Ruth

OT Order	Chapters	Section	Historical Setting
8	4	History: Theocracy	The story is set in the days of the Judges.

OVERVIEW:

Written by:
Possibly written by Samuel the prophet during the reign of King David

Written to:
The audience was to all the people of God when King David had become famous

Written for:
To show God working in the background to fulfil his purposes

Key Theme or Verse
Ruth 1:16-17
…thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God.

RUTH IS A LITTLE BOOK FULL OF SURPRISES!

1 Grief

Chapter 1v1-5

Surprised by the Introduction of Death

The Famine in Israel
Grief in the famine

v1: Disappointment in Israel
v2: Departure from the land
v3: Death in the family
v4: Dwelling in Moab
v5: Desolate in due time

2 Grace

Chapter 1v6-22

Surprised by the Introduction of Ruth

The Faith of Ruth
Grace through faith

v6-10: Considering the options
v11-13: Challenging the hearts
v14-15: Choosing to go back
v16-17: Choosing to go on in faith
Conviction: *Intreat me not to leave thee*
Commitment: *thy God shall be my God*
Contentment: *there will I be buried*
Consecration: *if ought but death parts us*
v18-22: Coming home

3 Gleaning

Chapter 2

Surprised by the Introduction of Boaz

The Field of Boaz
Gleaning in the field

v1: His Relationship
v2-3: Her Random choice
v4-7: His Resources
v8-17: Her Recompense
v18: His Rich Regard
v19-23: Her Report

4 Guidance

Chapter 3v1-4v12

Surprised by the Introduction of a kinsman redeemer

The Floor of Rest
Guidance on the floor

3v1-5 The Plan
3v6-7 The Procedure
3v8-9 The Plea.
3v10-11 The Promise
3v12-18 The Problem
4v1-8 The Process
4v9-12 The Purchase

5 Genealogy

Chapter 4v13-22

Surprised by the Introduction of David

The Fulness of Blessing
Generation of future Kings

v14: Redeemed
v15: Restored
v16: Relieved
v17: Results
v18-21: Revered

Practical:

Whether looking at the book historically, doctrinally, dispensationally, typically or practically, great benefit comes to all who read and apply the truths and principles found in the little book of Ruth.

Studies in the Old Testament

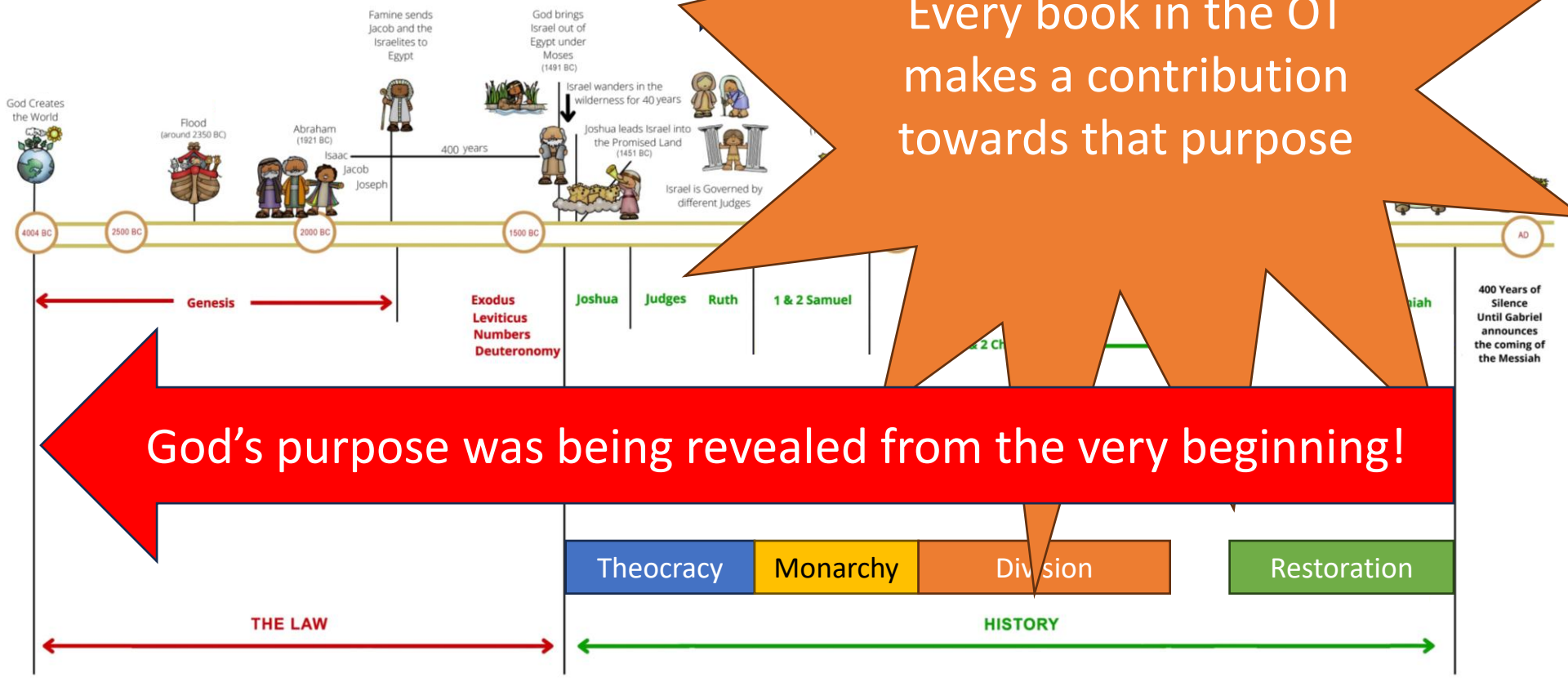
Ruth – The Historical Setting



Old Testament Timeline

God has been working towards a purpose

Every book in the OT makes a contribution towards that purpose



God's purpose was being revealed from the very beginning!

Theocracy	Monarchy	Division	Restoration

THE LAW

HISTORY

God's Purposes throughout the Old Testament

Genesis 1 26-27

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Every point is fulfilled in Christ

God's purpose made known at the very beginning

That there should be a man:
- Who would represent God
- Who would exhibit the character of God
- Who would be invested with God's authority
- Who would rule the entire world
- Who would have a bride at his side

Later we further learn that this man should:
- Come from the family of Abraham
- Come from the nation of Israel
- Come from the tribe of Judah
- Be in the genealogy of David
- Be a prophet, a priest and a King
- That his Kingdom would never end
- and that he would have a bride at his side

Ephesians 1:10-11 God's eternal purpose revealed:

God's eternal purpose is to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, his Son, in one Kingdom, who will have a bride at his side!