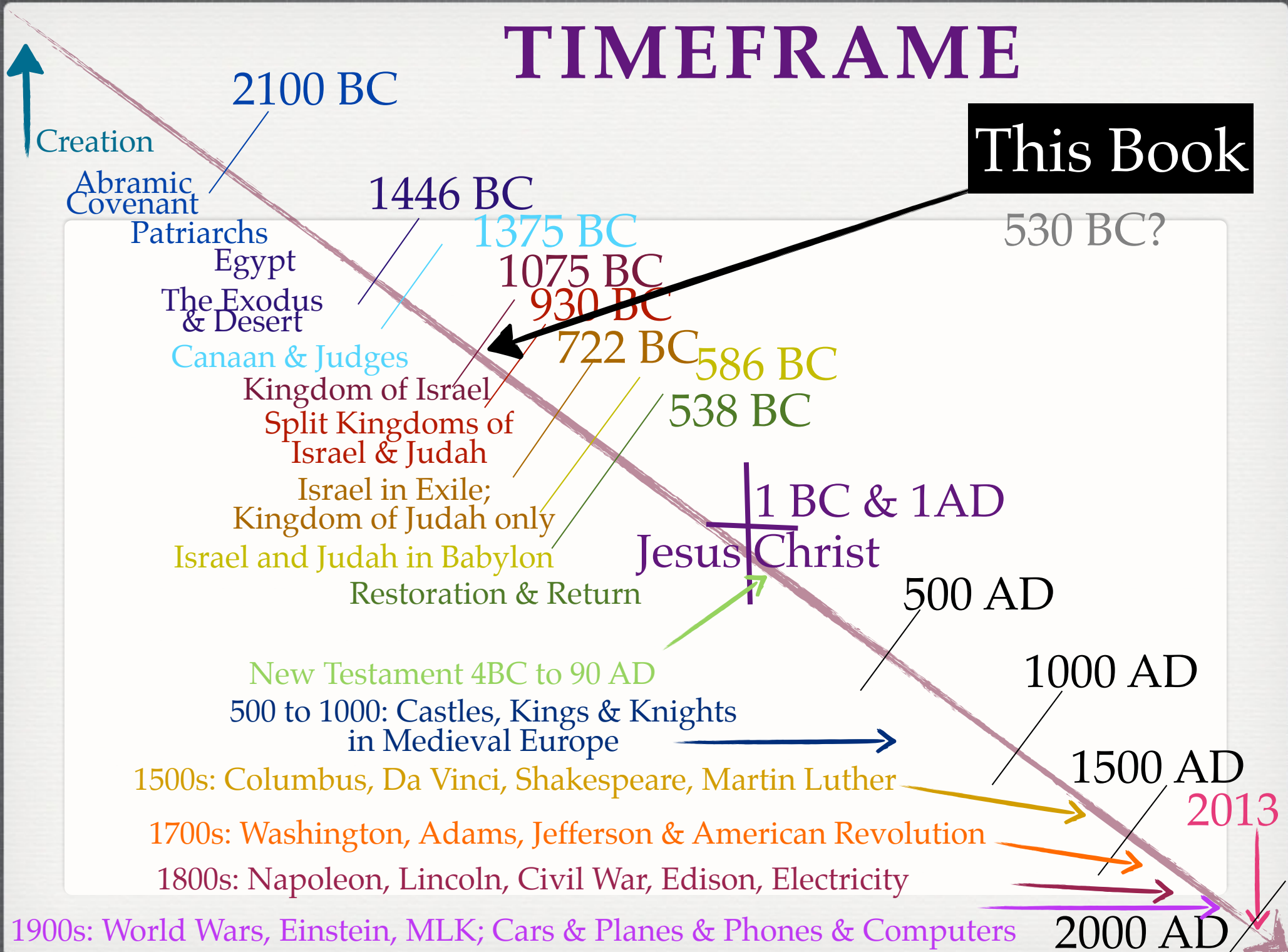


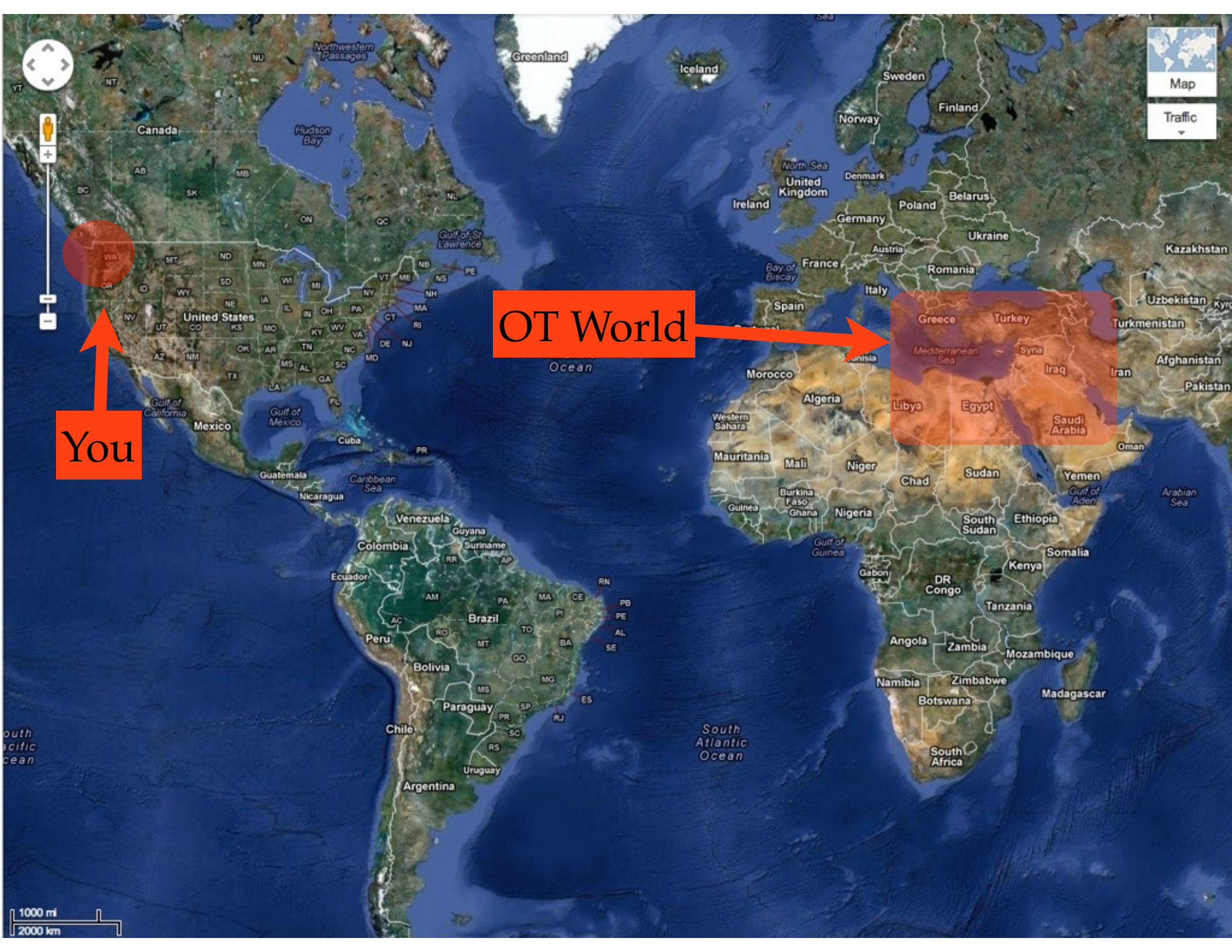
RUTH

