

# RUTH: A MOABITE <u>BLESSED</u> BY GOD

**The Book of Ruth**
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INTRODUCTION: Verses 1 - 5



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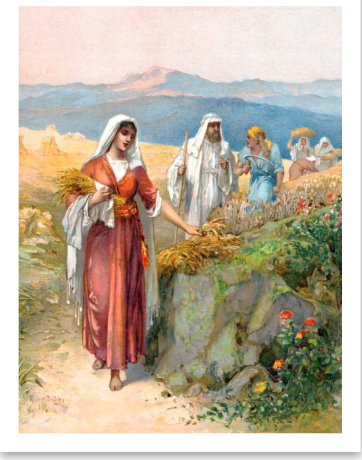
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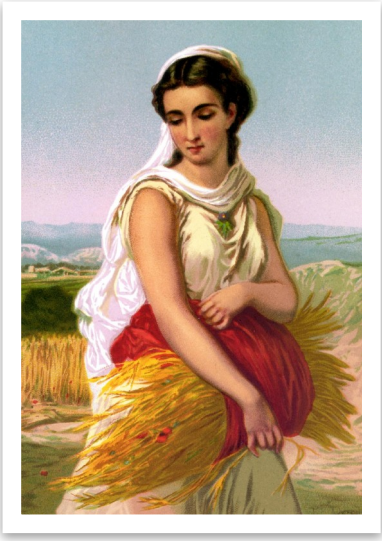


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**(chapters 2 & 3)**



A._____ for authority (2:2; 3:5)

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D._____ in speech (2:13; cp. Prov. 31:26)

E._____ in motives and actions (chapter 3)

F._____ in testimony (3:11, 14)

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3 Tests:

1. Test of family (emotional test) - v. 8-9
2. Test of time (practical test) - v. 11-13
3. Test of faith (theological test) - v. 15

**II. Ruth was DIRECTED by God's PROVIDENCE (chapter 2)**

A. God leads to the proper place (2:1-3)

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B. A son (4:13b-16)

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The names of the characters:

Elimelech -"My God is King" (in name only - Psalm 33:18, 19; Elimelech's character contradicted his name)

Naomi -"Sweetness; pleasantness"

Mahlon -"Weakling; failing; sick"

Chilion -"Wasting away; pining away"

Orphah -"Neck; or gazelle"

Ruth -"Friend; or satisfied"

Boaz -"In Him is strength"

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Famines follow disobedience and faithlessness -

Dt. 7:28, 11:17, 28:23-24; II Sam. 21:1ff, 24:10ff; I Ki. 8:35-37; Ps. 33:18-19

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(outline by Wayne Burgraff)

Because of Elimelech's move outside of the will of God, his sons ended up marrying Moabite women.

Intermarriage forbidden - Dt. 7:3, 23:3; Ex. 34:16; I Ki. 11:1-2

Elimelech's temporary sojourn became permanent. He sought a home and found a grave.

**V. 5**

The end result of backsliding: 3 widows and 3 graves

Everything they intended to preserve was lost!

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Naomi disregarded the girls spiritual life by sending them back to their land, family and gods

Three times she tries to persuade them to go back (1:8, 11, 15)

**1:20**

Though Naomi became bitter (1:13, 20, 21), Ruth did not.

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Law of Gleaners: Lev. 19:9-10; Deut. 24:19

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Ruth needed a kinsman redeemer.

1. He was to avenge the blood of relatives (Num. 35:2-5)

2. Redeem the property to his kinsman (Lev. 25:25-28)

3. Marry childless widow and raise up children to his relative (Deut. 25:5-10; cp. Gen. 28:6)

Kinsman redeemer parallels Christ:

Identity - Had to be a near relative - Christ became man

Ability - Had to be able to redeem - Christ had no sin of His own to pay for so He was able to pay for ours and redeem us

Desire - Had to be willing to redeem (cp. 4:1-6) - Christ voluntarily was willing to pay for our sin and take on a relationship with us destitute sinners

God is pictured as a Kinsman Redeemer (Goel) - Is. 43:1, 44:22=23

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God's sovereign control -

--Cp. Prov. 3:5-6

--Prov. 20:24 - "Man's goings are of the LORD; how can a man then understand his own way?"

--Ps. 37:23 - "The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way."

SEE: Acts 17:26-28

--Nothing is by accident - Rom. 8:28

EX: Hymn - "Jesus Led Me All the Way"

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22 liters of grain (25-30 lbs.)

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"Shoe" = symbolized the giving up of the right of redemption

When he passed the shoe to Boaz, he is showing that the right of redemption would go (be passed on) to Boaz.

Like saying, "You can now walk in my shoes" or take my responsibility.

In a Levirite marriage:

1) The first son would be considered the son of the dead former husband (Mahlon would be father)

2) The second son would be the son of the Kinsman Redeemer (Boaz would be father)

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