

The Book of Ruth

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Family Bible Book Review

Ruth – Set in the dark and bloody days of the Judges. It does not speak of the underlying hostility and suspicion of the two peoples; how the Judahites and the Moabites felt for each other. But Ruth was written in a time of peace between Israel and Moab.

Ruth was a young woman of Moab and the great-grand mother of David. She was an ancestress of David.

NOTE: There are only two (2) books in the bible that are named after a woman. **Do you now the other book?** It is Esther.

About the Book: It was a delightful account of true faith and piety (devotion) in the period of judges. The author is unknown. Although some think Samuel, it is unlikely due to the mention of David. It implies a later date than Samuel. Because of the literary style, it is suggested it was written during Monarchy (Kingdom). **Do you know more?**

Theme: Unswerving and selfless devotion to Naomi. Boaz kindness to the two widows. He is an example of the self-giving love that fulfill God's law.

Ruth is a Moabite and reflects God's love. Yet her complete loyalty to the Israelite family to which she is a worthy ancestress of David. She exemplifies what is the truth that participation in the kingdom of God is decided not by blood, or birth, but by the conformity of one's life to the will of God through the obedience that comes from faith. Her place in the ancestry of David signifies that all nations will be represented in the kingdom of David's greater Son.

Ruth sheds light on David's role in the History of Redemption. It is the primary story of Naomi's transformation from despair to happiness.

There are four (4) episodes:

- The return 1:6
- The meeting with Boaz 2:1
- Finding a home for Ruth 3:1
- The decisive event at the gate 4:1

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OUTLINE

- I. Introduction Naomi Emptied (1:1-5) **What does emptied mean?**
- II. Naomi returns from Moab (1:6-22)
 - a. Ruth clings to Naomi 1:6-8
 - b. Ruth and Naomi Return to Bethlehem 1:19-22
- III. Ruth and Boaz meets in the Harvest Fields ch. 2
 - a. Ruth Begins Work 2:1-7
 - b. Boaz Shows Kindness to Ruth 2:8-16
 - c. Ruth returns to Naomi 2:17-23
- IV. Ruth Goes to Boaz at the Threshing Floor (ch. 3)
 - a. Naomi instructs Ruth 3:1-5
 - b. Boaz Pledges to Secure Redemption 3:6-15
 - c. Ruth Returns to Naomi 3:16-18
- V. Boz Arranges to Marry Ruth 4:1-12
 - a. Boaz Confronts the Unnamed Kinsman 4:1-8
 - b. Boaz buys Naomi's Property and Announces His Marriage to Ruth 4:9-12
- VI. Conclusion: Naomi Filled 4:13-17
- VII. Epilogue: Genealogy of David 4:18-22

QUIZ

Insert the letter from the box on the left that identifies what or who is described on the right.

A	Naomi	Israelites
B	Orpah and Ruth	Could not afford to pay Naomi for her land and take care of the daughter -in -law.
C	Boaz	a specially flattened outdoor surface, usually circular and paved
D	David	Mother of two Israelites Men
E	Elimelech	A Kind wealthy Bethlehemite
F	Threshing Floor	Great-Grandson of Naomi
G	Unnamed Kinsman	Moabites
H	Mahlon and Killion	Husband of Naomi