BIBLE STUDY

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**Numbers 6 The Nazirite Vow**

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**Judges 14 The Samson Story**

There was a certain man of Zorah, of the tribe of the Danites, whose name was Manoah. And his wife was barren and had no children. **3**And the angel of the Lord appeared to the woman and said to her, “Behold, you are barren and have not borne children, but you shall conceive and bear a son. **4**Therefore be careful and drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean, **5**for behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. No razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb.

**The vow**

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**Samson’s life**

**5**Then Samson went down with his father and mother and they came to the vineyards of Timnah.

And behold, a young lion came toward him roaring. **6**Then the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon him, he tore the lion in pieces. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done. **8**After some days he returned... And he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion, and behold, there was a swarm of bees in the body of the lion, and honey. **9**He scraped it out into his hands and went on, eating as he went. And he came to his father and mother and gave some to them, and they ate. But he did not tell them that he had scraped the honey from the carcass of the lion.

**10**His father went down to the woman, and Samson prepared a [drinking] feast there, for so the young men used to do.

**4**After this he loved a woman in the Valley of Sorek (grapes), whose name was Delilah.

”**16**When Delilah pressed Samson hard with her words, he said, “A razor has never come upon my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God. If my head is shaved, then my strength will leave me, and I shall become weak and be like any other man.” **18**Then Delilah called the Philistines, “Come up.” And she called a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head.  **21**And the Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes and brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze shackles.

Ruth

**Narrator**: In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the fields of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the fields of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

**Narrator**: Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them bread (lehem). So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. **Naomi** (to her two daughters-in-law): Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband! **Narrator**: Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. **Ruth and Orpah**: No, we will return with you to your people. **Naomi**: Return, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Return, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me. **Narrator**: Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. **Naomi**: See, your sister-in-law has returned to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law. **Ruth**: 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. **Narrator**: And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. **The women of Bethlehem**: Is this Naomi? **Naomi**: Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. I went away full, and the LORD has returned me empty. Why call me Naomi, when the LORD has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?” **Narrator**: So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the fields of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

THE BETHLEHEM TRILOGY

Judges 17

Now there was a young man from Bethlehem in Judah, of the family of Judah, and he was staying there. Then the man departed from the city, from Bethlehem in Judah, to stay wherever he might find a place…

Judges 19

Now there came about in those days, when there was no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite, who took a concubine for himself from Bethlehem in Judah. [This concubine runs away, back to her father in Bethlehem, and after some time, the Levite comes to Bethlehem in order to bring her back. The father-in-law persuades the Levite to stay in Bethlehem for several days. Finally, the man was not willing to stay in Bethlehem], so he arose and departed.

Ruth 1

Now it came about in the days when the judges governed, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the land of Moab…

Genesis 12:10

Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn (gur) there for the famine was severe in the land.

FAMINE IN THE LAND

Genesis 26:1

Now there was a famine in the land, besides the former famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Gerar…[to] sojourn (gur).

Ruth 1:1

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a man from Bethlehem in Judah…went to sojourn (gur) in the fields of Moab.

Ruth is built upon the shoulders of Genesis, even having the same theme of LAND, SEED, and BLESSING.

Genesis 12:1 Now Yahweh said to Abram, “Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father’s house, to the **land** which I will show you;

Genesis 12:2-3 And I will make you a great nation, and I will **bless** you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a **blessing**; and I will **bless** those who **bless** you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be **blessed**.

Genesis 15:5 And Yahweh took Abram outside and said, “Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars if you are able to count them.” And Yahweh said to him, “So shall your **seed** be.”

Ruth 4:12 [The people of the town say to Boaz], “May your house be like the house of Perez whom Tamar bore to Judah, through the seed which Yahweh will give you by this young woman.”

Ruth 1:7 So Naomi departed from the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.

Ruth 2:4 Now behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem and said to the reapers, “May Yahweh be with you.” And they said to him, “May Yahweh bless you.”

Ruth 4:18 Now these are the generations of Perez: Perez begat Hezron, and Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab, and Amminadab begat Nahshon and Nahshon begat Salmon, and Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed, and Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.

Ruth 4:14 Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed is Yahweh who has not left you without a kinsman redeemer today.”

Ruth 4:3 Then he said to the kinsman redeemer, “Naomi, who has com back from the fields of Moab, has to sell the piece of land which belonged to our brother Elimelech. So I thought to inform you, saying, “Buy it (the land) before those who are sitting here, and before the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if not, tell me that I may know; for there is no one but you to redeem it, and I am after you.

**Deuteronomy 23:2-4**

**2**“No one born of a forbidden union may enter the assembly of the Lord. Even to the tenth generation, none of his descendants may enter the assembly of the Lord. **3**“No Ammonite or Moabite may enter the assembly of the Lord. Even to the tenth generation, none of them may enter the assembly of the Lord forever, **4**because they did not meet you with bread and with water on the way, when you came out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you.

Ruth 1:1

1:4

1:6

1:22

2:5-6

2:21

4:3

4:54:10

4:13

### Ruth 4:18-22

### The Genealogy of David

**18**Now these are the generations of Perez: Perez fathered Hezron, **19**Hezron fathered Ram, Ram fathered Amminadab, **20**Amminadab fathered Nahshon, Nahshon fathered Salmon,**21**Salmon fathered Boaz, Boaz fathered Obed, **22**Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David.