

"Yahweh bless him!" Naomi said to Ruth. "He has not stopped showing His kindness to the living and the dead."

Ruth 2:20

I. Summer - Wilderness

In the days when **the judges ruled**, there was a **famine** in the land.

Ruth 1:1

There was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in their own eyes.

Judges 21:25

II. Fall - Warfare

A man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab.

Ruth 1:1

Now Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. They **married Moabite women**, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

Ruth 1:3-5

Bethlehem to Moab – 50 miles

Two sons disobeyed the clear word of God Deuteronomy 7:3-4

III. Winter – Weeping

When Naomi heard in Moab that the Lord had come to the aid of His people by providing food for them, she prepared **to return** home from there.

Ruth 1:6

Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons?

The Lord's hand is against me!

Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or **to return** from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and **your God my God**."

Ruth 1:11,13,16

IV. Spring – Worship

Naomi returned from Moab accompanied by Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, arriving in Bethlehem as the barley harvest was beginning.

Ruth 1:22

Fields of Boaz

Mid-April to Mid-June

Threshing Floor

Wash yourself

Anoint yourself

Change your clothes

The time of mourning is over

Elders at the Gate

The end of history is a wedding not a funeral.

Good Friday is followed by Resurrection and Ascension.

"Praise be to the Lord, who **this day** has not left you without a Kinsman-Redeemer. He will renew your life and nourish you in your old age."

Ruth 4:14,15