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**HISTORY** 



This book tells the story of Ruth, who became the great-grandmother of King David. She was from Moab, a seedy place that had taunted Israel since the Exodus. Ruth chose to move with her mother-in-law, Naomi, to Bethlehem instead of remaining in her home country.







RUTH'S BACKGROUND

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RUTH MEETS BOAZ 3

RUTH CARRIES OUT A STRANGE PLAN

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BOAZ MARRIES RUTH

**RUTH 1** 

Elimelech and Naomi move with their two sons to Moab to escape famine. The two sons marry Moabites, but after the death of her husband and two sons, Naomi encourages her daughters-in-law to return to their families. Ruth instead chooses to stay with Naomi and the two leave Moab for Bethlehem, Naomi's ancestral home.

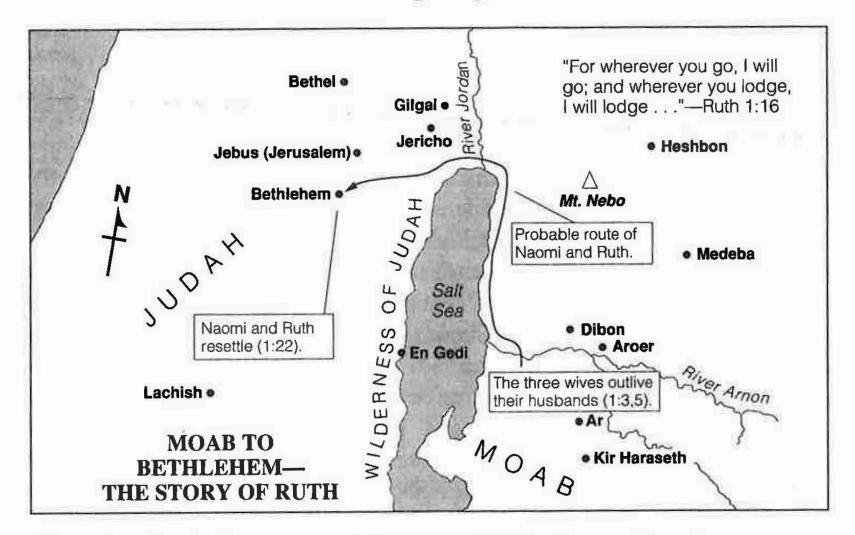
**RUTH 2** 

Boaz is a kinsman of Naomi, and although he is a great deal older than Ruth, both women see him as an honorable prospect to relieve them of their state of poverty. Boaz shows kindness as Ruth gleans wheat fields with his servants. **RUTH 3** 

Naomi tells Ruth to lie on Boaz's blankets on the threshing floor at night. Ruth proposes marriage to Boaz and he promises that he will marry her, seeing that she is honorable. **RUTH 4** 

After Boaz consults
with a kinsman in the
village square, he
marries Ruth. Their first
son is Obed, father of
Jesse, and grandfather
of King David.

## The Story of Ruth



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