

**RUTH 1**  
**Back to Bethlehem**  
**Outline**

**Bethlehem Background (vs 1- 2)**

- \* A famine in the days of the judges (vs 1) -
  - Elimelech and Naomi were from Bethlehem in Judah
  - Because of the famine they went with their two sons to live in Moab for a while
- \* Their two sons were named Mahlon and Kilion (vs 2)

**Tragedy Strikes the Family in Moab (vs 3-5)**

- \* Elimelech died and left Naomi with their two sons (vs 3)
- \* The sons married Moabite women, named Orpah and Ruth (vs 4)
- \* After ten years living in Moab the two sons, Mahlon and Kilion died (vs 4-5)
- \* Naomi was left without her two sons and husband (vs 5)

**The LORD Breaks the Famine in the Land of Judah (vs 6-15)**

- \* Word arrives in Moab and Naomi and her daughters-in-law prepare and set out on the road to the land of Judah (vs 6-7)
- \* Naomi tells Orpah and Ruth to return to Moab to find another husband (vs 8-13) -
  - Naomi tells them she is too old to have another husband (vs 12)
  - Even if there was hope for her and she could replace her sons it would be too long for Orpah and Ruth to wait for the sons to grow up (vs 12-13)
  - Naomi tells them it is more bitter for her than them because the LORD's hand has gone out against her (vs 13)
  - Orpah returns to Moab but Ruth clings to Naomi despite Naomi's plea (vs 14-15)

**Ruth's Proclamation of Undying Love and Loyalty for Naomi (vs 16-18)**

- \* Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay (vs 16)
- \* Your people will be my people and your God my God (vs 16)
- \* Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried (vs 17)
- \* May the LORD deal with me, if anything but death separates us (vs 17)
- \* Naomi knew Ruth was determined (vs 18)

**The Journey Back to Bethlehem is Completed (vs 19-22)**

- \* Naomi was welcomed back by a question, "Can this be Naomi?" (vs 19)
- \* Naomi said to call her Mara because the Almighty has made her life bitter (vs 20)
- \* Naomi laments her misfortune from the LORD (vs 21)
- \* Naomi and Ruth's arrival in Bethlehem was at the beginning of the barley harvest (Feast of Firstfruits) (vs 22)

**RUTH 2**  
**Provision at Pentecost**  
**Outline**

**God Prepares the Way (vs 1-3)**

- \* Boaz introduced (vs 1)
- \* Ruth goes out to glean in Boaz's field (vs 2-3)

**Boaz Arrives (vs 4-16)**

- \* Boaz greets harvesters (vs 4)
- \* Boaz notices Ruth (vs 5-7)
- \* Boaz favors Ruth (vs 8, 10, 13)
- \* Boaz protects and provides for Ruth (vs 9, 14-16)
- \* Boaz honors Ruth (vs 11)
- \* Boaz blesses Ruth (vs 12)

**Ruth Receives and Shares (vs 17-19)**

- \* Ruth gleans and threshes (vs 17)
- \* Ruth shares with Naomi (vs 18)
- \* Naomi questions (vs 19)

**Naomi's Awakening Hope (vs 20-23)**

- \* Boaz identified as a kinsman-redeemer (vs 20)
- \* Ruth shares about Boaz providing (vs 21)
- \* Naomi instructs Ruth (vs 22)
- \* The Feast of Weeks (Pentecost) (vs 23)

**RUTH 3**  
**Together at the Threshing Floor**  
**Outline**

**Naomi's Tips for Ruth (vs 1-4)**

- \* Should I not try to find a home for you? (vs 1)
- \* Is not Boaz a kinsman of ours? (vs 2)
- \* Tonight's the night (vs 2-4) -
  - He will be winnowing on the threshing floor (vs 2)
  - Prepare yourself to meet him there – wash, perfume & dress (vs 3)
  - Wait for the right moment (vs 3)
  - Lie down at his feet and wait for his response (vs 4)

**Ruth Listens and Obeys Naomi (vs 5-6)**

- \* She agrees to do whatever she was told (vs 5)
- \* She went down to the threshing floor (vs 6)

**Ruth's Encounter with Boaz – Oh What a Night! (vs 7-15)**

- \* After eating, Boaz went to lie down (vs 7)
- \* Ruth uncovered his feet and laid down (vs 7)
- \* In the middle of the night Boaz discovers her at his feet (vs 8)
- \* Ruth asks him to cover her with his garment as a kinsman-redeemer (vs 9)
- \* Boaz blesses her for her request (vs 10-11)
- \* Boaz lets her know of a kinsman-redeemer that is nearer in order to her than he is (vs 12)
- \* In the morning he will settle the matter (vs 13)
- \* Ruth lay at his feet until morning and Boaz was discreet (vs 14)
- \* Boaz provided Ruth with grain from the threshing floor (vs 15)

**Ruth Returns to Naomi after a Night on the Threshing Floor (vs 16-18)**

- \* Naomi asks Ruth, how did it go? (vs 16)
- \* Ruth told her everything (vs 16-17)
- \* Naomi advises Ruth to wait until the matter is finished today (vs 18)

