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# **Ruth**

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# Ruth

## I. Ruth chooses to go with Naomi - 1:1-22

### A. Naomi and her family go to Moab - 1:1-5

#### 1. the family of Naomi goes to Moab - 1:1-2

##### a. a man of Bethlehem moved to Moab during a famine - 1:1

**this move came during the days of the judges**

it was probably during the time of Jair - Judges 10:3-5  
(the period suggested for his time as judge was 1126-1105 B.C.)

**this move was due to a famine in the land**

the land had experienced other famines during:

the time of Abraham - Genesis 12

the time of Isaac - Genesis 26

the time of Jacob - Genesis 46

**this move involved a man from the town of Bethlehem-Judah**

Bethlehem-Judah means the house of bread and praise

**this move was to the land of Moab**

the Moabites were descendents of Lot - Genesis 19:37

the Moabites were forbidden to enter Israel until the tenth generation - Deut. 23:3  
(Ruth was probably at least 11 generations from that curse)

**this move involved the entire family**

the man took his wife and two sons with him

##### b. a man of Bethlehem took his family to Moab - 1:2

**Elimelech was the name of the father of the family**

the name Elimelech means "my God is King"

**Elimelech had a wife whose name was Naomi**

the name Naomi means "pleasant or lovely"

**Elimelech had two sons named Mahlon and Chilion**

the name Mahlon means "sick"

the name Chilion means "pining"

**Elimelech and his family were Ephrathites from Bethlehem-Judah**

Ephrath was the name Bethlehem had been called earlier - Genesis 35:16, 19

**Elimelech took his family to the land of Moab**

**Elimelech and his family stayed there for a period of years**

the family stayed in Moab for about ten years - Ruth 1:4

## 2. the family of Naomi dies - 1:3-5

### a. Naomi sees her husband die first - 1:3

#### **Elimelech died while he was in Moab**

this happened sometime during the ten year period - Ruth 1:4  
(probably during the earlier part of the ten years since the sons later married)

#### **Elimelech left Naomi a widow in a foreign land**

Naomi was in a foreign land with no husband to care for her  
(widows often lived a very difficult life in that time)

#### **Elimelech left his two sons fatherless in a foreign land**

Naomi was in a foreign land with no father to guide her sons  
without spiritual guidance the sons married idol worshippers - Ruth 1:15

### b. Naomi sees her two sons marry Moabite women - 1:4

#### **Naomi saw her two sons marry women of Moab**

the Moabites worshipped idols - Ruth 1:15

the Moabites were descendants of Lot - Genesis 19:37

the Moabites had gotten Israel to worship their idols - Numbers 25:1-3

#### **Naomi saw one son marry Orpah**

Orpah was the wife of Chilion - Ruth 4:10

the name Orpah means "stubborn"

#### **Naomi saw the other son marry Ruth**

Ruth was the wife of Mahlon - Ruth 4:10

the name Ruth means "friendship"

### c. Naomi sees her two sons die - 1:5

#### **Mahlon died while they were in Moab**

Mahlon was only married a short time and then he died  
the name of Mahlon means "sick" or "sickly"

#### **Chilion also died while they were in Moab**

Chilion also died after being married only a short time  
the name Chilion means "pining" (to be in poor health)

#### **Naomi lost both of her sons**

Naomi had now lost both her husband and her sons  
neither son had children so Naomi had no grandchildren

#### **Naomi had already lost her husband**

Elimelech was the first in the family to die - Ruth 1:3

Naomi now had no family to protect and care for her

**B. Naomi tells her daughters-in-law to return to their families - 1:6-14**

**1. the daughters-in-law start to return with Naomi - 1:6-7**

**a. Naomi decided to return to her own land - 1:6**

**Naomi and her daughters-in-law arose to go to Israel**  
**Naomi had heard that God had given Israel food**  
the Lord showed concern by visiting His people - Luke 1:68  
(in this case the Lord brought rain to end the famine)

**b. Naomi saw her daughters-in-law start with her - 1:7**

**the daughters-in-law started out with Naomi**  
**the daughters-in-law went with her toward Judah**  
Naomi was returning to the town of Bethlehem - Ruth 1:19

**2. the daughters-in-law are told to return to their families - 1:8-10**

**a. Naomi told the daughters-in-law to return to their own families - 1:8**

**Naomi told the daughters-in-law to return to their own mothers**  
**Naomi told them that the Lord would deal kindly with them**  
Naomi knew that the Lord must be the provider - Ruth 4:14  
**Naomi said this as they were on the road toward Judah**

**b. Naomi told them to wait for another husband - 1:9**

**Naomi hoped that the Lord would give them rest**  
Naomi meant that the Lord would provide a husband - Ruth 3:1  
**Naomi hoped that the Lord would give them another husband**  
life was very difficult for a widow whose husband had died  
**Naomi gave them a farewell kiss**  
**Naomi saw them weep in sorrow**

**c. Naomi heard them say they would return with her - 1:10**

**Naomi heard the daughters-in-law answer her**  
**Naomi heard the daughters-in-law say they would return to Judah**  
the Lord revealed that Orpah was only showing loyalty - Ruth 1:14-15  
the Lord revealed that Ruth was telling the truth - Ruth 1:16-18

### 3. the daughters-in-law are offered no hope - 1:11-14

#### a. Naomi said that she had no more sons - 1:11

**Naomi told her daughters-in-law to turn back**  
this is the second time she told them to turn back - Ruth 1:7  
**Naomi asked why they would want to go with her**  
Naomi knew she could not provide them with husbands - Deut. 25:5-6  
**Naomi said she was not able to have any more sons**  
Naomi was probably over fifty at this time

