

4th Quarter – Week 1

The Story of Ruth – The Rise of the Prophet Samuel – Taking Back the Ark

<p>Day 1 Ruth 1-2</p>	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A famine causes Elimelech to move his family to Moab. His two sons marry Moabites. When Elimelech and his sons die his wife, Naomi, decides to return to Bethlehem (1:1-5).• Naomi's daughter-in-law, Orpah, stays but her daughter-in-law Ruth binds herself to her and the Lord with an oath. They return to Bethlehem where Naomi changes her name to Mara, "bitter" (1:6-22).• Ruth meets Boaz and seeks to glean from his fields. Boaz speaks kindly to Ruth and watches over her. Ruth gathers barley and left over food. Naomi learns that Boaz is a "close relative-redeemer" (2:1-23). <p>Jesus Christ: Boaz will serve as a kinsman-redeemer providing for Ruth. Jesus is our spiritual redeemer providing for all of our needs.</p>
<p>Day 2 Ruth 3-4</p>	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Naomi gives Ruth advice on presenting herself to Boaz. Boaz agrees to act as her kinsman-redeemer if a close relative cannot. Naomi tells Ruth to wait for Boaz to resolve the issues (3:1-18).• Boaz meets the closer relative. The relative agrees to purchase Naomi's land but declines to marry Ruth. Using the removal of a sandal, the closer relative transfers the right of redemption to Boaz. The witnesses bless the union of Boaz and Ruth (4:1-12).• Ruth gives birth to a son Obed. The child brings great joy to Naomi. The book concludes by tracing the family line directly to David (4:13-22). <p>Jesus Christ: God providentially places Ruth in the line of Christ. Her faithfulness and belief in God is blessed.</p>
<p>Day 3 1 Samuel 1</p> <p>See overview of 1 Samuel. Read Pg 31 <u><i>What On Earth is God Doing</i></u></p>	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A man, Elkanah, has two wives, Hannah and Peninnah. Hannah grieves over her barrenness, while Peninnah mocks and provokes Hannah. On their yearly trip to the temple, Hannah cries out to God for a child and vows to dedicate her son to God (1:1-18).• God hears Hannah's prayer and she bears a son, Samuel. Faithful to her vow, Hannah brings her son to Eli at Shiloh. She joyfully dedicates her son to the Lord. Little did she know, Samuel would play a pivotal role in Israel's transition from a chaotic period of judges to a unified kingdom (1:19-28). <p>Jesus Christ: Samuel was given to serve in the house of the Lord as a priest and prophet. Jesus was given to serve and accomplish His redemptive work.</p>

<p>Day 4 1 Samuel 2</p>	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hannah rejoices in God's holiness, power and control over life. She praises God for the blessing of a son (2:1-10). • Samuel grows and serves at the tabernacle in Shiloh serving with Eli the priest. The sons of Eli abuse their priestly position by stealing sacrifices and committing immoral acts (2:11-25). • A prophet pronounces judgment on Eli and his family. Eli tolerates his sons' sin putting them before God. Both sons will die on the same day and Eli's lineage will be cut off from the priesthood. God promises to raise up a faithful priest (2:26-36). <p>Jesus Christ: The song of Hannah models Mary's song upon learning of God's choice of her to be the mother of Jesus (Luke 1:46-55).</p>
<p>Day 5 1 Samuel 3-4</p>	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eli is described as spiritually and physically blind. God calls Samuel three times. Eli explains to Samuel it is not him calling but the Lord. Samuel responds to the Lord (3:1-10). • God informs Samuel of His judgment upon Eli and his house because of their sin. Samuel informs Eli of the judgment and Eli submits to it. Samuel pleased the Lord and the Word of the Lord is spread (3:11-21). • The Philistines defeat Israel in battle. Israel misuses the Ark of the Covenant and the Philistines capture it. Eli dies when he hears about the Ark. Eli's grandson, Ichabod, is born marking the visible glory of God departing from Israel (4:1-22). <p>Jesus Christ: The glory of the Lord was not seen again until Jesus Christ came.</p>
<p>Day 6 1 Samuel 5-6</p>	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ark is placed in the temple of Dagon. The idol falls and is broken before the Ark. The Philistines are struck with deadly plagues and tumors. The result is widespread terror amongst the Philistines (5:1-12). • The Philistine priests advise returning the Ark along with an offering. A new cart is pulled by two untrained cows. Without a driver, God causes the cows to head straight to Bethshemesh. The miracle proves the plagues were from God (6:1-18). • When the Ark arrives in Bethshemesh, the men look into the Ark. God strikes many of them down for treating it irreverently. The Ark is then sent to Kiriath-Jearim. <p>Jesus Christ: The death of the men looking into the Ark was a picture of God's unapproachable holiness. Jesus' death on the cross tore down the veil allowing believers to approach God.</p>