**RUTH 4**  
**Redeemed by the Redeemer**  
**Outline**

**Boaz Deals with the Mystery Kinsman (vs 1-8)**

- \* Boaz went to the city gate to confront the unknown kinsman (vs 1)**
- \* Boaz gathered ten city elders to sit as a court (vs 2)**
- \* Boaz presented the choice to the unknown kinsman (vs 3-5)-**
  - To buy Elimelech's land from Naomi (vs 3)**
  - The unknown kinsman has first rights before Boaz (vs 4)**
  - The unknown kinsman says he will redeem it (vs 4)**
  - With the land he must acquire the dead man's widow (vs 5)**
- \* The unknown kinsman backs out of the deal (vs 6-8)-**
  - Because it might endanger his own estate (vs 6)**
  - He tells Boaz to redeem it, because he cannot (vs 6)**
  - He removed his sandal to legalize the transaction (vs 7-8)**

**The Transaction Finalized (vs 9-12)**

- \* Boaz announced his intentions to the elders (vs 9-10)-**
  - To buy the property of Elimelech, Kilion and Mahlon (vs 9)**
  - To marry Ruth in order to maintain the name of the dead on the property (vs 10)**
- \* The elders as witnesses pronounce their blessing (vs 11-12)-**
  - May Ruth be like Rachel and Leah building up the house of Israel (vs 11)**
  - Through Ruth may your family be like Perez whom Tamar bore to Judah (vs 12)**

**The Genealogy from Perez to David (vs 13-22)**

- \* Ruth became Boaz's wife (vs 13)**
- \* The LORD enabled Ruth to conceive and she gave birth to a son (vs 13)**
- \* Naomi has a kinsman-redeemer (vs 14-15)-**
  - Praise be to the LORD (vs 14)**
  - He will renew her life and sustain her in her old age (vs 15)**
  - For her the love of Ruth is better than seven sons (vs 15)**
- \* Naomi took the child and cared for him (vs 16)**
- \* Naomi has a son, named Obed (vs 17)**
- \* Obed was the father of Jesse, who was the father of David (vs 17)**
- \* The family line of Perez defined using ten names (vs 18-22)**

**RUTH**  
**The Kinsman Redeemer Claims a Gentile Bride**

**Chapter 1 – Back to Bethlehem**

**Questions**

**Verses 1-2 - What is the Biblical origin of the Moabite people? (Genesis 19:36-37)**

**- What significant event occurred near the end of Israel's 40 year journey through the wilderness that involved Moab? (Numbers 25:1-18)**

**- In general how would you describe the days when the judges ruled?**

**- What other significant Biblical famine stories come to mind?**

**Verses 3-5 - What do the names Elimelech, Naomi and Ruth mean?**

**- How does God use human tragedy to change the course of history and to reveal His greater plan? Did Naomi see that at the time of her loss?**

**Verses 6-15 - How did ending a famine influence decisions and what would ultimately be the result?**

- Reflect upon the meaning of hope (in verse 12) and compare it to hope in Psalm 71:5.**

**Verses 16-18 - How did the heart and devotion of Ruth demonstrate why God may have chosen her to be an early example of the Gentile bride?**

**Verses 19-22 - How was Naomi's return to Bethlehem a bitter-sweet event?**

- Why did Naomi blame the LORD for her affliction?**

- What feast on God's appointed times coincided with Naomi and Ruth's arrival in Bethlehem (barley harvest)? What might be the significance of that timing?**

# **RUTH**

## **The Kinsman Redeemer Claims a Gentile Bride**

### **Chapter 2 – Provision at Pentecost**

### **Questions**

**Verses 1-3 - What is the difference between a tribe, a clan and a family?**

**- What is the meaning of the name Boaz?**

**- What was the basis on which Ruth could pick up leftover grain in the fields? What was the danger for her?**

**Verses 4-16 - How do Boaz's actions give us insight into his character?**

**Verses 17-19 - How do Ruth's actions give us insight into her character?**

**Verses 20-23 - What was the change in the basis for Naomi's hope from Chapter 1:12 to here in 2:20?**

**- What are the responsibilities of a kinsman-redeemer?**

**- What is the prophetic significance of the Feast of Weeks?**

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**Chapter 3 – Together at the Threshing Floor**

**Questions**

**Verses 1-4 - What is the spiritual significance of the threshing floor?**

**- How was Ruth to prepare for the encounter with Boaz?**

**- As the bride of Christ, what does the washing, putting on perfume and new clothes picture? What about approaching at His feet?**

**Verses 5-6 - How should Ruth's attitude and response be an example for the Church?**

**Verses 7-15 - How does Boaz's response to Ruth give us a picture of Christ to the Church?**

**Verses 16-18 - Compare Ruth as the bride in waiting for Boaz's return to the Church waiting for Jesus.**



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**Chapter 4 – Redeemed by the Redeemer**

**Questions**

**Verses 1-8 - What is the significance of the city gate in the ancient culture?**

**- What does the number ten (elders) represent?**

**- What caused the unknown kinsman to back out of being the kinsman-redeemer for Naomi and Ruth?**

**- What is the significance of the sandal in the transaction?**

**Verses 9-12 - Why did the witnesses compare Ruth in their blessing to Rachel and Leah and her family to Perez?**

**Verses 13-22 – How did the provision of the kinsman-redeemer bring Naomi from emptiness to fullness?**

**- How are our lives brought from emptiness to fullness through knowing our Kinsman-Redeemer?**