#### b. Naomi said she was too old to have another husband - 1:12

**Naomi told her daughters-in-law another time to turn back**  
Naomi saw no future for them if they went with her - Ruth 1:20-21  
**Naomi said she was too old to have another husband**  
Naomi knew she would probably not find another husband at her age  
**Naomi said there was no hope even if she could get a husband that night**  
Naomi knew she was probably too old to have additional sons  
**Naomi said there was no hope even if she then had other sons**  
Naomi knew they would be old before sons could grow up

#### c. Naomi said if she did they would not want to wait for more sons - 1:13

**Naomi said they would not want to wait for the sons to grow up**  
Naomi knew that they wanted a family - Ruth 4:13  
**Naomi said they would not want to wait for years to get married again**  
Naomi knew that they had a desire for another husband - Ruth 3:16-18  
**Naomi said her daughters-in-law should not even consider that possibility**  
Naomi had not thought of the possibility of another kinsman - Ruth 2:20  
**Naomi said that she was grieved that she could not provide for them**  
Naomi had a real desire to provide for them - Ruth 3:1

#### d. Naomi heard her daughters-in-law weep again - 1:14

**Naomi heard the daughters-in-law weep at her words**  
this is the second time they wept - Ruth 1:9  
**Naomi was then kissed by Orpah**  
Orpah made the choice to go back to her gods - Ruth 1:15  
**Naomi had Ruth just cling to her**  
Ruth made the choice to serve the Lord - Ruth 1:16

## **C. Naomi sees the choice of Ruth - 1:15-18**

### **1. Ruth did not want to return to idols - 1:15**

**Ruth was told her sister-in-law had gone back to her people**

Orpah made the choice to return to Moab - Ruth 1:14

**Ruth was told her sister-in-law had gone back to her gods**

the Moabites worshipped the god Chemosh - Numbers 21:29; I Kings 11:33

the Moabites offered human sacrifices to Chemosh - II Kings 3:27

**Ruth was told that she should also go back**

Ruth was told to turn back several times - Ruth 1:8; 1:11; 1:12; 1:15

### **2. Ruth wanted to worship God - 1:16-17**

**Ruth asked Naomi not to ask her to leave**

Ruth wanted to care for her mother-in-law - Ruth 2:2

**Ruth asked not to be turned away by Naomi**

Ruth wanted to provide for her mother-in-law - Ruth 2:18

**Ruth said she would go where Naomi went**

Ruth wanted to return with her to Bethlehem - Ruth 1:19

**Ruth said she would live where Naomi lived**

Ruth chose to live her life in Bethlehem - Ruth 1:19

**Ruth said she would serve the God of Naomi**

Ruth had made the choice to serve the Lord - Joshua 24:15

Ruth was rewarded by being in the family of David - Ruth 4:21-22

Ruth was rewarded by being included in the family of the Lord - Matthew 1:5

**Ruth said she would die where Naomi died**

Ruth chose to remain for her entire life

**Ruth said she would be buried where Naomi was buried**

Ruth chose to be buried in the land of promise

**Ruth said that the only thing that would part them was death**

Ruth said this commitment was for a lifetime

### **3. Ruth would not change her mind - 1:18**

**Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her**

Ruth had chosen not to go back to her gods - Ruth 1:15

Ruth had chosen to follow the Lord - Ruth 1:16

**Naomi stopped trying to persuade her to go back**

Naomi then took Ruth with her to Bethlehem - Ruth 1:19

Naomi and Ruth left Moab and came to Bethlehem - Ruth 1:22



## **D. Naomi and Ruth return to Bethlehem - 1:19-22**

### **1. Naomi and Ruth returned to Bethlehem - 1:19**

#### **Naomi and Ruth returned to Bethlehem**

Naomi had left Bethlehem ten years earlier - Ruth 1:1-4

#### **Naomi caused the whole town to be moved**

Naomi had been well known in the town

#### **Naomi caused the whole town to question**

Naomi must have looked much older after what had happened

### **2. Naomi said to call her Mara - 1:20**

#### **Naomi said not to call her Naomi any longer**

the name Naomi means "pleasant"

#### **Naomi said to call her Mara**

the name Mara means "bitter" - Exodus 15:23

#### **Naomi said that God had dealt with her very bitterly**

Naomi felt that she had been chastened by the Lord - Psalm 73:14

### **3. Naomi said that she had come home empty - 1:21**

#### **Naomi said that she had gone out full**

Naomi felt she had left with her entire family - Ruth 1:2

#### **Naomi said that the Lord had brought her home empty**

Naomi now came home without her family - Ruth 1:3-5

#### **Naomi said that was the reason why she wanted to change her name**

Naomi said that she needed a name that described how she felt

#### **Naomi said the Lord had testified against her**

Naomi felt similar to the way Job felt - Job 10:17

#### **Naomi said that the Lord had afflicted her**

Naomi felt like she was experiencing great pain - Ruth 1:3-5

### **4. Naomi returned at the beginning of barley harvest - 1:22**

#### **Naomi had returned to Bethlehem with Ruth**

Naomi was not alone because Ruth was with her - Ruth 1:16-19

#### **Naomi and Ruth had come from the country of Moab**

this trip probably took them from 7 to 10 days

#### **Naomi and Ruth returned at the beginning of barley harvest**

the beginning of barley harvest would be about the middle of April

## **II. Ruth chooses to provide for Naomi - 2:1-23**

### **A. Boaz has Ruth come to glean in his field - 2:1-3**

#### **1. Ruth and Naomi had a relative of Elimelech named Boaz - 2:1**

##### **Boaz was a close relative of Elimelech**

Boaz was possibly a brother of Elimelech - Ruth 4:3

Boaz was the second closest relative to Elimelech - Ruth 4:4

##### **Boaz was a mighty man**

the name Boaz means "in him is strength"

