

OT8: Ruth (Ruth: 4 Chapters) Writings**Theme: Ruth's wise choice and full reward**

Ruth is the story of the Moabite Ruth, and her mother-in-law Naomi. The two widowed women return to Naomi's homeland, Judah, where Ruth meets and marries Boaz. She becomes a great-grandmother of King David, the great ancestor of Jesus Christ.

Brief Outline:

- Ruth 1: I. Ruth's wise choice: "Your people shall be my people, and your God my God"
- Ruth 2-4: II. Ruth's Full Reward
 - Ruth 2: A. Material Support
 - Ruth 3-4 B. A good marriage through which she becomes an ancestress of Christ

Expanded Outline:

- I. Ruth 1 Ruth's wise choice: "Your people shall be my people, and your God my God"
 - Ruth 1:1 "In the day when the judges ruled..."
 - Elimilech, Mahlon, Chilion & Naomi go from Bethlehem, Judah to Moab because of Famine.
 - Elimilech Dies
 - Orpah and Ruth from Moab marry into family
 - Mahlon and Chilion Die, Naomi back to Judah with Ruth, Naomi changes her name to Mara (Bitter).
 - Ruth 1:15-18 And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." 16But 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. 17Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." 18 And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more."
- II. Ruth 2-4 Ruth's Full Reward
 - A. Ruth 2 Material Support - Ruth meets Boaz – Boaz is generous with his barley, and commands his men to protect Ruth. Boaz & Naomi tell Ruth to stay in the field of Boaz – so she will not be assaulted.
 - B. Ruth 3-4 A good marriage through which she becomes an ancestress of Christ & Great, Great, Grandmother to King David (according to Matthew 1 genealogy)
 - Ruth 3 Ruth asks to be taken under Boazes wing
 - Boaz promises to redeem her if the closes redeemer doesn't.
 - Ruth 4 Boaz Redeems Ruth from Closest Relative
 - Boaz marries Ruth
 - Ruth bares Obed, father of Jesse, father of David
 - Salmon (Rahab) > Boaz (Ruth) > Obed > Jesse > David