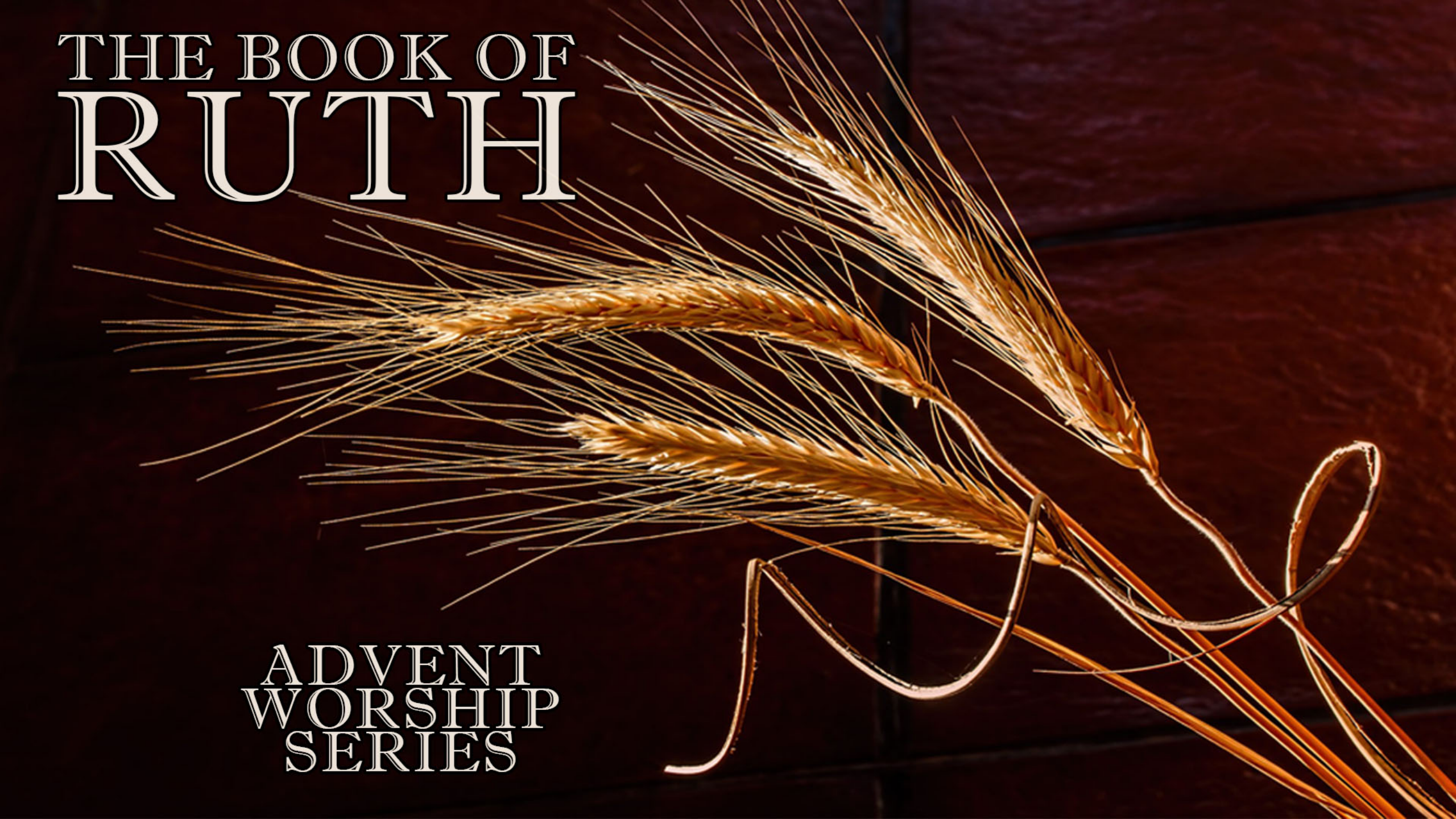


THE BOOK OF RUTH

A close-up photograph of several golden wheat stalks with long, thin awns, set against a dark, textured background. The wheat is the central focus, with its golden-brown color contrasting sharply with the dark background. The stalks are arranged in a way that creates a sense of depth and movement, with some stalks in the foreground and others receding into the background. The lighting highlights the texture of the wheat and the fine details of the awns.

ADVENT
WORSHIP
SERIES

1:16 Ruth: "For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. 17 Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried."

Without to With



1:3 the husband of Naomi, died...and both Mahlon and Chilion died...

Divine Orchestra



2:3 (Ruth) *happened* to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz.

Redeemer Wings



3:9b "Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer."

Redemption



And (Boaz) said, "I will redeem it."

Ruth 4:13

So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife...and she bore a son. ¹⁴ Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵ He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him.” ¹⁶ Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her lap and became his nurse. ¹⁷ And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

“Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel!”

The only time the word “redeemer” was used for a child. They weren’t talking about Boaz, but about “the child” ...from whom would come Jesus, the child-redeemer for us all.

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**Perfect Creation:
Created to be WITH**



**Creation Brokenness:
Self-First / Without**



**From With...to
Without...back to With**

Noah & the Ark: *Rescued From and Through*

Abraham & Isaac: *Substitute Sacrifice*

Joseph & The Coat: *Slave to Redeeming Royalty*

Moses Crosses the Red Sea: *Leads God's people to Life*

Moses & the Law: *Reveals God's perfection*

Joshua defeats Jericho: *Led to the Promised Land*

David & Goliath: *Death Defeated in Weakness*

Daniel & the Lions: *Survived the death sentence*

Jonah: *"Resurrected" from his "grave"*

All of History has led to this exact point...
And all of Life points back to that exact point...

The Birth of Jesus

Matthew 1

¹ The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham...⁵ and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, **and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth**, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse the father of David the king...¹⁶ and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

John 5:39

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me,

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The Great With-ness: Our Perfect "Kinsman Redeemer"

Matthew 1

21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).