##### **Boaz was a wealthy man**

the word translated wealth is usually translated valor - Judges 6:2; 11:1

##### **Boaz was related to Naomi through Elimelech**

Boaz explained this family relationship - Ruth 4:3-5

Naomi also explained this family relationship - Ruth 2:20

#### **2. Ruth said that she would go and glean to gather food for them - 2:2**

##### **Ruth was concerned to provide for Naomi**

Ruth gave most of what she gleaned to Naomi - Ruth 2:18

##### **Ruth asked if she could go to the fields and glean**

Ruth was willing to work long and hard to provide for Naomi - Ruth 2:23

##### **Ruth wanted to gather the heads of grain that were left**

Ruth went to glean the kernels of grain that got left - Ruth 2:7

##### **Ruth said she would do this in the field where she found grace**

Ruth was trusting the Lord to lead her - Ruth 2:8-12

##### **Ruth was encouraged to go glean by Naomi**

Ruth had told Naomi she would go with her earlier - Ruth 1:16-18

#### **3. Ruth happened to glean in the field of Boaz - 2:3**

##### **Ruth went out to a field being harvested**

Ruth was told to stay in that field by Boaz - Ruth 2:8

##### **Ruth began to glean after the reapers**

Ruth was a hard worker as she gleaned - Ruth 2:5

##### **Ruth had happened to come to the field of Boaz**

Boaz was already aware of Ruth - Ruth 2:11-12

##### **Ruth did not know that Boaz was a relative of Elimelech**

Ruth told Naomi she had gleaned in the field of Boaz - Ruth 2:19

Naomi told her that Boaz was a relative - Ruth 2:20

## **B. Boaz meets Ruth - 2:4-7**

### **1. Boaz came to visit his harvesters in the field - 2:4**

#### **Boaz came from Bethlehem to the field**

Boaz spent time with his workers - Ruth 2:14

#### **Boaz greeted those who were working in his field**

Boaz had learned the importance of greeting his workers - Romans 16:16

#### **Boaz was greeted by his reapers**

Boaz took time to listen to his workers - James 1:19

### **2. Boaz asked who the young woman was in the field - 2:5**

#### **Boaz called his servant who was in charge**

Boaz knew how to delegate work to others - Exodus 18:21

#### **Boaz asked the servant who the young woman in the field was**

Boaz developed an immediate interest in Ruth - Ruth 2:14-16

### **3. Boaz was told it was the Moabite woman who came with Naomi - 2:6**

#### **Boaz was given an answer by the servant in charge**

Boaz heard about the request of Ruth - Ruth 2:7

#### **Boaz heard the young woman was from Moab**

Boaz was told that Ruth was a Moabitess - Ruth 1:22

#### **Boaz heard she was the one who had come back with Naomi**

Boaz heard it was the woman who returned with Naomi - Ruth 1:19

#### **Boaz heard she had come from the country of Moab**

Boaz was told that she had come from Moab - Ruth 1:22

### **4. Boaz heard she had asked to glean in the field - 2:7**

#### **Boaz heard she had asked for permission to glean**

Ruth had asked for permission to glean - Ruth 2:2

#### **Boaz heard she had asked to gather after the reapers**

Ruth had been gleaning in the field after the reapers - Ruth 2:3

Ruth was later allowed to glean among the reapers - Ruth 2:15

#### **Boaz heard that she had worked from morning until that very moment**

Ruth was a hard and faithful worker - Ruth 2:23

#### **Boaz heard she had only taken one short break**

Ruth spent her time in the field working - Ruth 2:17

Ruth was able to gather more than most - Ruth 2:17

### **C. Boaz chooses to protect Ruth - 2:8-13**

#### **1. Ruth was invited to stay in the fields of Boaz - 2:8**

##### **Boaz went and talked to Ruth**

Boaz wanted Ruth to stay in his field - Ruth 2:21

##### **Boaz told her to listen to his words**

Boaz had heard about the faithfulness of Ruth - Ruth 2:11

##### **Boaz told her not to glean in any other field**

Boaz wanted her to glean in his fields - Ruth 2:23

##### **Boaz told her to stay in his field with the young women**

Ruth followed his instructions and stayed close by the maidens - Ruth 2:23

#### **2. Ruth was told Boaz would protect and provide for her - 2:9**

##### **Boaz told her to look in the field to see where his maidens were reaping**

Ruth was to follow these young maidens in that field - Ruth 2:23

##### **Boaz told her to follow them as they reaped**

Ruth was also told by Naomi to follow those maidens - Ruth 2:22

##### **Boaz said he had told the young men not to touch her**

the young men were the ones who cut the grain - Ruth 2:21

##### **Boaz told her to drink water from his vessels**

Boaz wanted to supply her basic needs - Ruth 2:14

##### **Boaz said the young men had brought this water**

the young men carried water as well as cut grain - Ruth 2:21

#### **3. Ruth asked why she had received grace as a foreigner - 2:10**

##### **Ruth fell on her face before Boaz**

Ruth showed the humility of her character - Ruth 2:13

##### **Ruth bowed herself to the ground**

Ruth showed her respect for others - Ruth 2:2-7

##### **Ruth asked why she had found grace in his eyes**

Ruth found out later he was a close relative - Ruth 2:20

