

## **Ruth 4: Costly Redemption, Unfolding Hope**

The 4th and final chapter of this short book (85 verses total) comes to an end with a crescendo of blessings, pouring down upon the heads of the previously afflicted.

Both Naomi and Ruth are completely silent in this chapter as their redeemer goes to war on their behalf.

:1-12 At the Gate in Bethlehem

:1-4 - the case brought forward

:5-8 - a turn of events

:9-10 - Boaz' declaration

:11-12 - all the people and the elders' declaration of blessing

:13-17 - Unfolding Hope

We fast forward at least 9 months.

The blessings overflow from a wedding (:13), to a baby (:13b), to a young redeemer (:15).

This young redeemer, Obed, points the way forward to David (:17).

:18-22 Blessed Genealogy

And David points the way forward to the Great Redeemer and Shepherd of the Sheep - Jesus: "for He will save His people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21)

Application: