

## THY PEOPLE SHALL BE MY PEOPLE

"Identifying with Covenant People"

Ruth 1:8-18

- I. NAOMI RETURNS TO GOD OF HER FATHERS
- II. RUTH'S COMMITMENT TO NAOMI
  - A. Your people shall be my people--your God my God
  - B. Ruth entered lineage of Jesus through covenant
  - C. We were once aliens from commonwealth of Israel--made nigh by blood of Jesus
- III. COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM
  - A. Separate yourself from false idols
  - B. I will be your God...you shall be my people
  - C. Come out of her, my people that you be not a partaker of her sins and that ye receive not of her plagues (curses)
- IV. BRING NOT ABOMINATION INTO THINE HOUSE, LEST THOU BE A CURSED THING LIKE IT
  - A. Curse upon nation because of national sins
    1. Godless society
    2. Pornography
    3. Abortion
    4. Injustices
  - B. God cannot judge world until judge church
    1. God cannot expect world to respond in righteousness until church does so
    2. God must have standard to judge world--here's a people who did it
  - C. Call to national repentance
  - D. Call to holiness
- V. ISAAC, SON OF COVENANT, INHERITED ALL ABRAHAM HAD
  - A. Isaac wasn't just any son
  - B. In Isaac shall thy seed be called
- VI. BLESSINGS OF GOD IRREVOCABLE
  - A. Whoever you bless shall be blessed
  - B. Isaac blesses Jacob and cannot reverse it
- VII. OUR COVENANT RELATIONSHIP WILL MAKE US DISTINCTIVE
  - A. Sign of circumcision
  - B. Blessed above all people of earth because covenant people
  - C. Blessed nation because covenant nation
- VIII. NEW AND BETTER WAY THROUGH NEW COVENANT CONFIRMED BY BLOOD OF JESUS