Ruth learned later he was a man of godly character - Ruth 4:13

##### **Ruth asked why he would even notice her**

Ruth learned that Boaz knew all about her - Ruth 2:11

##### **Ruth asked why he would treat a foreigner with kindness**

the Moabites had not shown kindness to Israel - Deut. 23:4

Ruth may have known that the law excluded the Moabites - Deut. 23:3

Ruth had chosen to join the people of Israel and serve God - Ruth 1:16

#### 4. Ruth heard that Boaz knew about the choice she had made - 2:11

##### **Boaz told he had heard all about Ruth**

**Boaz said he had heard what she had done for her mother-in-law**

Ruth had determined that she would help her mother-in-law - Ruth 1:18

**Boaz had heard how she took care of her after Elimelech died**

Ruth had come to Bethlehem with Naomi - Ruth 1:19

**Boaz had heard how she had left her own father and mother**

Ruth had chosen to leave her own people - Ruth 1:13-16

**Boaz had heard how she had left her own land**

Ruth had chosen to go with Naomi - Ruth 1:16

**Boaz had heard that she had chosen to come to a land she did not know**

Ruth had chosen to be buried in a foreign land - Ruth 1:17

#### 5. Ruth heard that the Lord would give her a reward - 2:12

**Boaz said the Lord would reward her work**

the Lord used Boaz to help reward Ruth - Ruth 2:16, 19

(Boaz gave instructions to let handfuls fall on purpose for her)

**Boaz said the Lord would give her a full reward**

the Lord gave Ruth far more than she expected - Ruth 4:13-15

the Lord included Ruth in the genealogy of David - Ruth 4:21-22

the Lord included Ruth in the genealogy of Christ - Matt. 1:5

**Boaz recognized that she had put her trust in the Lord**

Ruth's life reflected the choice that she had made - Ruth 1:16-18

#### 6. Ruth thanked Boaz for showing her this kindness - 2:13

**Ruth asked to find favor in the sight of Boaz**

Ruth had trusted the Lord that someone would show grace - Ruth 2:2

Ruth had been led by the Lord to the field of Boaz - Ruth 2:20

**Ruth said that Boaz had comforted her**

Ruth had been encouraged by the actions of Boaz - Ruth 2:9

Ruth had been encouraged by the words of Boaz - Ruth 2:8, 13

**Ruth said that Boaz had spoken friendly words to her**

Ruth recognized the trust of Boaz in the Lord - Ruth 2:12

Ruth also reported this kindness to Naomi - Ruth 2:21

**Ruth said Boaz had done this even though she was a foreigner**

Ruth recognized herself as a foreigner in Israel - Ruth 2:2

Ruth did not tell him about her commitment to the Lord - Ruth 1:16-18

## **D. Boaz provides for Ruth - 2:14-17**

### **1. Boaz invited Ruth to eat with the workers - 2:14**

**Boaz told her to join the workers at mealtime**

Boaz did not treat her like a foreigner - Galatians 1:11-13

**Boaz told her to eat the food he had provided**

Boaz also provided enough for Naomi - Ruth 2:18

**Ruth then sat down with the reapers**

**Ruth was given grain by Boaz**

Boaz continued to show special interest in Ruth - Ruth 2:22-23

**Ruth ate until she was satisfied**

**Ruth then went back to work**

Ruth worked in the field until the evening - Ruth 2:17

### **2. Boaz told the workers to let Ruth glean among the sheaves - 2:15**

**Boaz waited until Ruth had gone back to glean**

Boaz gave further instructions to his workers about Ruth - Ruth 2:16

**Boaz then told the young men to let her glean among the sheaves**

Boaz told them to provide extra for her - Ruth 2:20

**Boaz told the young men to treat her with respect**

Boaz wanted to protect her from any problem - Ruth 2:8-9

### **3. Boaz told them to drop some handfuls on purpose for Ruth - 2:16**

**Boaz told them to let some handfuls fall on purpose for Ruth**

Boaz had said the Lord would reward her work - Ruth 2:12

**Boaz told them to leave those handfuls for Ruth**

Boaz showed the grace of God by providing extra - Ruth 3:15-17

**Boaz said to leave plenty for her to glean**

Boaz was providing for both Naomi and Ruth - Ruth 2:20

**Boaz told them not to rebuke her**

Boaz made sure she would be treated with respect - Ruth 2:9

### **4. Boaz made it possible for Ruth to glean an ephah of barley - 2:17**

**Ruth worked in the field until evening**

**Ruth pounded out the grain she had gleaned**

**Ruth had about an ephah of barley**

this was between 30 and 40 pounds of barley

## **E. Boaz has his kindness noticed by Naomi - 2:18-23**

### **1. Ruth brought what she had gleaned to Naomi - 2:18**

#### **Ruth then gathered up her grain**

Ruth had separated the grain from the husks - Ruth 2:17

#### **Ruth took her grain with her to Bethlehem**

Ruth had gone out to the field which was away from Bethlehem - Ruth 2:2-4

#### **Ruth brought Naomi what she had gleaned**

Naomi recognized the large amount she had gleaned - Ruth 2:19

#### **Ruth also gave Naomi the extra from the meal Boaz gave her**

Boaz had provided more than she could eat - Ruth 2:14

### **2. Ruth was asked where she had gleaned - 2:19**

#### **Naomi asked Ruth where she had gleaned**

Naomi saw that God had provided abundantly - Ruth 2:17  
(this was between 30 and 40 pounds of barley)

