

THE KINSMAN-REDEEMER IN THE BOOK OF RUTH (RUTH 1:11 Y 4:5–6)

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THIS PERSON HAD TO BE A CLOSE RELATIVE WHO DESIRED TO HELP A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY. THIS ROLE WAS RELATED TO THE CONCEPTS OF REDEMPTION AND LIBERATION. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE KINSMAN-REDEEMER INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

Leviticus 25:25–34
Leviticus 27:9–33

Deuteronomy 25:5–10
Numbers 27:9–11

to perpetuate/conservethe inheritance of a dead person in the family

Leviticus 25:47–55

to liberate a poor relative from slavery

Numbers 35:9–28
Deuteronomy 19:1–13
Joshua 20:2–9

to take vengeance for a relative
who had been murdered

God Himself will be the the kinsman-redeemer for the people of Israel
(Isaiah 59:20 and Romans 11:26-27)

The entire nation (not each individual) will receive the
Kinsman-Redeemer in the millennial kingdom... in other
words, the Lord Jesus Christ.

SUMMARY

The Book of Ruth confirms that the mission of God was not exclusively for the nation of Israel. Ruth, a Moabitess, was included in the lineage of the Messiah (4:18–22). The instability during this period created a desire in the people to seek a king to govern over them and unite them.

APPLICATION

Israel lost sight of the mission. They had their exclusive group and lost the vision to be a blessing to all the world. Unfortunately, many churches today act the same way.