



Ruth

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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 worshipers - 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 descendents 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 laying at his feet - Ruth 3:7

Boaz turned himself to see

Boaz saw a woman laying 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