

The Message • Pastor Ron Smith

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The Truth

The Five Points of Covenant

Transcendancy (Who's in Charge?) “your God, my God”

Hierarchy (To Whom do I Report?) “Entreat me not to leave you.”

Ethics (What Are the Rules?) “...or to turn back”

Oath (What Do I Get?) “The LORD do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts you and me.”

Succession (What Is the Future of This Covenant?)
“...wherever you lodge, I will lodge.”



The Truth

Types

Elimelech = A Jew cut off (A natural branch from the Good Olive Tree)

Naomi = The Jewish Mother

Ruth = The Gentile Bride (Grafted into the Green Olive Tree = Psalm 52:8)

Boaz = The Bridegroom



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I am like a green olive tree in the house of
God (Psalm 52:8).

Some of the branches were cut off and
Gentiles grafted in. (Romans 11:17)



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What advantage then has the Jew?

Much in every way!

Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God (Romans 3:1-2).



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Discontinuity

Jesus said, “the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it” (Matthew 21:43).



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The Wicked Vinedressers

Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vinedressers, and give the vineyard to others (Mark 12:9).



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Continuity

Ruth the Moabite Gentile is Now an Israelite.



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Galatians 6:15-16

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the **Israel of God**.



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Hebrews 12:22

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn.



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Revelation 21:9

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, “Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb’s wife.” ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God



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Does God Have Two Peoples?

Boaz said, “On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must also buy it from Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to perpetuate the name of the dead through his inheritance” (Ruth 4:5).



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What About the Promised Return of Israel?

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