Book of Archetype of Redemption



TIMEFRAME

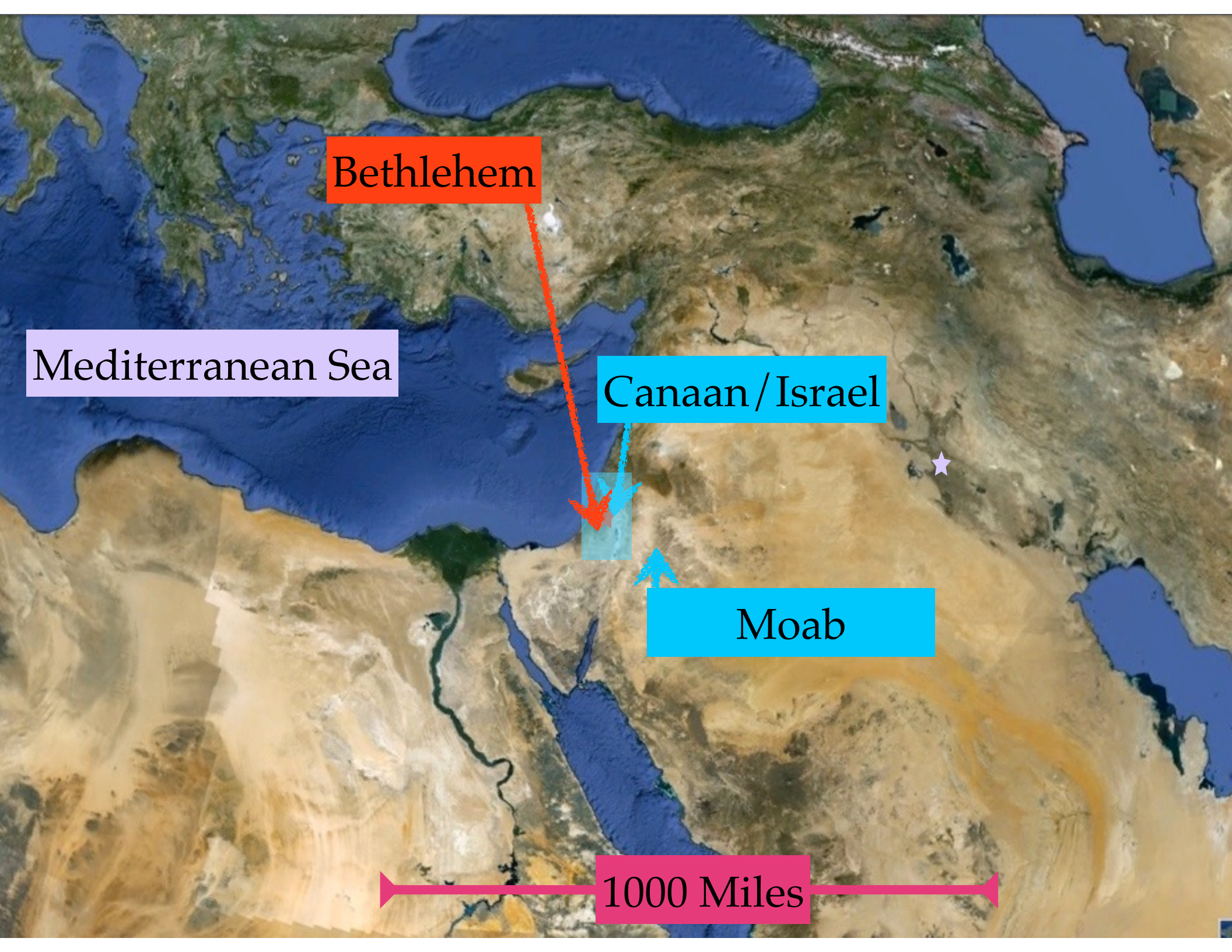




OT World