#### **Naomi asked Ruth in whose field she had worked**

Naomi learned she had been in the field of Boaz - Ruth 2:3

#### **Naomi heard that she had worked in the field of Boaz**

Naomi learned God had led her to the field of a relative - Ruth 2:1-3

### **3. Ruth heard that Boaz was a close relative - 2:20**

#### **Naomi gave thanks to the Lord**

Naomi realized God had not forgotten her - Ruth 1:20-21

#### **Naomi thanked the Lord for showing kindness to them**

Naomi realized that the Lord was working through Ruth - Ruth 1:16-18

Naomi realized that the Lord was working through Boaz - Ruth 2:11

#### **Naomi said the Lord showed kindness both to the living and the dead**

Naomi realized God had not forgotten her family - Ruth 1:8

Naomi saw that God was providing a kinsman-redeemer - Ruth 4:3-5

Naomi did not explain the role of a kinsman-redeemer - Ruth 2:22

#### **Naomi said that Boaz was related to them**

Naomi said that Boaz was related to Elimelech - Ruth 2:1

#### **Naomi said that Boaz was a close kinsman**

Naomi knew that a close kinsman could redeem - Ruth 3:18

Naomi knew that a close kinsman had to be both willing and able to redeem

Boaz was willing to redeem - Ruth 4:3-4

Boaz was able to redeem - Ruth 4:5-11

#### 4. Ruth told what Boaz had said - 2:21

##### **Ruth told about the words of Boaz**

Ruth told Naomi what Boaz had said - Ruth 2:8-14

##### **Ruth said that Boaz had told her to continue to work in his field**

Ruth told how he had said to not go to any other field - Ruth 2:8-9

##### **Ruth said that Boaz told her to stay until his harvest ended**

Ruth told how he had said to stay in his field until the end of harvest - Ruth 2:8

#### 5. Ruth was told to follow the instructions of Boaz - 2:22

##### **Naomi said to listen to the words of Boaz**

Naomi recognized the care of Boaz - Ruth 2:11

Naomi also recognized the interest of Boaz - Ruth 3:1

##### **Naomi recognized Ruth as her daughter**

Naomi had heard the request of Ruth to go with her - Ruth 1:16-18

##### **Naomi told her to work in the field with the workers of Boaz**

Naomi told her that Boaz was a close relative - Ruth 2:20

##### **Naomi told her not to go to any other field**

Naomi told her to follow the instructions of Boaz - Ruth 2:8-9

#### 6. Ruth continued to glean in the field of Boaz - 2:23

##### **Ruth gleaned in the field of Boaz**

Ruth went back to the field where she had gleaned - Ruth 2:3

##### **Ruth gleaned there throughout the barley harvest**

Ruth and Naomi returned at the beginning of barley harvest - Ruth 1:22

Ruth had immediately gone out to glean to provide food - Ruth 2:2

Ruth had been led by God to the field of Boaz - Ruth 2:3

##### **Ruth also gleaned there throughout the wheat harvest**

Ruth continued to glean through the wheat harvest - Ruth 2:23

(this meant that she worked in the field for almost two full months)

##### **Ruth continued to live with Naomi**

Ruth had chosen to live with Naomi - Ruth 1:16

Ruth had chosen to serve God with Naomi - Ruth 1:16-17

Ruth was determined to go with Naomi - Ruth 1:18

Ruth wanted to provide for Naomi - Ruth 2:2

Ruth shared what she gleaned with Naomi - Ruth 2:18

Ruth was encouraged by Naomi to seek redemption by Boaz - Ruth 3:1

Ruth was instructed in the proper way to seek redemption - Ruth 3:2-4

Ruth said she would follow the instructions of Naomi - Ruth 3:5



### III. Ruth chooses to follow the advice of Naomi - 3:1-18

#### A. Boaz is suggested as a husband for Ruth - 3:1-5

##### 1. Naomi said she would seek rest for Ruth - 3:1

**Naomi told Ruth that she would seek rest for her**  
Naomi felt responsible to find a husband for Ruth - Ruth 1:9  
**Naomi told Ruth that she wanted what was best for her**  
Naomi knew that life was hard for a widow in the land - Ruth 1:12-13

##### 2. Naomi said that Boaz would be at the threshing floor - 3:2

**Naomi reminded Ruth that Boaz was their relative**  
**Naomi said Boaz would be winnowing his barley that night**  
Naomi knew that the threshing floor was a public meeting place - Ruth 3:11

##### 3. Naomi told Ruth to go to the threshing floor - 3:3

**Naomi told Ruth to wash and anoint herself**  
**Naomi told her to get dressed to go to the threshing floor**  
**Naomi told her to go to the threshing floor**  
**Naomi said not to make herself known to Boaz**  
**Naomi told her to wait until after he ate when the work was finished**  
Naomi knew the procedures at the threshing floor - Ruth 3:6-7

##### 4. Naomi told Ruth to lay down at his feet 3:4

**Naomi told her to notice where he laid down**  
Ruth was obedient to the instructions of Naomi - Ruth 3:7  
**Naomi told her to then go uncover his feet**  
Ruth followed the instructions of Naomi - Ruth 3:7  
**Naomi told her to lie down at his feet**  
**Naomi told her that Boaz would tell her what to do**  
Ruth was told by Boaz what to do - Ruth 3:12-13

##### 5. Naomi heard that Ruth would follow instructions - 3:5

**Ruth gave her answer to Naomi**  
**Ruth said that she would do exactly what Naomi suggested**  
Ruth was obedient to all Naomi said to do - Ruth 3:6-13

