



Gateway to Life Sermon Notes

"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)

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The Book of Ruth – 11 A Child Is Born!

Context: [Ruth 4:11- 22](#)

The Old Testament is a story of the labor pains, the struggle, the almost-near-miscarriages of a nation intended to give birth to a child – a child that would be the Savior of the world.¹

☞ **Ruth tells us the story of how God saves the royal line that will give birth to His king.**

Review

Summary

"So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son

"... They named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David."
(Ruth 4:17b, ESV).

The Main Point

¹ [Revelation 12:1-6](#)

Now this is important! That comment (“He was the father of Jesse, the father of David”) was for us, the reader.

Here’s the point: **In the darkest days of Israel’s history, God was working out His redemptive purposes.**

[Judges 6:13](#)

What Gideon didn’t know and what is hard for us to know, is that even in the darkest days, God is working out His redemptive purposes – and nothing can frustrate the purposes of God – NOTHING. ([Job 42:2](#))

Application

On the darkest day in the history of the world evil men put to death Jesus, but as Peter said, “*God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.*” (Acts 2:24, ESV).

In the mid-1700s, William Cowper wrote these words:

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

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