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BS 6016 Ruth

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COURSE ASSIGNMENT: BS 6016 Ruth

Textbook

Ruth (2 Horizons Commentary) (James Mckeown)

ISBN: 978-0802863850

Summary:

In this commentary James McKeown approaches the book of Ruth as part of the whole canon of Scripture, exploring not only the content of the book itself but also its relationship to other biblical books. He shows in particular how Ruth overflows with allusions to Genesis. The themes of “blessing,” “seed,” and “land” are common to both books, and studying Genesis and Ruth together provides profound insights into the providential working of God to fulfill the promises made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

In addition to his exegetical commentary on the text of Ruth, McKeown provides useful background material on how the book has been interpreted throughout history, including Jewish interpretation, and he focuses on Ruth’s theology and its application. His discussion also touches on such related topics as universalism, feminist studies, and the missiological significance of the book of Ruth.

McKeown’s insightful commentary will enable students, pastors, and laypeople to better understand the ancient book of Ruth so that they can better apply its message and wisdom today.

1. WATCH

- Introduction: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ft9uzuIAD_E
- Ruth 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MTu56Wec7NU>
- Ruth 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JNIKZC23c5Q>
- Ruth 3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WgizRtjIKLE>
- Ruth 4: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hxi83f0IPTc>

2. PRECIS

- Write a 2-page reflection and summary for each lecture. Combine into one document.
- Write an overview on Ruth based on information from the textbook. Pages according to degree work per degree for book report requirement:
 - Master: 5
 - Doctorate: 8

3. PAPER

- Write a paper on a pericope (not just 1 verse) from Ruth.
- Minimum pages and citations according to degree work per degree:
 - Master: 5
 - Doctorate: 8

DOCTORAL RESEARCH STUDENTS DISSERTATION THEORY ASSIGNMENT:

- [Doctor of Theology](#)—ThD (*Requires a Dissertation*)
- [Doctor of Christian Education](#)—DCE (*Requires a Dissertation*)
- [Doctor of Christian Counseling](#)—DCC (*Requires a Dissertation*)

READ ADDITIONAL TEXTBOOK:

Unceasing Kindness: A Biblical Theology of Ruth (New Studies in Biblical Theology Book 41) (Peter Lau)
ISBN: 978-0830826421

Summary:

The Old Testament book of Ruth is understandably a firm favorite in the church for small-group study and preaching: a heart-warming story of loyalty and love, a satisfying tale of a journey from famine to fullness. In the academy, the book has been a testing ground for a variety of hermeneutical approaches, and many different ways of interpreting it have been put forward. However, the single interpretative lens missing is the one that is most beneficial for the church: biblical theology. While commentaries have adopted a biblical-theological approach of one form or another, there has not been a detailed treatment of the themes in Ruth from that perspective. Lau and Goswell's valuable New Studies in Biblical Theology volume aims to fill this gap. First, they focus on the meaning of the text as intended by the author for the original readers, but are mindful that the book is set within the wider context of Scripture. This context means not only the books surrounding Ruth in the canon, or even a particular section of Scripture, but also the rest of the Old Testament and the New Testament. Second, they discuss selected themes in Ruth, including redemption, kingship, mission, kindness, wisdom, famine, and the hiddenness of God. Within the overarching narrative of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, these themes can be viewed as different threads within the same cloth, or can be heard as different instrumental 'voices' within a symphony. Addressing key issues in biblical theology, the works comprising New Studies in Biblical Theology are creative attempts to help Christians better understand their Bibles.

ASSIGNMENT DISSERTATION THEORY:

Write a paper following the themes in Ruth and how they are echoed/fulfilled in the New Testament in Jesus as the kinsman redeemer. The Paper should be 15 pages citing at least 15 sources and proposing at least one idea or argument as original as possible. The first page should separately represent your objectives and abstract for the following project.

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Course Summary

This is a course on the book of Ruth and the background to the book. Ruth is an exquisitely wrought jewel of Hebrew narrative art. This story of Ruth is a love story, showing themes of Yahweh's people reclaimed by repentance and faith, in a story of covenant hope to lost peoples and nations by the Redeemer.

In chapter one we look at the life of Ruth and her family setting up the picture of God's Love for Israel and reclaiming those that have gone away from him and are welcomed back. There is a Deuteronomy 32 worldview connection here as well, as some historical background on the worship of false gods are important to understanding the context.

In chapter two we see the redeeming part of Ruth is not just the plot, but it is the entire story. The beauty of the gospel is not just found in what God did, but why He did it as well: love. The Christ Typology is jumping out of every sentence here though God is rarely mentioned in this book we can see him at work in every step of the story.

In chapter three we look at what Ruth and Boaz did on the threshing floor during the night that the two were together and the implications within the text. Many choose to avoid the obvious sexual overtones throughout the chapter but today we will glean from boldly discussing the ramifications of the Biblical threshing floor and discover the purity within the story in the midst of many sexual metaphors.

The fourth chapter and the entire book of Ruth has reminded us of God's love for, and faithfulness to, His people in all situations, and this final chapter shows us how all the elements of a once seemingly hopeless situation are part of God's incredible plan for Ruth's life.