



*Ruth*

*Kinsman Redeemer*

# Meet the Family

Ruth 1-4

Introduction

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“Thank God that He has spoken to you,  
and praise Him for it, and whatever may  
come do not go in the opposite direction.”

D.L. Moody



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TIMELESS AUDIENCE

- 2. THEOLOGICAL STATEMENT
- 2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN?



COMPARE



EXTRACT TIMELESS PRINCIPLES



TRUTH

ANALOGY OF SCRIPTURE

CONTEXTUALIZE PRINCIPLES FOR TODAY

TIME BOUND AUDIENCE



1. EXEGETICAL STATEMENT

1. WHAT DID IT MEAN THEN?

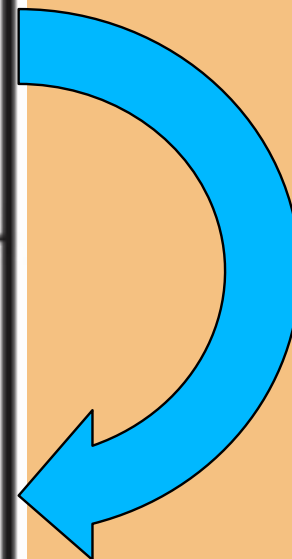
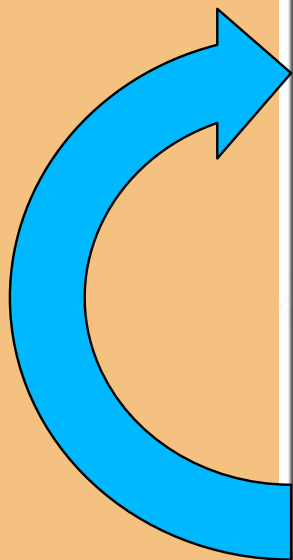
- historical interpretation
- grammatical interpretation
- contextual interpretation
- literary interpretation

ANCIENT AUDIENCE

3. HOMILETICAL STATEMENT

3. HOW DOES IT APPLY TO US?

CONTEMPORARY AUDIENCE



# Structure of the Book of Ruth

- Introduction: Naomi's Tragedy in Moab (Ruth 1:1-5)
  - Scene One: Naomi and Ruth Travel to Bethlehem (Ruth 1:6-22)
  - Scene Two: Ruth meets Boaz (Ruth 2:1-23)
  - Scene Three: Ruth proposes to Boaz (Ruth 3:1-18)
  - Scene Four: Boaz Redeems Ruth (Ruth 4:1-13)
- Conclusion: Naomi's Restoration (Ruth 4:14-17)
- Genealogical Coda (Ruth 4:18-22)



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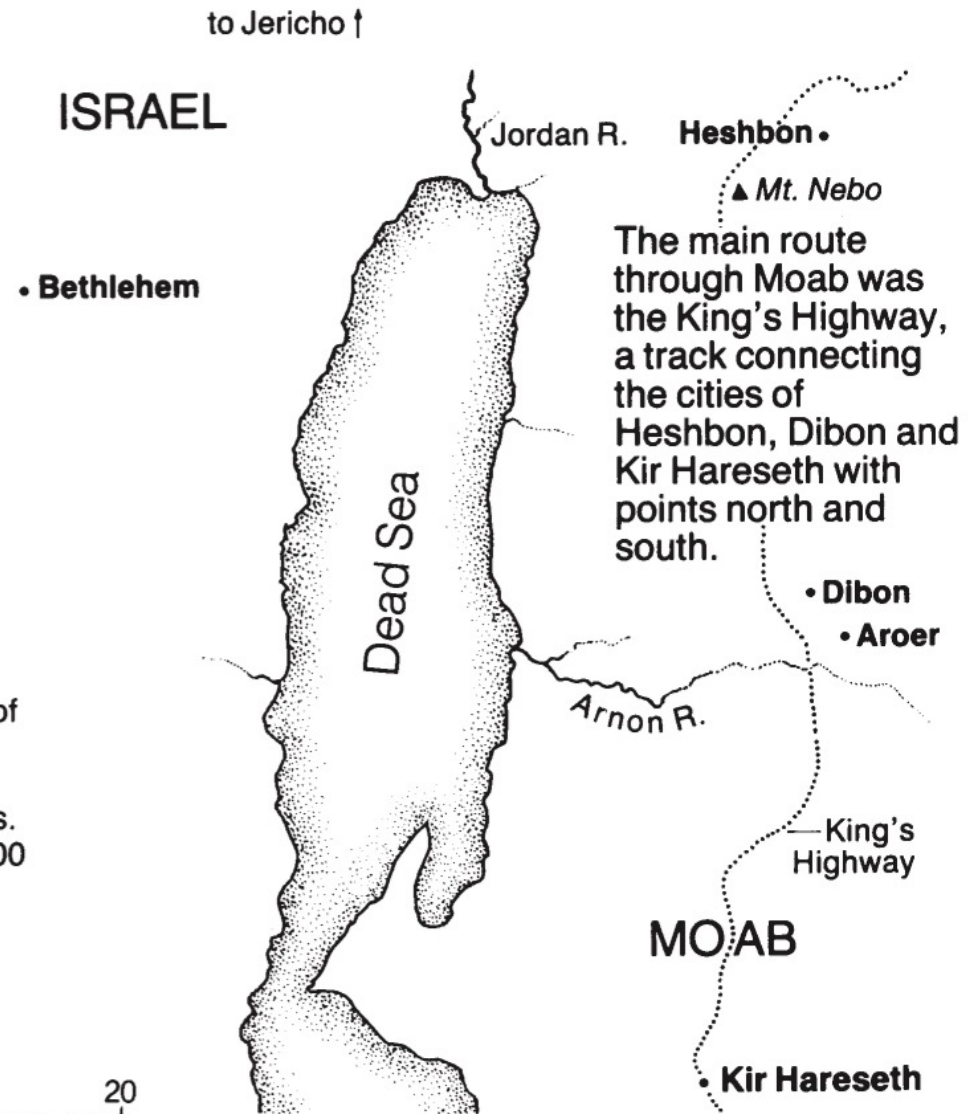
## The Book of Ruth

