# **<u>Ruth</u>** (a book about Naomi)

#### Quick Notes

Genesis - From Father to Family (12 Tribes) **Exodus- From Family to Nation** Exodus - Deuteronomy- A Homeless Nation Joshua - a Home for the Nation - Joshua 13-19, 24:13 Judges - God's People Rebell Against Him again & again Ruth - God always Preserves a Remnant

#### Ruth 1:1 - Takes place during the time of the Judges

**Spoiler Alert:** Ruth is the segue from Judges to Kings: Ruth is King David's Great Grand Mother & Jesus' great great great great....grandmother.

# Theme: The Story isn't Over Yet!!!

"With man this is impossible,

but with God all things are possible." **Jesus, Matthew 19:26** 

"Nothing will be impossible with God." Luke 1:37

Job answered the LORD and said: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted." Job 42:1-2

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

"Ah, Lord GOD! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you." Jeremiah 32:17

"Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for me?" Jeremiah 32:27 "No temptation has overtaken you that is not comman to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide a way of escape, that you may be able to endure it." 1 Corinthians 10:13

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

"He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?" **Romans 8:32** 

"In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." Romans 8:37

### Jesus in Ruth

from Jeremiah Montgomery's Concise Summary of the Bible:

- Ruth's faith and Boaz's faithfulness bring them into the ancestral line of Christ (Mt 1.5, Lk 3.32)
  - The figure of the Kinsman-Redeemer is a Messianic type:<sup>24</sup>

• Able to purchase forfeited inheritance

Blood relative 0

Christ born of a woman (Gal 4.4)

- Christ's perfection pays for sins (Phil 3.9, Heb 9.14)
- Willing to buy back forfeited inheritance Christ willingly laid down his life (Jn 10.17-18) • Willing to marry the wife of the deceased
  - Christ's bride is the church (Eph 5.31-32, Rev 21.9-10)

- While Boaz points to Jesus, Ruth is a picture of the Church of the New Testament which includs Jew & Gentile: Ruth was a stranger, a pagan Moabite. She is poor & needy. Completely inexplicably, she turns from all that's "reasonable". Read Ruth 1:14-18. That's Ephesians 2:8-10 Amazing Grace!

#### **Ruth in a Week**

It's only 85 verses.

A short story and a romance at that! Why not read or listen to it in 1 sitting 2 or 3 times this week? FALL IN LOVE WITH IT!

"Let your religion be less of a theory and more of a love affair ." - GK Chesterton The book of Ruth is one of God's many antidotes to anxiety & depression.

Quick Outline	
Ruth 1	All Naomi Loses
Ruth 2-4	God Restores