

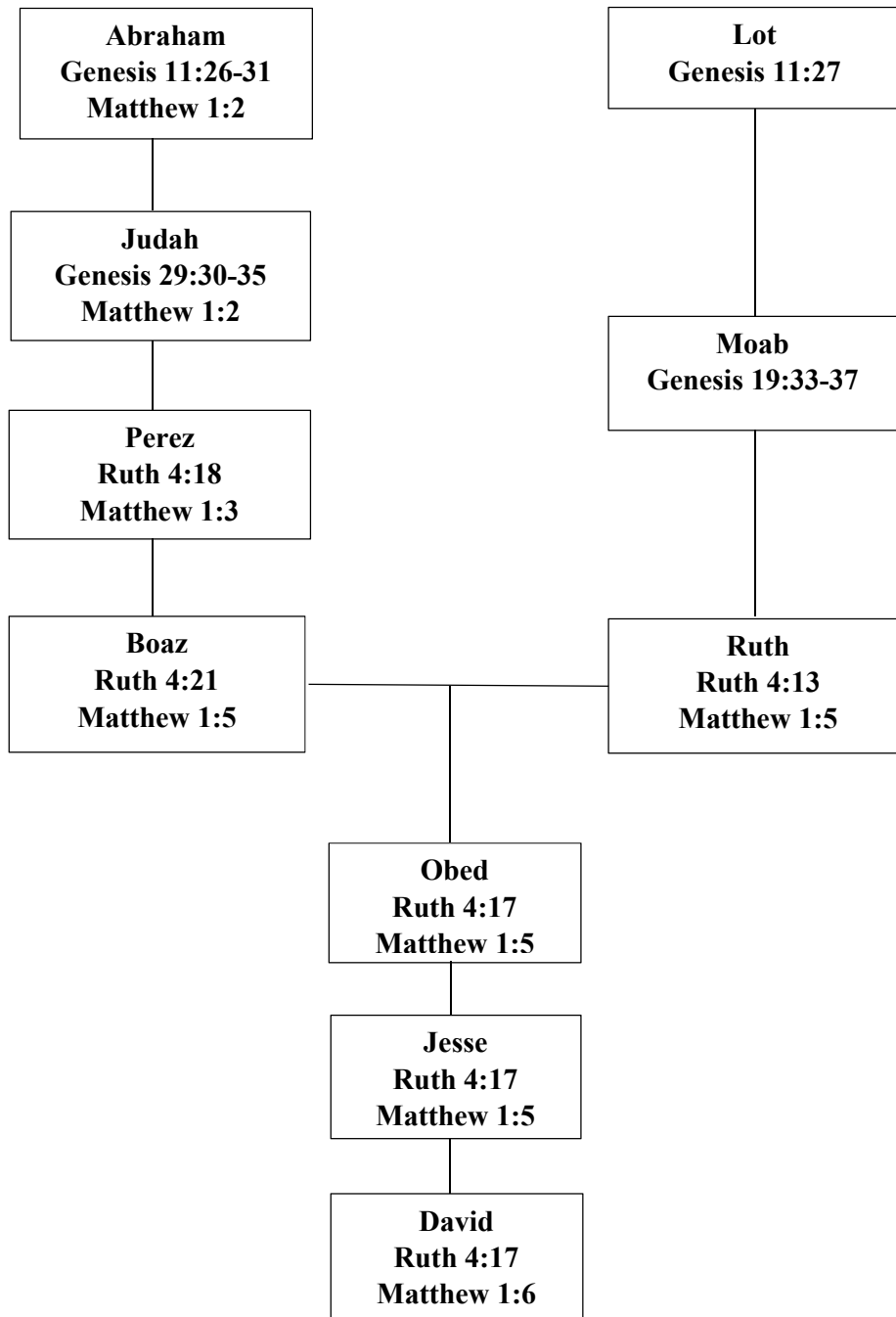
SERMON OUTLINE

Speaker: Eld Lee Soo Ann

Text : Ruth 2: 1 - 7

Title : God's Promises Reconcile Relationships

Ruth's Family Tree



1. God's promises to Abraham

I will make you exceedingly fruitful... I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you... all the land of Canaan... Genesis 16:6-7

2. God's provision for the resident alien and the poor

You shall not deprive a resident alien or an orphan of justice.... when you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan and the widow so that the Lord your God may bless you in all your undertakings... Deuteronomy 23:17-19

3. Ruth as a resident alien claims God's provision

Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain..." She said to her, "Go my daughter". Ruth 2:2

4. Boaz as God's person recognizes godliness in the resident alien

Boaz said to the reapers, "To whom does this young women belong?" ... Boaz answered Ruth, all that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me. May the Lord reward you for your deeds..." Ruth 2:11

5. Naomi as God's person claims God's promise

Blessed be Boaz by the Lord, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead. Ruth 2:20

Do we remember God's promises and help fulfil them through our relationships to resident aliens? Are we not aliens ourselves?