

Study Notes:

Vs 6-7 Naomi _____ with her _____ to _____ to Judah.

Vs 8-10 Discourse #1

Vs 8-9 Naomi _____ her daughter-in-laws to their _____ praying for _____ blessing.

Vs 10 _____ we will _____ with you.

Vs 11-14 Discourse #2

Vs 11-13 Naomi _____ them _____ because she could never provide _____ to _____ . [Leverite Marriage Deut 25:5-10]

Vs 14 Orpah _____ her mother-in-law but Ruth _____ to her.

Vs 15-18 Discourse #3

Vs 15 Naomi tells _____ to follow _____ to her _____ and her _____ .

Vs 16-17

- A. Do not _____ me.
- B. Where you _____ I will _____ ...
- C. Your _____ my _____ your _____ my _____ .
- B. Where you _____ I will _____ ...
- A. May _____ do all this and more

Vs 18 Naomi says _____ .

Vs 22 So Naomi _____ with _____ her daughter-in-law.



Ruth, A Love Story #2

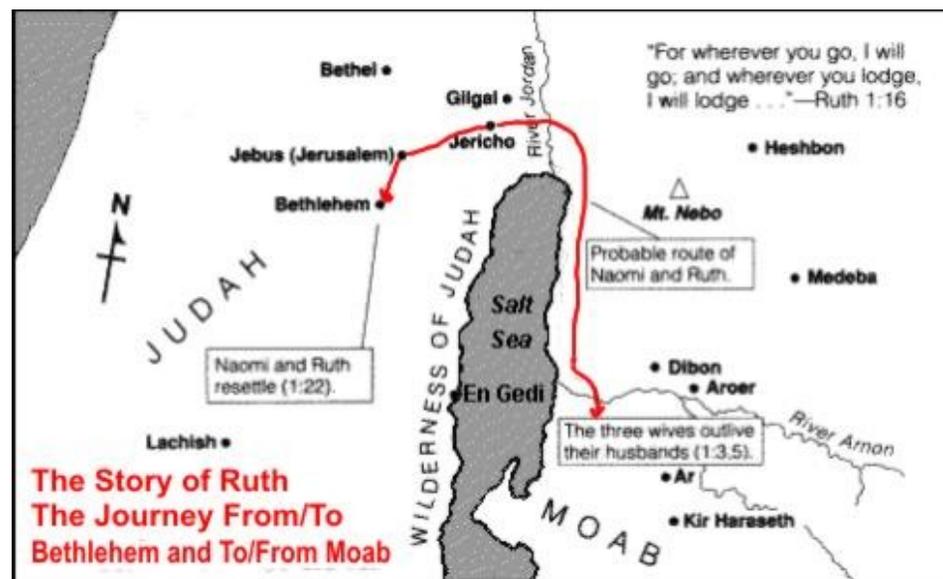
The Context:

Naomi is in Moab having been away from Bethlehem for more than 10 years. She believes that God has dealt bitterly with her as she is now “alone” in the alien land.

Having heard that there is now food in Bethlehem, Naomi has set out to return to Bethlehem. Close behind, her two daughters-in-law are following her in her trek to Judah.

Many might claim the key issue of vs 6-22 is “*return*” but there is a much deeper issue here. We read in vs 6 that Naomi arose with her two daughters-in-law but later, in vs 19, we read that Naomi arrives in Bethlehem with only Ruth.

Chapter 1:6-19 tells us why only one daughter-in-law arrived with Naomi while two departed Moab with her.



Outline of Ruth:

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

Outline of Ruth 1:6-19,22:

- Vs 6-7 Narrator - Returning to the land.
- Vs 8-10 Naomi's first discourse and response by Ruth & Orpah.
- Vs 15-17 Naomi's second discourse, the departure of Orpah but Ruth remains.
- Vs 15-18 Naomi's third discourse and Ruth's response.
- Vs 22 Narrator - Arrived at the beginning of barley harvest.

Ruth 1:6-22 (ESV)

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

⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.

⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me.

⁹The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept.

¹⁰And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people."

¹¹But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands?"

¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons,

¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me."

¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her

mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."

¹⁶But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you."

¹⁸And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

¹⁹So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, "Is this Naomi?"

²⁰She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.

²¹I 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?"

²²So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.