

Study Notes:

Vs 1: During a _____ a man and his family went to _____ in Moab .

Vs 2 They went to _____ and _____ there .

Vs 3 Elimelech _____ and Naomi was _____ .

Vs 4 Mahlon and Chilion _____ and _____ 10 years .

Vs 5 Mahlon and Chilion _____ and Naomi was _____ .

Vs 6 Naomi _____ to _____ because _____ had _____ Bethlehem and there was _____ .

Vs 19 Is this _____ ?

Vs 20 Call me _____ .

Vs 21 I went away _____ but now am _____ .



Ruth, A Love Story #1

The What:

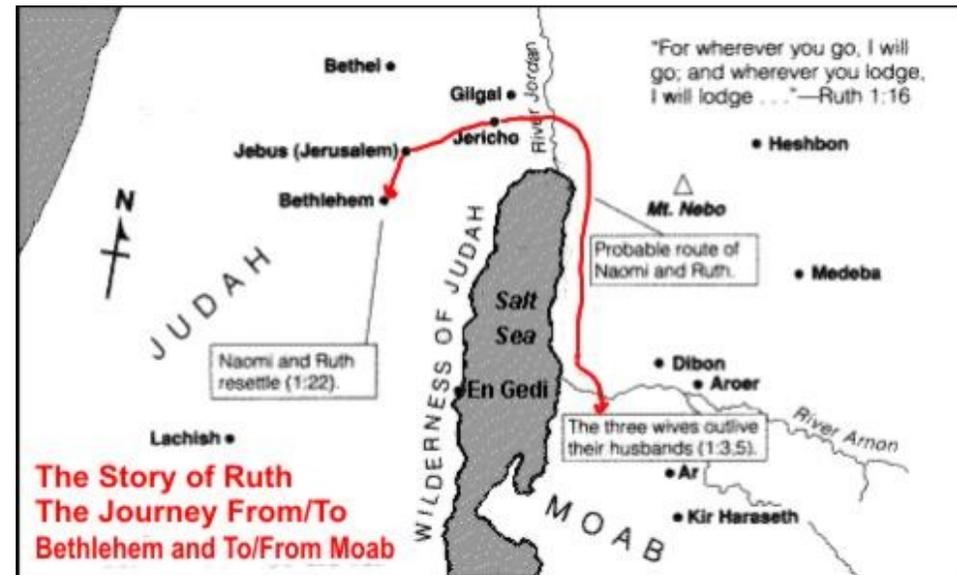
The book of Ruth is a love story. It is often looked at as a love story about Ruth, but if you look closely, you will find that this story is really a love story between God, and Naomi first, the people of Israel second, and ultimately a love story for all mankind.

Nothing is known of the author, nor exactly when this book was written. Some place it at 900 BC, after the reign of David. Others place it about 500 BC at the exile.

The When:

The book of Ruth occurs about 2 centuries after Moab's King Eglon invaded Israel (Judges 3:12-30) and about 80 years before Saul's battles with Moab (1 Samuel 14:47).

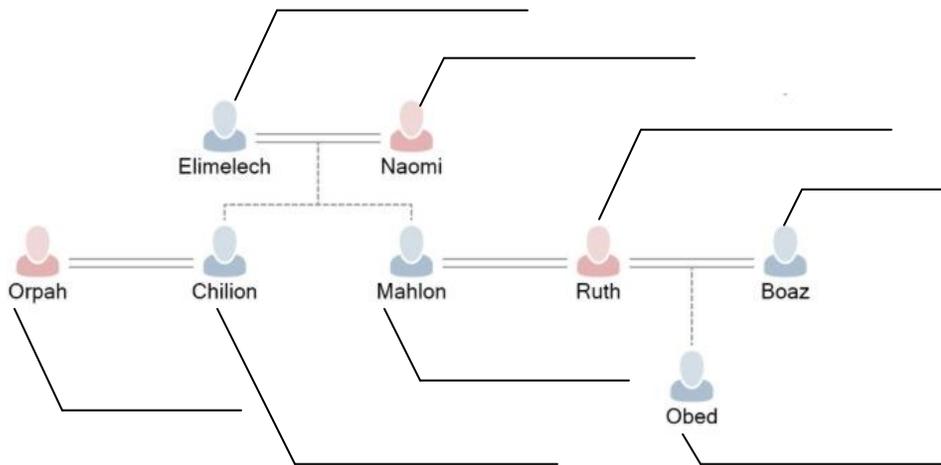
This period can be summarized by looking at Judges 17:6, 18:1, 19:1, 21:25. There was no king in Israel and the people did that which was right in their own eyes.



Outline of Ruth:

- I. From _____ to _____ **Ruth 1:1-6, 19-21**
- II. _____ brings full commitment..... **Ruth 1:7-18, 22**
- III. Seeking grace, finding _____ **Ruth 2**
- IV. Seeking redemption, finding _____ **Ruth 3**
- V. _____ brings full redemption **Ruth 4:1-12**
- VI. From _____ to _____ **Ruth 4:13-22**

The Key Players:



Narrator



The Nearer Kinsman



Bethlehem

Naomi Widowed

1 In the days ^awhen the judges ruled there was ^ba famine in the land, and a man of ^cBethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ² The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were ^dEphrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³ But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵ and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Ruth's Loyalty to Naomi

⁶ Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that ^ethe LORD had visited his people and ^fgiven them food.

Naomi and Ruth Return

¹⁹ So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, ^pthe whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, "Is this Naomi?" ²⁰ She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; ¹ call me ^qMara, ² for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. ²¹ 'I went away full, and the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the LORD has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?'"

Important Words and Terms:

Deal Kindly (1:8, 2:13, 2:20, 3:10) _____

Glean _____

Kinsman Redeemer (Lev 25:25-27) _____

Leverite Marriage (Deut 25:5-10) _____

Visited (1:6; Gen 21:1; 1 Sam 2:21a) _____

Worthy (2:1, 3:11) _____