

# April 7/Day 97

Congratulations on completing Judges and welcome to Ruth!

## Ruth 1

Verses 1-5

- What do we learn about the historical and chronological setting from verse 1?
- What was happening in the land?
- Elimelech was from which tribe? Where did he sojourn?
- What was his wife's name?
- What was the name of their two sons?
- What did the sons do after Elimelech died?
- How long did they live in the land of Moab before the sons died?

Verses 6-13

- What did Naomi hear about from Israel which caused her to decide to return?
- Who went with her? Were they Israelite women?
- Why did Naomi want her daughters-in-law to return to their land?

Verse 14

- How did the two respond?

Verses 15-18

- What did Ruth say to Naomi about leaving her?
- Who did Ruth choose as her God?

Verses 19-21

- At what town did they arrive?
- Mara means "bitter". It is a derivative of Mary.

Verse 22

- What time of the year was it when they arrived in Bethlehem?

## Ruth 2

Verses 1-7

- What was the name of Naomi's kinsman?
- What was his situation financially?
- From this passage, what do we learn about Boaz's character and relationship to the LORD?
- In Leviticus, God gives instructions for the harvest to leave the edges of the field for the poor and needy to glean.

Verses 8-13

- Did Ruth find favor with Boaz?
- What had he heard about her?

Verses 14-16

- What special instructions did Boaz give for Ruth?

Verses 17-23

- What did Ruth glean?
- What did Naomi reveal about Boaz's relation to them after Ruth had gleaned there?
- Where did Ruth live?

## Ruth 3

Verses 1-4

- The uncovering of Boaz's feet is an Israelite custom by which Ruth showed Boaz that by law, since he was a close relative, he was invited to become Naomi and Ruth's kinsman-redeemer. If he was interested in taking Ruth as his wife, Naomi was extending this invitation by sending Ruth there, but if he was not interested, he could find someone to marry Ruth.

Verses 6-13

- Uncovering his feet and lying down at his feet was a beautiful picture of humility and submission to his decision to become kinsman-redeemer.
- When Boaz covered Ruth with his cloak, he was making a pledge to her and offering security. There was nothing sensual about this scene. This is a beautiful picture of a promise to take care of Ruth and Naomi.
- What did Boaz intend to find out from the closer relative?

Verses 14-18

- Where did she lay until morning? Please do not let anyone tell you this was an immoral act. This is a beautiful picture of an honorable custom and one which is a picture of the redemption of believers by our kinsman-redeemer, Jesus.
- According to Naomi, would Boaz get right down to business?

## Ruth 4

### Verses 1-6

- Why did he invite ten men to witness the conversation with the closer relative?
- What did he say the purpose was of acquiring Ruth? Do you remember when we read about this? Do you remember the story of Judah and Tamar?
- What did the closest relative decide?

### Verses 7-12

- What did the closest relative remove? Why?
- What did Boaz claim in front of the witnesses?
- Which two women did the men refer to, who are said to have built the house of Israel? Do you remember them?
- Do you remember Perez, son of Judah and Tamar? Jesus is born through the line of Perez as we will see below.

### Verses 13-15

- What did the women say to Naomi when Ruth bore a son?

### Verses 16-17

- Do you find it interesting they said a son was born to Naomi? Remember, the firstborn son was to carry on the line of Ruth's deceased husband, Naomi's son.

### Verses 18-22

- Do you know which David this is? Yes, King David. So, God took a bad situation between Judah and Tamar and redeemed it, and he took a bad situation where Naomi lost her husband and sons, and where Ruth lost her husband and redeemed it. And a Moabite woman is in the bloodline of King David, and King Jesus.

Congratulations on completing Ruth! See you tomorrow.