**Lecture 18: RUTH**  
“The God who extends mercy to the faithful”

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1. **Structure**
   1. **Introduction––The Crisis: Naomi’s emptiness in exile parallels Israel’s (1:1–22)**
   2. **Body––The Hope and Challenge: The rise of a redeemer from Bethlehem (2:1–3:18)**
   3. **Conclusion––Rescue and Epilogue: Naomi’s filling and the hope for a new Davidic kingdom for Israel (4:1–22)**
2. **Overview**
   1. **The Crisis (1:1–22)**
      1. 1:1.
      2. 1:2.
      3. 1:5, 11–13.
      4. 1:16.
      5. 1:20–21.
   2. **The Hope (2:1–23)**
      1. God leads Ruth to the right field:
         1. 2:1.
         2. 2:4.
         3. 2:8–9, 14–16.
      2. 2:12.
      3. 2:19–20.
   3. **The Challenge (3:1–18)**
      1. 3:9 (cf. 2:12).
      2. 3:10–13.
   4. **The Rescue (4:1–17)**
      1. 4:5–6.
      2. 4:7–10.
      3. 4:11–12.
      4. 4:13, 17.
   5. **Epilogue (4:18–22)**
3. **The Messianic Hope**
4. **Summary:** Just as the Lord redeemed David’s ancestors and preserved the messianic line by filling Naomi’s emptiness through the Bethlehemite redeemer Boaz’s marrying Ruth, so God will redeem David’s descendants by filling their emptiness and expanding them to include the nations through a new redeemer from Bethlehem, David’s greater son.