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A BIBLE READING PLAN FOR BUSY BELIEVERS

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RUTH: CONTEXT

- **Bridges Judges and Monarchy**
- **Non-Jewish Protagonist (Moabite)**
- **Female Protagonist**
- **One of 5 Festal Scrolls:**
 - **Read at Pentecost**
 - **Universality of Yahweh**
- **Ruth is reminiscent of Abraham**



RUTH: CHARACTERS

- **Ruth = Friend**
- **Naomi = Pleasant**
Mara = Bitter
- **Elimelech = My God is King**
- **Mahlon = Sickly**
- **Chilion = Weak**
- **Boaz = Strength is in him**
- **Obed = Servant**



RUTH: PLOT

- 1. SETTING: Famine in Bethlehem ("House of Bread")**
 - **Irony: God had provided bread and water in the wilderness, but there was famine in the land due to their perpetual abandonment of the covenant.**
- 2. Israelites living in Moab (cf. Numbers 25).**
- 3. Israelites dying *outside the land* (exile...).**
- 4. Ruth remains with Naomi/Mara despite lack of prospects for progeny...**

Ruth 1:16 But Ruth replied: Don't plead with me to abandon you or to return and not follow you. For wherever you go, I will go, and wherever you live, I will live; your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. ¹⁷ Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord punish me, and do so severely, if anything but death separates you and me.

RUTH: PLOT

1. **Genealogical Dead End**
2. **Discovery of the Kinsman Redeemer**
3. **Discerning Boaz's Intentions via "Feet"**
4. **Another Kinsmen**
5. **The Exchange of the Sandal**
6. **Boaz becomes Kinsman Redeemer**
7. **Genealogy Restored**



TAKEAWAYS

- 1. God's grace in the midst of Israel's apostasy**
- 2. God's attitude to those outside of Israel**
- 3. The inclusion of Ruth (a woman and a Moabite) in the line of David and Jesus.**

