

HOPE IN HARD TIMES

(The Book of Ruth) #1:

**“Meanwhile, Down
in Bethlehem...”**

Ruth 1:1-14

**MEANWHILE,
AT WALMART...**

FUNDAMENTAL**INTERPRETIVE****PRINCIPLE:**

**“ALWAYS PUT THE TEXT
IN ITS CONTEXT”**

**CONTEXT = RUTH 1:1a:
“In the days when the
judges ruled...”**

**THE BOOK OF RUTH AS A
“PERICOPE”:**

**“a section within a section”
From Greek: “peri” (around)
and “kopé” (a cutting)**

(aaa [bbb] ccc)

THE NARRATIVE OF
ISRAELITE JUDGES INCLUDES
THE PERICOPY OF RUTH:

(JUDGES [RUTH] 1 SAMUEL)

**CONTEXT = RUTH 1:1a:
“In the days when the
judges ruled...”**

**I. NOTICE FIRST THE
TORTUROUS FAMINE**
Ruth 1:1

A. The Literal Famine
Ruth 1:1

tor·tur·ous:
(adj.) “characterized by,
involving, or causing
excruciating pain or
suffering”

A. The Literal Famine
Ruth 1:1
B. The Spiritual Famine
Judges 17-21

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Judges 17-21:

1. Apostasy (*Judges 17-18*)
2. Depravity (*Judges 19*)
3. Anarchy (*Judges 20-21*)

II. NOTICE NEXT THE TROUBLED FAMILY

Ruth 1:1-2

A. The Literal Family

Ruth 1:1-2

**Elimelech
Naomi
Mahlon
Kilion**

**Orpah
Ruth
Boaz**

**Elimelech
Naomi
Mahlon
Kilion**

**El-i-melech =
“My God Is King”**

**Naomi =
“Pleasant,
delightful,
lovely”**

**Mahlon =
“sickly”**

**Kilion =
“at the end,
spent, finished”**

A. The Literal Family
Ruth 1:1-2

B. The Spiritual Family
Judges 17-21

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Judges 17-21

1. Micah's Family (*Judges 17-18*)
2. Levite's Family (*Judges 19*)
3. Israelite Family (*Judges 20-21*)

**III. NOTICE NEXT THE
TERRIBLE FAILURE**

Ruth 1:3-5

A. The Literal Failure

Ruth 1:3-5

**In v. 5, Naomi, like the
women of the Tribe
of Benjamin in Judges
21, loses both her
husband and sons.**

A. The Literal Failure

Ruth 1:3-5

B. The Spiritual Failure

Judges 17-21

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Judges 17-21

1. Micah's Family (*Judges 17-18*)
2. Levite's Family (*Judges 19*)
3. Israelite Family (*Judges 20-21*)

**IV. NOTICE LAST THE
TREMENDOUS FULLNESS**

Ruth 1:6-10

A. The Literal Fullness

Ruth 1:6

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Ruth 1-4

1. Naomi's Stomach Will Be Filled
(in the city of Bethlehem)
2. Naomi's Lineage Will Be Filled
(in the person of Boaz)

In the Book of Judges (21),
the Women of Benjamin received
a lineage through the concept of
"Levirate Marriage"

In the Book of Ruth,
Naomi will receive a lineage
through the concept of the
"Kinsman Redeemer".

A. The Literal Fullness

Ruth 1:6

B. The Spiritual Fullness

1st and 2nd Samuel

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1st and 2nd Samuel

1. Samuel the Righteous Judge
(*1st Samuel 1*)
2. David the Righteous King
(*1st Samuel 16, 2nd Samuel 2-5*)
3. Israel the Righteous Nation
(*2nd Samuel 6-7*)

THREE LESSONS FROM RUTH CHAPTER ONE...

**1. God Often Provides Salvation
At Unexpected Times**

**2. God Often Provides Salvation
Through Unexpected People**

**3. God Often Provides Salvation
In Unexpected Ways**