## **B. Boaz is asked to fulfill the responsibility of a kinsman - 3:6-9**

### **1. Ruth followed the instructions of Naomi - 3:6**

#### **Ruth went to the threshing floor**

Ruth did as Naomi had said to do - Ruth 3:3

#### **Ruth did exactly what Naomi had told her to do**

Ruth showed a very submissive attitude - Ephesians 5:21

### **2. Ruth lay down at the feet of Boaz - 3:7**

#### **Ruth watched until Boaz finished working and eating**

Ruth spent the evening at the threshing floor - Ruth 3:6

#### **Ruth watched when Boaz lay down next to the heap of grain**

Boaz lay down at the end of the heap of grain

#### **Ruth came quietly to where he was sleeping**

Ruth followed the instructions of Naomi - Ruth 3:4

#### **Ruth uncovered the feet of Boaz**

Ruth lay at his feet until midnight - Ruth 3:8

#### **Ruth then lay down at his feet**

Ruth remained at his feet until morning - Ruth 3:13

### **3. Ruth caused Boaz to be startled -3:8**

#### **Boaz was startled at midnight**

Ruth was lying at his feet - Ruth 3:7

#### **Boaz turned himself to see**

#### **Boaz saw a woman lying at his feet**

Ruth was immediately asked who she was - Ruth 3:9

### **4. Ruth asked Boaz to provide her protection - 3:9**

#### **Boaz asked who was at his feet**

Boaz had not known when Ruth laid down at his feet - Ruth 3:7

#### **Boaz heard Ruth answer him**

Ruth was carefully following the instructions of Naomi - Ruth 3:4

#### **Ruth said that she was his handmaid**

#### **Ruth asked him to spread his skirt over his handmaid**

Boaz was given a request to redeem the land of Elimelech - Ruth 4:5

#### **Ruth reminded him that he was a near kinsman**

Boaz was from the family of Elimelech - Ruth 2:1

## **C. Boaz agrees to fulfill the responsibility of a kinsman - 3:10-13**

### **1. Ruth heard Boaz say she had shown kindness - 3:10**

#### **Boaz gave Ruth a blessing**

Boaz had already shown his care in the barley field - Ruth 2:15-17

**Boaz said that she was now showing great kindness**

Boaz recognized her action to a near kinsman - Ruth 3:11

**Boaz said her kindness was even greater than at the beginning**

Boaz had recognized her kindness to Naomi - Ruth 2:11

**Boaz complimented her for not following the young men**

**Boaz complimented her for not following the rich**

### **2. Ruth heard Boaz say he would take responsibility - 3:11**

#### **Boaz told Ruth not to fear**

Ruth heard how Boaz would provide for her - Ruth 3:12-13

**Boaz told Ruth he would do what she had requested**

Ruth heard Boaz would talk to the nearer kinsman - Ruth 3:13

**Boaz told Ruth that everyone knew she was a virtuous woman**

Ruth had her virtue recognized even though she was a foreigner - Ruth 1:16-18

### **3. Ruth heard that there was a closer kinsman - 3:12**

#### **Boaz said it was true he was a kinsman**

Boaz promised to talk to the nearer kinsman - Ruth 4:4

**Boaz said there was a kinsman who was a closer relative**

Boaz talked to the nearer kinsman the next day - Ruth 4:1-5

### **4. Ruth heard that Boaz would talk to the kinsman - 3:13**

#### **Boaz told her to stay until the morning**

**Boaz told Ruth he would talk to the kinsman about his responsibility**

Boaz did talk to the kinsman about his responsibility - Ruth 4:4

**Boaz said he would give the nearer kinsman his rightful opportunity**

Boaz wanted to do things the right way - Ruth 4:1-5

**Boaz said that he would ask the kinsman if he would take responsibility**

Boaz heard the kinsman would fulfill his responsibility at first - Ruth 4:4

**Boaz said otherwise he would take the responsibility of a kinsman**

Boaz was the only one willing to take the full responsibility - Ruth 4:6-10

**Boaz told Ruth to lie down until the morning**

## **D. Boaz sends a gift for Naomi - 3:14-18**

### **1. Ruth stayed at the threshing floor until morning - 3:14**

**Ruth lay at the feet of Boaz until morning**  
**Ruth got up before it started to get light**  
**Ruth was told not to tell anyone she had come to the threshing floor**  
Boaz was careful to protect the virtue of Ruth - Ruth 3:11

### **2. Ruth was given six measures of barley by Boaz - 3:15**

**Boaz told Ruth to bring her coat**  
**Boaz filled her coat with barley**  
**Boaz then let her return to the city**

### **3. Ruth told Naomi all that had happened - 3:16**

**Naomi asked Ruth how things had gone**  
Ruth told Naomi what Boaz had said - Ruth 3:9-13  
**Naomi heard what Boaz had done**  
Ruth showed Naomi what Boaz had given her - Ruth 3:15

### **4. Ruth gave the barley to Naomi - 3:17**

**Ruth showed Naomi the six measures of barley**  
Boaz had given her between 60 and 80 pounds of barley - Ruth 3:15  
**Ruth said Boaz had given the barley to her**  
Ruth told what Boaz had said and done - Ruth 3:16  
**Ruth said that Boaz has said it was a gift for Naomi**  
Boaz wanted a good relationship with his future in-law - Ruth 4:13-16

### **5. Ruth heard that Boaz would carry out his word - 3:18**

**Naomi told Ruth to wait quietly**  
Naomi knew the importance of waiting for the Lord to work - Isaiah 40:31  
**Naomi told Ruth to wait and see how things turned out**  
Naomi had confidence in the way God would work - Ruth 4:5-6  
**Naomi said that Boaz would take immediate action**  
Naomi knew that Boaz would act immediately - Ruth 4:1  
**Naomi said that Boaz would finish the matter that day**  
Naomi was correct as Boaz took care of the matter immediately - Ruth 4:1-10

