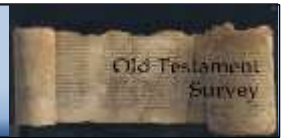




Ruth – Bible Reading



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(Other chapters may be read for extra credit/benefit)	
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Study Guide for Ruth

Chapter 1

- What does this chapter describe about Elimelech's family and how they ended up in Moab? What happened to the men of this family? Who was left in the family?
- Why did Naomi decide to return to Judah? What did she say to her daughters-in-law on the road? How did they respond at first?
- What did Naomi say to discourage her daughters-in-law from returning with her? How was this unselfishly seeking the best for them?
- How did each of the daughters-in-law respond to Naomi? What did each of them do? Why? Do you think what each of them did was right or wrong? Why?
- What did Ruth promise to Naomi? Why? What does this signify about how she would identify herself and her loyalties?
- How did people of Bethlehem receive Naomi when they arrived? How did she respond? What did Naomi say about her own situation and why?
- At what time of the year did they arrive at Bethlehem? Why do you think the author included this detail? What do you think it foreshadows?

Chapter 2

- How does the author introduce this chapter? What do you think is the significance of this?
- What did Ruth go out to do? Where did she end up? Why?
- What does this chapter demonstrate about the character of Boaz? How did he treat Ruth? Why?
- How did Ruth describe herself to Boaz? What did Boaz say about her? Why? How did she respond?
- What did Ruth tell to her mother-in-law? How did she respond? What do you think this all foreshadows later in the story?

Chapter 3

- What did Naomi tell Ruth to do? Why?
- How did Boaz respond when he discovered Ruth? How did he describe Ruth? What did he tell Ruth about a kinsman? What did he promise to do?
- What did Boaz do for Ruth in the morning? What did Ruth tell her mother-in-law? What is the significance of all of this?

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Chapter 4

- What is the name of the other kinsman (trick question)? Why do you think this is significant?
- What did Boaz say to the kinsman? How did he respond at first? What did Boaz then add? How did the kinsman respond after that? Why do you think this changed?
- What did Boaz say to all the elders as the result of this exchange? How did the elders respond? What do you think this foreshadows about later history?
- What happened to Boaz and Ruth? How did this concern Naomi?
- What did the women of the town say to Naomi? How does this compare to what Naomi said about herself at the end of chapter 1?
- What is the point of the genealogy at the end of this book? Who is the focus of this genealogy? Why do you think this is significant for the Old Testament as a whole? How does this contribute to the purpose and message of the book of Ruth? What difference does this make?