

# Ruth – Loyalty and Love

## Ruin

1. Describe the times in which the story of Ruth takes place. (70)
2. Which notable Biblical character was buried in Bethlehem?
3. Name two more famous Biblical characters who were born in Bethlehem.
4. What conditions in Israel caused Elimelech's family to seek refuge in Moab?
5. Who were the Moabites descendants from?
6. What does Numbers 25 say the Moabite women did during the Exodus of Israel?
7. Who did the Moab King, Balak hire to prophesy against Israel?
8. What was the reason Deuteronomy 7:1-3 gives against intermarriage of the Israelites?
9. What does the name Orpah mean? (71) What is the meaning of Ruth's name?
10. The biblical description of the scene-especially the bitter anguish shared by all three women-is heart-rending: Read Ruth 1:6-14

## Resolve

11. Naomi still tried to dissuade Ruth from going any farther with her. Ruth's reply expresses her faith and is a beautiful piece of poetry in Hebrew style, Ruth 1:16-17.
12. What does Naomi's name mean? (75) After her return to Bethlehem, her life was so colored with sadness that she told the other women to call her

what? What is the meaning of this name?

13. This was not a complaint as much as a heartfelt lament. She knew, as Job did, that it is the Lord who gives and takes away. According to the author, was calling herself “Mara” a statement that she had become bitter?
14. The author states, “She was not unlike Job—she was a woman of great faith who withstood almost unimaginable testing without ever once wavering in her love for YHWH and her commitment to His will. So hers is actually an impressive expression of faith, without an ounce of resentment in it.”
15. Who was Boaz, what was his relation to Naomi, and who was his probable grandmother?

## **Redemption**

16. What did the Biblical law of “gleaning” require a Harvester to do in their fields? See Leviticus 19:9-10; 23:22, and Deuteronomy 24: 19-21.
17. What does Ruth, moved by the gentle kindness and generosity of Boaz say in response? Ruth 2:10
18. How does Boaz bless Ruth in return? Ruth 2:12
19. Naomi recognized the hand of the Lord in verse 20. What is her response?
20. The author explains a type of Christ in the Kinsman Redeemer concept with Boaz. (80) How is Christ like our Kinsman Redeemer?
21. Although in Jewish culture arranged marriages were the norm, “protocol forbade Naomi from approaching Boaz to arrange a marriage for Ruth.” What was Naomi's plan, for Ruth to essentially propose marriage to Boaz? See Ruth 3:3-4.

22. Why was Boaz sleeping outside during harvest?
23. How does the Bible describe Boaz's heart during harvest? Ruth 3:7
24. Ruth was borrowing language ("under your wing") from the blessing Boaz had given her (2:12). What does MacArthur state this meant to Boaz?
25. Read Ruth 3:10-13.
26. Boaz realized there was a kinsman redeemer who was closer to Ruth than himself. What proposal did he make to this closer relative to Ruth?
27. Why was this important in Jewish law?
28. What incidental technicality did Boaz bring to the kinsman redeemer's attention on the day that he acquired the field from Naomi?
29. How would this "levirate marriage" threaten the inheritance of his own sons?
30. What instrument of witness does verse 8 say that the two men used to seal the deal publicly?
31. The inhabitants of the city began to congregate. They pronounced a blessing on Boaz and his bride-to-be in Ruth 4:11-12. How was this blessing fulfilled?
32. Who does Ruth 4:17 explain became Ruth's famous descendant(s)?
33. The author states, "Her best-known offspring would be Abraham's Seed and Eve's hoped-for Deliverer." Who is this?
34. How does the author explain that, "Ruth is a fitting symbol of every believer,' and even of the church itself-redeemed"?