Set in the dark and bloody days of the judges, the story of Ruth is silent about the underlying hostility and suspicion the two peoples—Judahites and Moabites—felt for each other. The original onslaught of the invading Israelite tribes against towns that were once Moabite had never been forgotten or forgiven, while the Hebrew prophets denounced Moab's pride and arrogance for trying to bewitch, seduce and oppress Israel from the time of Balaam on. The Mesha stele (c. 830 B.C.) boasts of the massacre of entire Israelite towns.

Moab encompassed the expansive, grain-filled plateau between the Dead Sea and the eastern desert on both sides of the enormous rift of the Arnon River gorge. Much of eastern Moab was steppeland—semi-arid wastes not profitable for cultivation, but excellent for grazing flocks of sheep and goats. The tribute Moab paid to Israel in the days of Ahab was 100,000 lambs and the wool of 100,000 rams.



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# The Book of Ruth

Focus	Ruth & Naomi		Ruth & Boaz	
Divisions	1 <b>In the Land of Moab</b> 1	2 <b>In the Field of Boaz</b> 2	3 <b>On the Threshing Floor of Boaz</b> 3	4 <b>In the Home of Boaz</b> 4
Topics	Ruth's Resolve: "I Will Go"	Ruth's Response: "Let Me Glean"	Ruth's Request: "Redeem Me"	Ruth's Reward: "A Son...Obed"
	Ruth's love Demonstrated		Ruth's Love Rewarded	
Place	Moab & Judah			
Time	About 1000 B.C.			
Author	Samuel or Nathan			

# RUTH

JUDGES  
TURBULENT TIMES

1 SAMUEL  
CHANGING TIMES

## Ruth's Choice

NAOMI AND RUTH  
(Mutual grief)

“May the LORD grant that you may find rest.”  
(1:9)

CHAPTER  
1

## Ruth's Service

RUTH AND NAOMI AND BOAZ  
(Mutual pursuit)

Naomi had a kinsman . . . whose name was Boaz. (2:1)

CHAPTER  
2

## Ruth's Claim

## Ruth's Marriage

BOAZ AND RUTH  
(Mutual love)

Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. (4:13)

CHAPTER  
4

“Blessed is the LORD who has not left you without a redeemer today.” (4:14)

<b>Setting</b>	“Now it came about in the days when the judges governed, that there was a famine in the land” (1:1).			
<b>Circumstance</b>	Loss — deeper commitment		Gain — deeper love	
<b>Emotion</b>	Grief	Loneliness	Companionship	Rejoicing
<b>Theme</b>	Redemption: God provides for those who trust Him in hard times.			
<b>Key Verses</b>	1:16; 3:11–12			
<b>Christ in Ruth</b>	Prefigured in the kinsman-redeemer			



# THE BOOK OF RUTH

ELIMELECH - and - NAOMI  
[El is King] [Sweetness, Pleasantness]

Dwell in BETHLEHEM-JUDAH  
[House of Bread and Praise]

MAHLON + CHILION  
[Sickly, sickness] [Pining, wasting]

FAMINE!

Deserted BETHLEHEM-JUDAH

STORY HAS TWO ASPECTS  
A family leaving House of Bread for House of Sin!  
... **DIASTER!**  
A girl following the opposite path  
... **DELIVERANCE!**

NAMELESS  
KINSMAN

SEEK REDEMPTION

Not able to Redeem

BOAZ

[In Him is Strength]

REDEEMED by BOAZ

MARRIAGE of BOAZ and RUTH

OBED [Servant]

New Life for RUTH + A Joy to NAOMI

**SHOWS THAT:**

**SIN brings SUFFERING & DEATH**  
**SEEKING GOD brings SALVATION**

LAND of SIN and DEATH

MOAB

[From Father]

ELIMELECH DIES!

MAHLON  
marries  
RUTH  
[Female Friend]

CHILION  
marries  
ORPAH  
[Back of Neck]

MAHLON and CHILION DIE!

