

Ruth 1:1 "In those days when the judges ruled in Israel..."

Israelite Cycle of Blessings:

Serve God Sin and Idolatry Enslavement Call out to God God God Raises up a Judge Israel is delivered

Ruth 1:13 "the Lord has raised his fist against me."

Ruth 1:21 "the Lord has caused tragedy to come upon me."

Ruth 1:16-17 "Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God.

He's watching you!

Isaiah 57:17b-18 "...he went on turning away and backsliding, in the way of his [own willful] heart. "I have seen his [willful] ways, but I will heal him;"

Ruth 3:18

"Just be patient, my daughter, until we hear what happens. THE MAN WON'T REST UNTIL HE HAS <u>SETTLED</u> THINGS TODAY."



Hebrews 10:12-13 (NKJV) "But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool."

He didn't rest until ...
He Settled it!



Hebrews 10:10 "By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

Galatians 3:13 "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us... cursed is anyone who hangs on a tree."

He Settled it!

Yet, we can be unsettled in ourselves if we don't see just how settled it is.



IT IS SETTLED!

1. A plan was enacted.

Ruth 4:1 "Boaz went to the town gate and took a seat there...Come over here and sit down friend."



Martin Lloyd-Jones

Redemption is a definite plan. There is nothing "incidental or contingent" about the plan of redemption. "The plan of redemption is an entire plan: a perfect, definite plan, down to the smallest detail."

Pre-planned to:
be holy and without blame (Eph. 1)

To adoptions as sons/daughters (Eph. 1)

To be in the image and likeness of Jesus (Rom. 8)

Redemption through the precious blood of Christ. (1 Peter 1)

Christ to be in you and you in Him. (Col. 1)



2. Looks for a Redeemer

Ruth 4:3 (NLT)"...You know Naomi... She is selling the land that belonged to our relative Elimelech... you can redeem it if you wish. If you want the land, then buy it here in the presence of these witnesses."

You can't redeemer yourself! Psalms 49:5-9

"Yet they cannot redeem themselves from death by paying a ransom to God. Redemption does not come so easily, for no one can ever pay enough to live forever and never see the grave."

The Law Can't Redeem You!

Romans 8:3 (NLT) "The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature [flesh]. So God did what the law could not do.

3. Presents Himself as Redeemer

Lev. 25:25 (NLT) "...then a close relative should buy it back for him."

Hebrews 10:5-7 "Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me... 'Here I am...'"



John 1:14 "So the Word became human and made his home among us..."

Hebrews 2:17 "... it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us...Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people. "

4. He Paid the Price.

Ruth 4:9 "You are witnesses that today I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelech, Kilion, and Mahlon..."

Jesus paid in full for our redemption!

Ephesians 1:7 "In Him we have redemption through his blood..."

1 Peter 1:18-20 "...knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things..., but with the precious blood of Christ..,"



5. He Settles us in Redemption Ruth 4:10 "...with the land I have acquired Ruth, the Moabite widow of Mahlon, to be my wife. This way she can have a son to carry on the family name of her dead husband and to inherit the family property here in his hometown."

Redemption:

Don't see it as merely a restoration to your former fortunes, nor merely as a second chance, or a resolution to a life problem.

It is absolute deliverance from all that is less that God's original purpose for you: Christ!

Romans 8:29-30 (MSG)"God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him.

Ephesians 1:4-5,7,11

"Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure..."

...He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom [He redeemed us] with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins...Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan."

Our redemption is settled!

Let it be settled in you!



