## Euston Church weekend, March 2017 Outlines for expositions of the book of Ruth

Christopher Ash, *Teaching Ruth and Esther* [Christian Focus, forthcoming]

Barry Webb, *Five Festal Garments* [Apollos, IVP, 2000], chapter 2

Barry Webb, *Judges and Ruth* [Crossway Preaching the Word series, 2015]

### How to read Old Testament stories

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

### Reading Ruth as gospel story

#### Bible background references

- 1:1                   The promised land: Gen.12; 1 Kgs.21:3; Acts 20:32; 1 Pet.1:4
- 1:1 etc               Moab: Gen.19:30-38; Num.21:29; Num.22-25; Deut.23:3-6; Jdg.3:12-14
- 1:11-13              Levirate marriage: Deut.25:5-10; Gen.38; Matt.22:24
- 2:1                   'A man of standing': 2 Kgs.15:20; 1 Kgs.11:28 (and cf. Prov.31:10)
- 2:2 etc              Gleaning: Lev.19:9,10; 23:22; Deut.24:19
- 2:4; 4:1              "Behold!" - e.g. Gen.24:15; 1 Kgs.1:42
- 2:10                  "a foreigner" – Exo.2:22; 22:21; Eph.2:12
- 2:12; 3:9 "wing/corner of garment" – Deut.22:12; Ezek.5:3; Deut.22:30; Ezek.16:8
- 2:13; 3:9 "your (maid)servant" – 1 Sam.25:24-41 (Abigail)
- 2:20 etc             Guardian-redeemer: Lev.25:25-28; Num.35:6-28; Deut.19:4-13
- 3:3                   "perfume": Song of Songs 1:3
- 4:1 etc               The city 'gate' (4:1): Gen.23:10-18; 34:20; Deut.22:24; 25:7; 2 Sam.19:8;  
1 Kgs.22:10; Esther 2:21; 3:2,3
- 4:3                   Elimelek's land: see also 2 Kgs.8:1-6
- 4:5                   "acquire": see also Exo.15:13, 16
- 4:11                  "to build a family": Deut.25:9; Gen.16:2; 30:3; 1 Sam.2:35; 7:27; 1 Kgs.11:38
- 4:12,18              Perez: see Gen.38
- 4:18-22              Genealogies: see also 1 Chr.2:5, 9-15; Matt.1:3-6; Lk.3:31-33
- Fullness in Christ: see Jn.1:14,16; Col.1:19; 2:9,10; Eph.1:3; 1:23; 3:14-19; 4:13; Rom.8:32

## Ruth 1

### Five features to watch for

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

### The setting (1a)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

### A. A strange flight (1b-5)

### B. A surprising choice (6-18)

### C. Hope and despair (19-22)

## Ruth 2

### Four motifs

1.

2.

3.

4.

### Narrator's headline (1)

1.

2.

3.

A. Ruth hopes to find grace in the land (2)

B. Ruth finds the grace she sought (3-17)

C. Ruth discovers who this grace came from (18-22)

## Ruth 3

### Six facets of faith

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

A. The initiative of faith (1-5)

B. The venture of faith (6-15)

C. The waiting of faith (16-18)

## Ruth 4

### A. A costly redemption (1-11a)

Three markers of legal objectivity

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

### B. Blessings that give hope (11b-22)