

THE CORONATION OF REDEMPTION

INTRODUCTION

What does the book of Ruth has to do with the Wheeler Dealers TV show?

In **Ruth 4:13–22**, we will see 3 reversals that show God’s ability to produce good out of calamity and to transform tragic situations in instruments of blessing in the life of His people.

1. Out of Grief over Death God Provided Joy over Life (13)
2. Out of Bitterness God Provided Consolation (14–17a)
3. Out of Disorder God Provided a King (17b–22)

1) OUT OF GRIEF OVER DEATH GOD PROVIDED JOY OVER LIFE (13)

“Ruth,” simply “Ruth” (v. 13)

from “Moabitess,” “widow,” “maid,” to “wife”

“the LORD enabled her to conceive” (see Ruth 1:4)

children are a “blessing” (Genesis 1:28)

children are a “gift/heritage” and a “reward” (Psalm 127:3)

2) OUT OF BITTERNESS GOD PROVIDED CONSOLATION (14–17A)

“Blessed is the LORD who has not left you without a redeemer today” (v. 14)

the “rest” and “security” Naomi sought for Ruth the LORD also granted to her.

The role of the baby in Naomi’s life (v. 15a)

“restorer of life”

“sustainer of your old age/gray hair”

The role of Ruth in Naomi's life (v. 15b)

“better to you than seven sons” (see 1 Samuel 2:5; Job 1:2; 42:13)

“The neighbor women gave him a name” (v. 17)

“born to Naomi”

“Obed” = “servant”

3) OUT OF DISORDER GOD PROVIDED A KING (17B–22)

Interesting facts about the genealogy in this book

The genealogy goes back to Perez

David's name appears twice

Boaz is included in the genealogy

The last words of Judges:

“In those days there was no king in Israel”

The last word of Ruth:

“David”

Genesis 49:10

Deuteronomy 17:14–20

Matthew 1

“Perez...Tamar...Judah” (v. 12)

Genesis 38: Boaz redeems a family history of failure to fulfill the levirate responsibility

CONCLUSION

God is the hero of the story

God acts even in the simple things of life

God is the God of the extraordinary as well as of the ordinary