#### IV. Ruth is rewarded for her choices - 4:1-22

##### A. Boaz hears the closer relative cannot redeem the inheritance of Elimelech - 4:1-6

###### 1. Boaz went to the city gate to meet the kinsman - 4:1

**Boaz went to the gate of the city**

the gate was the place where the leaders of the city met - Proverbs 31:23

**Boaz sat down at the gate and waited**

the gate was the place where Boaz gathered other leaders - Ruth 4:2

**Boaz waited for the closer kinsman**

the gate was the place where Boaz saw the closer kinsman - Ruth 3:13

**Boaz told the closer kinsman to sit down with him**

the kinsman would be given the first opportunity to redeem - Ruth 4:4-5

**Boaz saw the kinsman respond by sitting down with him**

the kinsman would be the one who made the choice - Ruth 4:6

###### 2. Boaz asked ten elders of the city to sit with them - 4:2

**Boaz spoke to ten of the men that were elders of the city**

Boaz wanted these men to witness the decision - Ruth 4:9

**Boaz asked the ten to sit down with them**

the elders sat at the gate to make decisions - Proverbs 31:23

**Boaz saw them all sit down**

the elders would be the witnesses - Ruth 4:9

###### 3. Boaz said that Naomi was selling the land of Elimelech - 4:3

**Boaz then spoke to the closer kinsman**

Boaz had said he would talk to the closer kinsman - Ruth 3:12-13

**Boaz reminded the kinsman that Naomi had come back from Moab**

Boaz knew that the close relative knew this - Ruth 1:19

**Boaz said that Naomi was going to sell a piece of land**

Boaz said this land also belonged to Ruth - Ruth 4:5

Boaz said the purchase included family responsibility - Ruth 4:6

Boaz said the purchase of land would also purchase a wife - Ruth 4:10

**Boaz said that land had formerly belonged to Elimelech**

Elimelech left the land when he went to Moab - Ruth 1:1

Elimelech had died in Moab - Ruth 1:3

the sons of Elimelech also died in Moab - Ruth 1:4-5

#### 4. Boaz asked the kinsman if he wanted to redeem the land - 4:4

**Boaz said he wanted to tell this closer kinsman**

Boaz had promised to talk to this kinsman - Ruth 3:13

**Boaz gave him the opportunity to redeem the land**

Boaz fulfilled his responsibility even though he loved Ruth - Ruth 3:10

Boaz knew he must talk to the kinsman first - Ruth 3:12

**Boaz gave him this opportunity in front of the elders**

Boaz asked the elders to be the witnesses - Ruth 4:11

**Boaz said if he would not redeem it to let him know**

Boaz was eager to redeem the land and marry Ruth - Ruth 4:9-10

**Boaz said that they were the two closest to redeem the land**

Boaz said the other relative was closer - Ruth 3:12

**Boaz heard the relative say he would redeem the land**

Boaz heard the relative say he could not redeem - Ruth 4:6

#### 5. Boaz said the buyer also had to marry Ruth - 4:5

**Boaz said he had to buy the land from both Naomi and Ruth**

this included marrying Ruth and having a child - Ruth 4:10

**Boaz reminded him that Ruth was the wife of the one who had died**

Ruth had been the wife of Mahlon - Ruth 1:2-5; 4:10

**Boaz said the one who bought the land would be responsible to marry Ruth**

this caused the relative to change his mind - Ruth 4:6

**Boaz said that this included raising up a child for the dead**

this child would carry on the family line of Mahlon - Ruth 4:10-12

this child would be the grandfather of David - Ruth 4:22

this child would be in the family line of Christ - Matthew 1:5

#### 6. Boaz heard the kinsman could not do it - 4:6

**the kinsman said he could not redeem the land for himself**

the kinsman changed his mind from his earlier statement - Ruth 4:4

**the kinsman said he could not mar his own inheritance**

the kinsman was concerned about his own family - Ruth 4:7-8

**the kinsman told Boaz that Boaz could have that right**

the kinsman was glad to let Boaz carry on the family line of Mahlon - Ruth 4:10-12

**the kinsman said that he could not redeem the inheritance**

the kinsman told Boaz to redeem the inheritance - Ruth 4:8

the kinsman had his decision witnessed by the elders - Ruth 4:9

the kinsman transferred all rights to Boaz - Ruth 4:8

## **B. Boaz redeems the inheritance of Elimelech - 4:7-12**

### **1. Boaz could make a shoe covenant - 4:7**

**Israel had a certain way to confirm a covenant**  
the shoe covenant is first mentioned in Deut. 25:5-10  
the shoe covenant was also mentioned in Amos 2:6 and 8:6  
**Israel followed this way when redeeming something**  
the shoe covenant is used here to also redeem - Ruth 4:9-11  
**Israel followed this rule when changing something**  
this rule was later greatly twisted by sin - Amos 2:6; 8:6  
**Israel would have the man take off his shoe**  
this was the procedure given by Moses - Deut 25:9  
**Israel would have the person give the shoe to the other person**  
this caused a man to embarrassed publicly - Deut. 25:10  
(here the kinsman gave the sandal to Boaz)  
**Israel did this as a witness of a covenant between people**  
the people all served as witnesses - Ruth 4:11-12

### **2. Boaz was invited to make a shoe covenant - 4:8**

**the kinsman told Boaz to redeem the inheritance**  
the kinsman said he could not redeem the land from Ruth - Ruth 4:6  
**the kinsman then took off his shoe and gave it to Boaz**  
the kinsman initiated the action instead of the woman - Deut. 25:5-10

### **3. Boaz said that the elders were witnesses - 4:9**

**Boaz told the leaders that they were witnesses**  
the leaders had been asked to be witnesses - Ruth 4:2  
the leaders served as witnesses - Ruth 4:11  
**Boaz told the other people that they were witnesses**  
the other people also served as witnesses - Ruth 4:11  
**Boaz said that he had bought all that belonged to Elimelech**  
Boaz did the part of a kinsman for Elimelech - Ruth 3:13  
Boaz bought the land from Naomi - Ruth 4:3  
**Boaz said that he had bought all that belonged to Chilion**  
Boaz did the part of a kinsman for Chilion - Ruth 3:13  
**Boaz said that he had bought all that belonged to Mahlon**  
Boaz did the part of a kinsman for Mahlon - Ruth 3:10-13  
Boaz purchased Ruth to be his wife - Ruth 4:10