ORPAH TURNS BACK

Return to ISRAEL

NAOMI (sweetness) is MARAH (bitterness)  
and RUTH

**R**ESPONDED IN FAITH  
**U**NITED WITH STRONG ONE  
**T**HE SON BORN  
**H**OPE FOR MANKIND

“God doesn’t help those who help themselves

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He helps those who trust in Him.”

*“But I trust in your unfailing love.”*

Psa 13:5



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# **Meet the Family**

**Devastation of Naomi's Family 1**

**In-Laws debate – Ruth Cares 1**

**Ruth goes to the field 2**

**Ruth goes to the floor 3**

**In-Laws debate – Boaz Cares 3**

**Restoration of Naomi's Family 4**

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Ruth 1:1 Now it came about in the days when the judges governed, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the land of Moab with his wife and his two sons.

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2 The name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife, Naomi; and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehem in Judah. Now they entered the land of Moab and remained there.

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3,4 Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left with her two sons. They took for themselves Moabite women as wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. And they lived there about ten years.

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5 Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died,  
and the woman was bereft of her two children  
and her husband.



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1:14 And they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.



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**Ruth clings to  
Naomi -  
Orpha returns  
to Moab**

Ruth 1:20

"Don't call me Naomi," she told them. "Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter." NIV



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1:22 So Naomi returned, and with her Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, who returned from the land of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.



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Table 3. Harvesting and ingathering,  
based on modern agricultural practices in Israel

	March	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Wheat			x						
Barley		x							
Oats			x						
Peas		x	x						
Chickpeas				x					
Lentils		x	x						
Vetch		x	x						
Sesame					x				
Flax					x				
Millet					x	x			
Grapes				x	x	x	x		
Figs						x	x		
Pomegranates						x	x		
Olives							x	x	x

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Looking in the wrong places  
you will NOT find the right thing!



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2:2 And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi,  
“Please let me go to the field and glean  
among the ears of grain following one in  
whose eyes I may find favor.” And she said to  
her, “Go, my daughter.”



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3 So she left and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers; and she happened to come to the portion of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.



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Ruth 2:10 “Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, “Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?””



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2:23 So she stayed close by the young women of Boaz in order to glean until the end of the barley harvest and the wheat harvest. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

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“Trust to God to weave your thread into  
the great web, though the pattern shows  
it not yet.”

George Macdonald



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3:1 Then her mother-in-law Naomi said to her, “My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may go well for you?”



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6 So she went down to the threshing floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law had commanded her.



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Ruth 3:12

“Although it is true that I am a family guardian, there is another who is more closely related than I.” NIV



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Ruth 3:16

“When Ruth came to her mother-in-law, Naomi asked, “How did it go, my daughter?” Then she told her everything Boaz had done for her.” NIV

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Ruth 3:18

“Then Naomi said, "Wait, my daughter, until you find out what happens. For the man will not rest until the matter is settled today.” NIV



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**Ruth gleans in  
the fields of  
Boaz – great  
kindness is  
shown!**

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God will not take you away  
from His will to do His will.



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4:9 Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, “You are witnesses today that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon.



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# RUTH: GOD PROVIDES A KINSMAN-REDEEMER

Ruth 1	Ruth 2	Ruth 3	Ruth 4
Ruth's Choice	Ruth's Service	Ruth's Claim	Ruth's Marriage
<b>Naomi and Ruth Mutual Grief</b>	<b>Ruth and Naomi and Boaz Mutual Pursuit</b>		<b>Boaz and Ruth Mutual Love</b>
<b>Ruth's Decision: Return with Naomi</b>	<b>Ruth's Devotion: Provide for Naomi</b>	<b>Ruth's Request: Redemption by Boaz</b>	<b>Ruth's Reward: Relative of Messiah</b>
<b>Ruth and Naomi</b>		<b>Ruth and Boaz</b>	
<b>Death of Naomi's Family</b>	<b>Ruth Cares for Naomi</b>	<b>Boaz Cares for Ruth</b>	<b>God Blesses with New Birth</b>
<b>Grief</b>	<b>Loneliness</b>	<b>Companionship</b>	<b>Rejoicing</b>
<b>Location: Plains of Moab</b>	<b>Location: Fields of Bethlehem</b>	<b>Location: Threshing floor of Bethlehem</b>	<b>Location: Little town of Bethlehem</b>

**Time Lapsed:**  
About 30 Years

Ruth 4:17

“The women living there said, "Naomi has a son!" And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.” NIV



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“Sincere faith is not tested by creed  
but by crisis.”



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# Key Words in Ruth

- “wings” “corner” of your garment  
– כַּנָּף – *kanaph* 2:12; 3:9
- “kindness” “love”  
– חֶסֶד – *hesed* 1:8; 2:20; 3:10
- “kinsman-redeemer”  
– גֹּאֵל – *go’el* 2:20; 3:9,12,13; 4:1,3,4,6,8,14

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“Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love and the future to God's providence.”

Augustine



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