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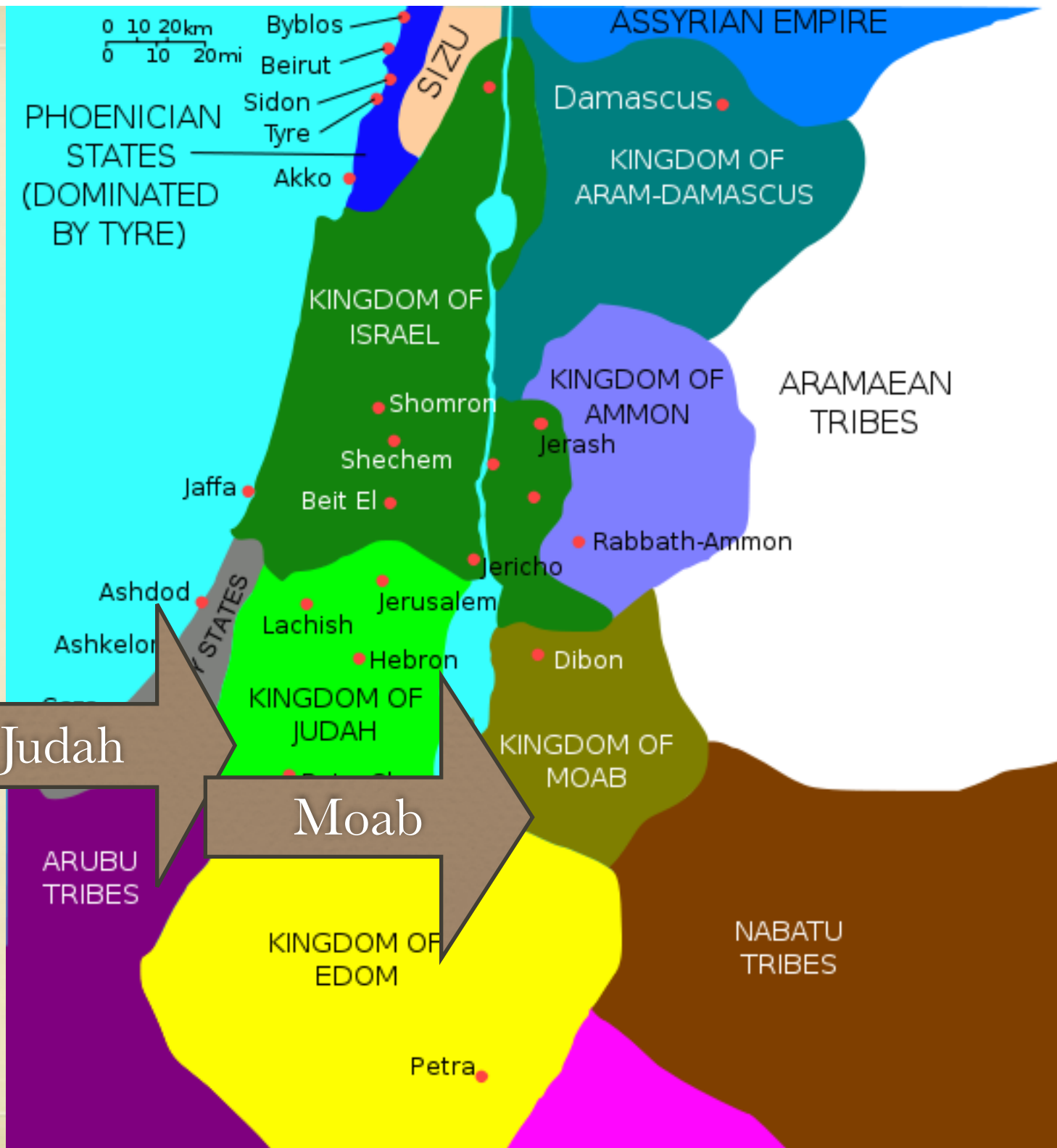
Bethlehem

