

“Ruth: From Rags to Riches”
Ruth 1:1

Introduction:

Basic Biblical Timeline: (Supply the Date)

Creation	_____	David	_____
Flood	_____	End of OT	_____
Abraham	_____	Birth of Christ	_____
Exodus	_____	End of NT	_____

What *two* primary objectives were the Sons of Israel to accomplish after they entered the Promised Land under Joshua?

- I. _____ (1-2)
- II. _____ (13-24)

- Did Israel complete those objectives? _____ Explain:
- What problem did this cause during the time of the Judges?

What is the key theme of the book of Judges? (Judges 17:6; 21:25)

How is Ruth an exception to the things going on in Judges?

#1 – Historical Background and Chronology of the Book of Ruth

Though it is difficult (if not impossible) to pinpoint the exact dates for the events of Ruth, the genealogy at the end of the book seems to indicate that these events transpired toward the latter end of the time of the Judges. Explain:

#2 – Author of the Book of Ruth

Author: _____ (Possibly Samuel)

#3 – Key Themes of Ruth

1) _____

2) _____

Besides the book of Ruth, where is the only other reference to the person of Ruth in the Scriptures?

#4 – Outlines of Ruth

I. _____ (1-2)

II. _____ (3-4)

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III. _____ (3)

IV. _____ (4)

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I. The Return of Naomi with Ruth (1)

A) Misfortune in Moab (1-5)

What is the first misfortune seen in Ruth? (1:1)

Where was Elimelech from? _____

- Describe the chain of events resulting in Jesus being born there:

What was the theological reason for the famine in the land? (Cf. Deut. 28:23-24)

- Ironically – “Bethlehem” means: _____

Why did Elimelech leave Bethlehem?

- How does his plan backfire?

Though the text does not explicitly say that Elimelech did wrong in leaving the land, give some reasons why leaving may have, in fact, been the wrong thing to do:

How does Elimelech seem to reflect the thinking of the people during the time of the Judges? (Cf. Judges 21:25)

To where does Elimelech take his family?

Who are the parents of Moab (the person)? (Gen. 19:30-38)

- Moab's descendants became _____

The Sons of Israel and the Moabites did not get along well. Describe some of the conflict:

The Moabites often corrupted Israel through intermarriage. To whom did Elimelech's sons marry? _____ (Big surprise!)

What problem does the death of Elimelech and his two sons create for Naomi?

After the death of her husband and sons, where does Naomi intend on going?

What is so sacrificial about Naomi's attempts to send her daughters-in-law back home?