#### 4. Boaz said that he would also marry Ruth - 4:10

##### **Boaz said that he had purchased Ruth as his wife**

Jacob had worked for seven years to purchase Rachel as his wife - Genesis 29:18, 27

Boaz purchased Ruth because of his love for her - Ephesians 5:25

##### **Boaz said he would raise up children to Mahlon**

Boaz did not have the concern of the kinsman - Ruth 4:6

##### **Boaz said he would do this so the name of Mahlon would not be cut off**

Boaz was willing to continue the name of the dead - Ruth 1:5

##### **Boaz said that all those in the gate were the witnesses**

the people said that they were witnesses - Ruth 4:11

##### **Boaz said that they were witnesses of what happened that day**

Boaz had asked the elders to be witnesses - Ruth 4:1

#### 5. Boaz had his actions witnessed by the elders - 4:11

##### **the people and elders said they were witnesses**

the people fulfilled the request of Boaz - Ruth 4:9-10

##### **the people asked the Lord to make Ruth like the house of Rachel and Leah**

Rachel and Leah were the two wives of Jacob - Genesis 29:15-30

##### **the people said those were the two women who developed the nation of Israel**

the houses of Rachel and Leah had become the tribes of Israel - Genesis 49:1-28

these tribes together had become a great nation - Numbers 1:46; 26:51

##### **the people said to be worthy in Ephrathah**

Ephrathah was the original name of Bethlehem - Genesis 35:19

David had first heard about the ark in Ephrathah - Psalm 132:6

##### **the people said to be famous in Bethlehem**

the birth of Christ was predicted for Bethlehem - Micah 5:2

the birth of Christ happened in Bethlehem - Luke 2:4-20, Matthew 2:1-12

#### 6. Boaz heard the blessing of the elders - 4:12

##### **the elders said the house of Boaz should be like the house of Perez**

the family of Perez included the entire line of the family of Christ - Luke 3:33

##### **the elders said that Perez was the son of Tamar**

Perez was one of the sons of Tamar - Genesis 38:24-30

##### **the elder said that Perez was the son of Judah**

Perez was the son of Judah by Tamar - Genesis 38:29

##### **the elders said the Boaz would have descendents by Ruth**

Ruth later gave birth to Obed - Ruth 4:13-17

Ruth became a part of the line of Christ - Matthew 1:5



### **C. Boaz and Ruth have a son - 4:13-17**

#### **1. Ruth marries Boaz and becomes pregnant - 4:13**

##### **Ruth became the wife of Boaz**

Ruth had become the wife of Boaz - Ruth 3:18-4:10

##### **Ruth became pregnant by Boaz**

this resulted in the birth of a son - Ruth 4:17

##### **Ruth gave birth to a son**

Ruth saw this son named Obed - Ruth 4:17

#### **2. Ruth caused the women to rejoice - 4:14**

##### **the women told Naomi she was blessed of the Lord**

Naomi no longer felt she had nothing - Ruth 1:20-21; 4:16

##### **the women told Naomi she had not been left without a kinsman**

Naomi had seen Boaz take this responsibility - Ruth 4:9-12

##### **the women said that this kinsman would be famous in Israel**

Boaz became the great grandfather of David - Ruth 4:22; Matthew 1:5-20

#### **3. Ruth also provided a future for Naomi - 4:15**

##### **the women said that the child would restore the life of Naomi**

Naomi had a grandson to give her life in her senior years - Ruth 4:17

##### **the women said the child would nourish Naomi in her old age**

Naomi became the nurse to the child - Ruth 4:16

##### **the women said Naomi had a daughter-in-law who loved her**

Naomi had seen this when Ruth returned with her - Ruth 1:16-18

##### **the women said this daughter-in-law was better than seven sons**

#### **4. Ruth made Naomi the nurse of the child - 4:16**

##### **Naomi took care of the child**

Naomi laid the child in her bosom

Naomi became the nurse of the child

#### **5. Ruth saw the son given the name of Obed - 4:17**

##### **the women and neighbors gave the child a name**

the women named the child Obed

the women did not know he would be the grandfather of David

**D. Boaz was the great grandfather of David - 4:18-22**

**1. Obed was a descendent of Perez - 4:18**

**Perez was a son of Judah**

Judah committed adultery with his daughter-in-law, Tamar - Genesis 38:12-18

Judah and Tamar were the parents of Perez and Zerah - Genesis 38:26-30

**Perez was the father of Hezron**

Perez had Hezron and Hamul as his sons - I Chron. 2:4

**2. Obed was a descendent of Ram - 4:19**

**Ram was the son of Hezron**

Ram was one of the three sons of Hezron - I Chron. 2:9

**Ram was the father of Amminadab**

Ram was the father of Amminadab - I Chron. 2:10

**3. Obed was a descendent of of Nahshon - 4:20**

**Nahshon was the son of Amminadab**

Amminadab was the father of Nahshon - Matthew 1:4; Luke 3:33

**Nahshon was the father of Salmon**

Nahshon was the father of Salmon - Matthew 1:4; Luke 3:32

**4. Obed was a descendent of Salmon - 4:21**

**Boaz was the son of Salmon**

Boaz was the son of Salmon and Rahab - Matthew 1:5

**Boaz was the father of Obed**

Obed was the son of Boaz and Ruth - Matthew 1:5

**5. Obed was the grandfather of David - 4:22**

**Obed was the father of Jesse**

Obed had a son named Jesse - Matthew. 1:5

Jesse was the father of David - I Chron. 2:12-15

**Obed was the grandfather of David**

Obed was the grandfather of David - Matthew 1:5-6

David was the youngest of the sons of Jesse - I Samuel 16:1-13

David was the seventh son of Jesse - I Chron. 2:15

David became the second king of Israel - II Samuel 5:1-3