Mediterranean Sea

Canaan/Israel

Moab

1000 Miles



Judah

Moab

TYPE OF BOOK

- Moses' Torah / Pentateuch
- History 
- Poetry & Wisdom
- Major (Long-book) Prophets
- Minor (Short-book) Prophets

AUTHOR

- “The author is unknown. Jewish tradition points to Samuel, but it is unlikely that he is the author because the mention of David (4:17, 22) implies a later date. Further, the literary style of Hebrew used in Ruth suggests that it was written during the period of the monarchy.” CSSB 362

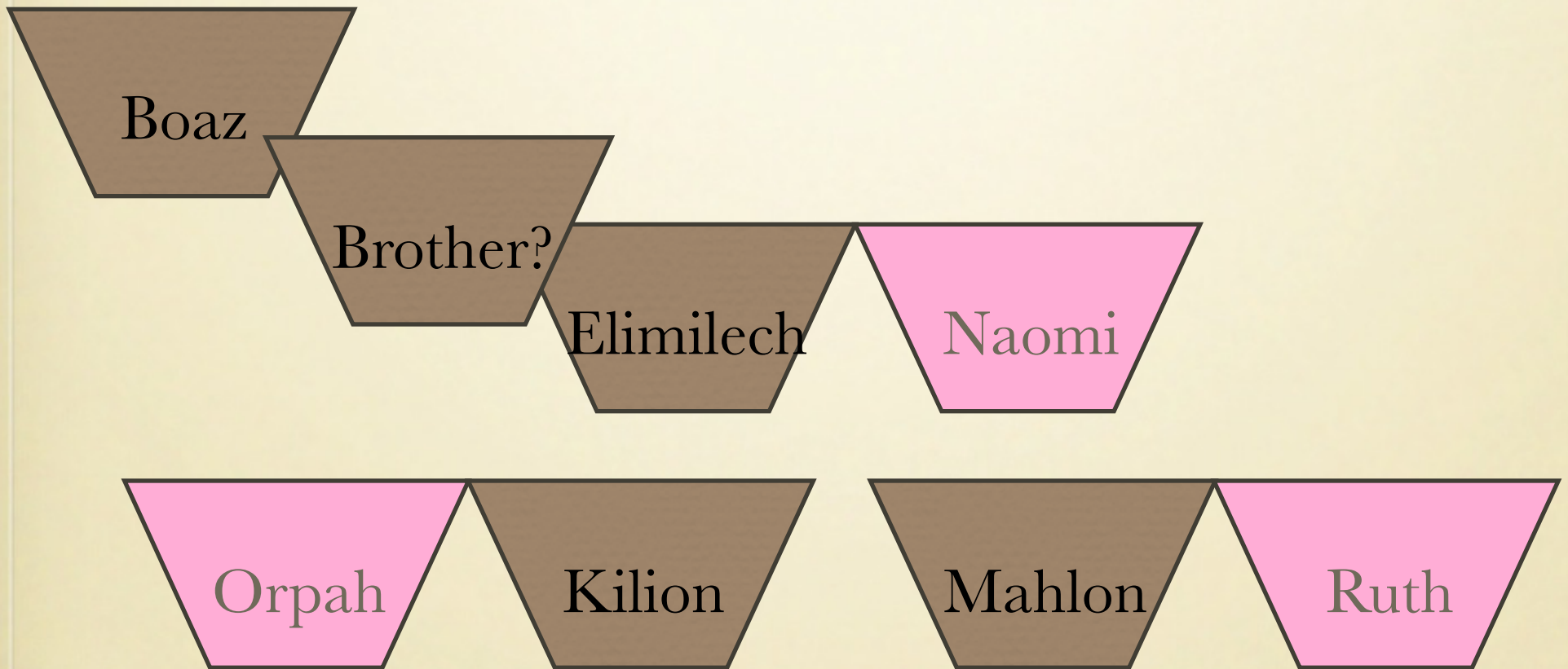
READERS & RECIPIENTS

- Everybody

STORYLINE

- Notice Ruth's devotion, her faithfulness to Naomi; she shows love to Naomi, and is greatly blessed
- Boaz shows love to Ruth and Naomi, and is greatly blessed
- Transformation

FAMILY TREE



TRANSFORMATION OF RUTH

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Major OT Themes found in this Book:

1. God is Love
2. God Creates
3. Israel (we) are supposed to be God's Obedient Servants
4. Israel (we) are Sinful
5. God is Angry with His People for Rejecting Him
6. God Forgives and Blesses those who Follow Him
7. Israel (we) are God's Chosen Examples
8. God Speaks through His Prophets
9. God is Always with His People
10. God is Just and Merciful
11. God Keeps His Promises
12. Israel (we) are Redeemed and Restored by the Blood of Christ
13. Israel (we) are JoGoFd
14. Israel (we) will Inherit the Kingdom of God

THEOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTION

- Redemption is a main theme of the book.
- The word occurs 23 times in Ruth (as redeem, redeemer, and redemption).
- For example: 4:4b, “If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you will not, tell me, that I may know, for there is no one besides you to redeem it, and I come after you.” ESV
- By showing continued faith, devotion, love and faithfulness, Ruth is redeemed by Boaz.

