

**The Great Celebration**  
**Ruth 4:11b-15**

- I. May It Be Like... (11b-12)
  - A. Rachel and Leah (the “mothers” of the nation)
  - B. House like the house of Perez
    - 1. Born of Judah and Tamar
    - 2. Another “questionable” marriage in the line of Jesus (Genesis 38)
  - C. Consider the blessing
    - 1. May your wife and your home be as full as the entire nation of Israel
    - 2. May your line be like the line of Judah, from which “the scepter shall never depart” (Genesis 49:10)
- II. A Wedding Celebration and A Family (13)
  - A. She became his bride
  - B. She gave birth to a son
    - 1. She had previously been barren
    - 2. She was now blessed with an heir
- III. The Fullness of Time (14-15)
  - A. Naomi had become Mara (bitterness)
  - B. Consider the transformation
    - 1. She was empty, destitute, full of grief, with little-to-no hope in the world (this developed over an extended period of 10+ years)
    - 2. She ends with a grand-son, personal security, a family name, an association with wealth, and (unknown to her) the lineage of a king
  - C. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus