

21. (Week of January 15, 2017)

God's Covenant with David
Ruth

Memory Verse: *Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel* (2 Tim. 2:8 ESV).

Sun: Ruth 1:1-14 – What tragedies befell the family of Naomi? What indications do you see of her genuine faith in the LORD in the midst of these trials?

Mon: Ruth 1:15-22 – What indications of genuine faith in the LORD do you see in Ruth's response to Naomi?

Tue: Ruth 2:1-13 – What do you learn here about the personal character of Boaz and of Ruth? How do you see the providential hand of God at work in their lives?

Wed: Ruth 2:14-23 – Repeat yesterday's questions.

Thu: Ruth 3:1-18 – How has Ruth proven herself to be a "worthy woman" (v. 11). See Proverbs 31:10ff.

Fri: Ruth 4:1-12 – Explain the act of "redemption" that has taken place in this story. How has Jesus redeemed us?

Sat: Ruth 4:13-22 – Why is the story of Ruth significant in the history of redemption (see vv. 17, 22)? Why is it important that Ruth was a Gentile? See Matthew 1:5-6.

22. (Week of January 22, 2017)

God's Covenants with Israel and with David
Psalm 78

Memory Verse: *Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord* (Eph. 6:4 ESV).

Sun: Psalm 78:1-8 – What important responsibility has God given to each successive generation?

Mon: Psalm 78:9-16 – What was the failure of the tribe of Ephraim? Which of God's works had they forgotten?

Tue: Psalm 78:17-31 – How did the Israelites sin and rebel against God? How did God express his anger against them?

Wed: Psalm 78:32-39 – Describe the interrelationship between God and his people Israel.

Thu: Psalm 78:40-48 – Which of God's works did the people of Israel forget?

Fri: Psalm 78:49-55 – Repeat yesterday's question. What has God done for you, and are you apt to forget also?

Sat: Psalm 78:56-72 – How did the people of Israel rebel against God in the Promised Land? What was God's response to the tribes of Ephraim and Judah? What do you learn here about David?

23. (Week of January 29, 2017)

God's Covenant with David
1 Chronicles 10:1–11:9; 13; 15–17

Memory Verse: *"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations'"* (Ps. 89:3-4 ESV).

Sun: 1 Chronicles 10:1-14 – Why did God reject King Saul and turn the kingdom over to David?

Mon: 1 Chronicles 11:1-9 – How did David become king of all Israel and establish Jerusalem as his capital?

Tue: 1 Chronicles 13:1-14 – Why do you think David wanted to bring the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem? Why did God strike down Uzzah? (If you don't know the answer, look at tomorrow's reading.)

Wed: 1 Chronicles 15:1-3, 11-15, 25-28; 16:1-3 – Why do you think the bringing of the ark to Jerusalem was accompanied by such fanfare?

Thu: 1 Chronicles 17:1-6 – What was David's good intention, and what was the LORD's response?

Fri: 1 Chronicles 17:7-15 – What extraordinary promises did the LORD make to David? Have these promises been fulfilled? How?

Sat: 1 Chronicles 17:16-27 – How did David respond to the LORD's extraordinary promises to him? What can we learn from David's example of prayer?

24. (Week of February 5, 2017)

God's Covenant with David
Psalms 89; 132

Memory Verse: *I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations* (Ps. 89:1 ESV).

Sun: Psalm 89:1-4 – How did the LORD show his steadfast love and faithfulness to David?

Mon: Psalm 89:19-29 – What were God's extraordinary plans for King David?

Tue: Psalm 89:30-37 – But what if David's descendants were unfaithful—how would their unfaithfulness impact God's covenant with David?

Wed: Psalm 89:38-45 – At the time Ethan writes this psalm (see the heading), what appears to be the status of God's covenant with David? Do you ever feel like God is not keeping his promises?

Thu: Psalm 89:46-52 – In these verses what is the psalmist's plea with God?

Fri: Psalm 132:1-10 – What was David's oath to the LORD? What is the psalmist's prayer to God?

Sat: Psalm 132:11-18 – What was the LORD's oath to David? How has God fulfilled this solemn promise?