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II. The Books in Particular

A. The Book of Ruth...reading at Pentecost

Ruth is a study in redemption by a kinsman-redeemer whereby one is freed from an impossible debt and placed in a state of health.

1. Technical data:

a. An Outline

b. Historic Background.....when the Judges ruled

(1) the times 1:1

(2) the family 1:2-5

(3) the plot and the plan 1:6-22

c. The redemption laws or principles

(1) Leviticus 25:25 ff

--property: 25:25-34

--persons: 35-46

(2) Deuteronomy 25:5-10

The sanctity of life and property is very keen in the life of Israel and the law of God. Every provision is made to secure both for the benefit of the nation and posterity. Redemption is the great theme of the Bible and finds solid illustrative power in these Old Testament accounts.

d. The kinsman redeemer: 2:1-23.....Boaz, but.....

2. The Steps in Redemption

a. The condition of loss, ch 1-2

b. Identification of the kinsman 2:1, 20; 3:1

(But see "one of our next kinsmen")

c. Ruth's lucky move