KINSMAN-REDEEMER

- Kinsman = Relative
- Redeemer = someone who saves
- So, “relative who saves” is pretty close.
- Someone who takes care of his family members when there are family issues; someone who is assigned to take care of “family problems”

SECULAR CONTRIBUTION

- Ruth,
- by Jan Van Scorel
- (c. 1530)



KEY VERSE

- “Where you go I’ll go, where you stay I’ll stay. I will follow”
- 1:16

REQUIRED READING

- Whole Book

WHEN TO TURN HERE

- It's an "Example Story", an archetype.
- Love, faithfulness, devotion, lead to blessings from God.
- The same things that happen to the people and nation of Israel.
- The same things happen to us.
- How is Boaz like Christ?

FAMILY LINE

- Jacob--Judah--Perez (through Tamar) --
Hezron--Ram--Amminadam--Nahshon--
Salmon--Boaz--Obed (through Ruth)--Jesse--
David...
- ...Jesus
- One of four women listed in Matthew 1;
Ruth & Tamar, Rahab & Bathsheba



LUTHER SAYS:

- “God has always been accustomed to collect a church for himself even among the heathen.” (LSB 422)
- What does that mean?



MR. MARTIN SAYS:

- What is a kinsman-redeemer?
- What is the main idea of the book?
- What is the relationship between Naomi and Ruth?
- What does Leviticus 25:25 have to do with Ruth?
- What does Boaz do for Ruth?
- How is that similar to what Christ does for us?

LIFE LESSONS FROM RUTH

- What do you know about Ruth
- What is the relationship between Ruth and Naomi?
- What is a redeemer? (Or a kinsman-redeemer?)
- Why is this story in the Bible?

ACTIVITIES

- 1. What's a Kinsman-Redeemer?

- 2. What do you think is the main theme of Ruth? How is her family line relevant to this theme?

- 3. Why is the Book of Ruth in the Bible?

- 4. Describe the faithfulness of Ruth.

- 5. Who are the only four women listed in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus? What do they have in common?