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## Lecture I

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- C. Arguments for Joshua's basic authorship

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- A. Entering the land (1:1-5:15)
- B. Conquering the land (6:1-12:24)
- C. Dividing the land (13:1-24:33)

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## VIII. IMPORTANT THEMES

- A. The covenant faithfulness of the Lord (cf. Joshua 21:43-45)
- B. The importance of the written word of God (Joshua 1:8; 8:32-35; 23:6-16; 24:26-27)
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  - b. The reasons for the coalition
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  - c. The future implications of this treaty (II Samuel 11:1-14)

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### C. The extent of the campaign

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- B. The relationship of lots to the urim and thummin
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- D. The portion of Manasseh (13:29-32)
- E. The tribe of Levi (13:14, 33)

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- B. Caleb's portion (14:6-15)
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      - a. Suzerainty treaty
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      - b. The historical prologue
      - c. The stipulations

- d. Deposit of the treaty in the temple and provisions for public reading
- e. List of the gods as witnesses
- f. Curses and blessings

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- 2. The historical prologue (24:2b-13)
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- B. Authorship and date
- C. Major themes
- D. Historical setting
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  - 2. Palestine
    - a. Late Bronze Age II (1400-1200 B.C.)
    - b. Iron Age I (1200-900 B.C.)
- E. The literary structure of the book
- F. Basic Outline
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  - 2. The oppressions and the Judges (3:5-16:31)
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2. Disobedience and sorrow (2:2-9)

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2. Baal and Ashtaroth (2:13)
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  - b. Temple prostitution
  - c. Fertility rites
  - d. Human sacrifices

##### 4. Why Israel found Baalism appealing

##### C. The remedy for failure (2:16)

##### D. The response of Israel (2:17-19)

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##### D. Oppression under Cushan-rishathaim (3:8)

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##### B. His qualifications

##### C. His empowerment (3:10)

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2. The call of Barak (4:6-9)

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- C. The nature of the oppression (6:2-7)

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- B. “Threshed wheat by the winepress” (6:11)
- C. “Mighty man of valor” (6:12)
- D. “My family is poor in Manasseh” (6:15)
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  - 2. The way of revelation
  - 3. The fear of death

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1. The reason for the vow
2. The nature of the vow
3. Views on the fulfillment of the vow
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  - b. He did not slay his daughter, but dedicated her to the Lord for life-long tabernacle service
  - c. He offered his daughter as a human sacrifice

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B. Samson and Delilah (16:4-22)

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2. The identity of "Jebus" (19:10)
3. "City of a stranger" (19:12)
4. Gibeah of Benjamin (19:13-20)
  - a. The lack of hospitality (19:13-16)
  - b. The "sins of Belial" (19:22)
  - c. The death of the concubine (19:23-30)

##### B. Responses to the crime (20:1-14)

1. The Levite (cf. 19:29-30)
2. The tribes (20:1-12)
3. The reply of Benjamin (20:13-14)

#### II. THE WAR DESCRIBED (Judges 20:15-48)

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##### B. The Israelite army (20:17-18)

##### C. The war recounted (20:18-48)

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- B. The author
- C. Position in the Canon
- D. Purposes of the book
- E. Historical backgrounds
- F. Basic outline
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  - 2. The gleaning of Ruth (2:1-23)
  - 3. The appeal of Ruth (3:1-18)
  - 4. The marriage of Ruth (4:1-22)

##### II. THE JOURNEY DESCRIBED (Ruth 1:1-22)

- A. Ten years of tragedy (1:1-5)
  - 1. "When the judges ruled" (1:1)
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- B. "Mighty man of valor" (2:1)
- C. The custom of gleaning
  - 1. Important passages: Leviticus 19:9; 23:22; Deuteronomy 21:19
- D. "My daughter" (2:8)
- E. "Under whose wings you have come to trust" (2:12)
- F. "Vinegar (2:14)
- G. "About an ephah of barley" (2:17)

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- A. Praise to the Lord (2:19-20)
- B. The role of the kinsman (2:20)
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  - 2. Redeem one near of kin who had of necessity sold himself into servitude (Leviticus 25:48, 49)
  - 3. Avenge the blood of a near kinsman if slain by an enemy (Numbers 35:19; Deuteronomy 19:12)
  - 4. Marry the childless widow of a near kinsman (Deuteronomy 25:5)
- C. Practical instructions (2:21-23)

## Lecture XXIII

### THE APPEAL OF RUTH (Ruth 3)

#### I. NAOMI'S PLAN (Ruth 3:1-6)

- A. The meaning of the term "rest" (3:1 cf. 1:9)
- B. "Winnoweth barley" (3:2)
- C. "Uncover his feet" (3:4)
- D. The obedience of Ruth (3:5-6)

#### II. RUTH'S PERFORMANCE (Ruth 3:7-18)

- A. The morality of the act (3:7)
  - 1. The problem stated
  - 2. Various viewpoints presented
  - 3. Suggested solution
- B. The significance of the act (3:8-13)
  - 1. The reaction of Boaz (3:8)
  - 2. The reply of Boaz (3:9-12)
  - 3. The instructions of Boaz (3:13)
- C. The return to Naomi (3:14-18)
  - 1. The time of the return (3:14)
  - 2. The gift of Boaz (3:15-17)
  - 3. The advice of Naomi (3:18)

**THE MARRIAGE OF RUTH (Ruth 4)**

**I. THE LEGAL PROCESS (Ruth 4:1-13)**

- A. The place of transaction (4:1)
- B. The elders of the city (4:2)
- C. The significance of the word “sellesh” (4:3)
- D. The challenge of Boaz (4:4-5)
- E. The final response of the other kinsman (4:6)
- F. Customs and land transactions (4:7-8)
- G. The witnesses (4:9-12)

**II. THE DIVINE BLESSING (Ruth 4:14-22)**

- A. The birth of a child (4:13-17)
  - 1. The role of the women of the city (4:14-15)
  - 2. The role of Naomi (4:16)
  - 3. The child named (4:17)
- B. The line of David (4:18-22)

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