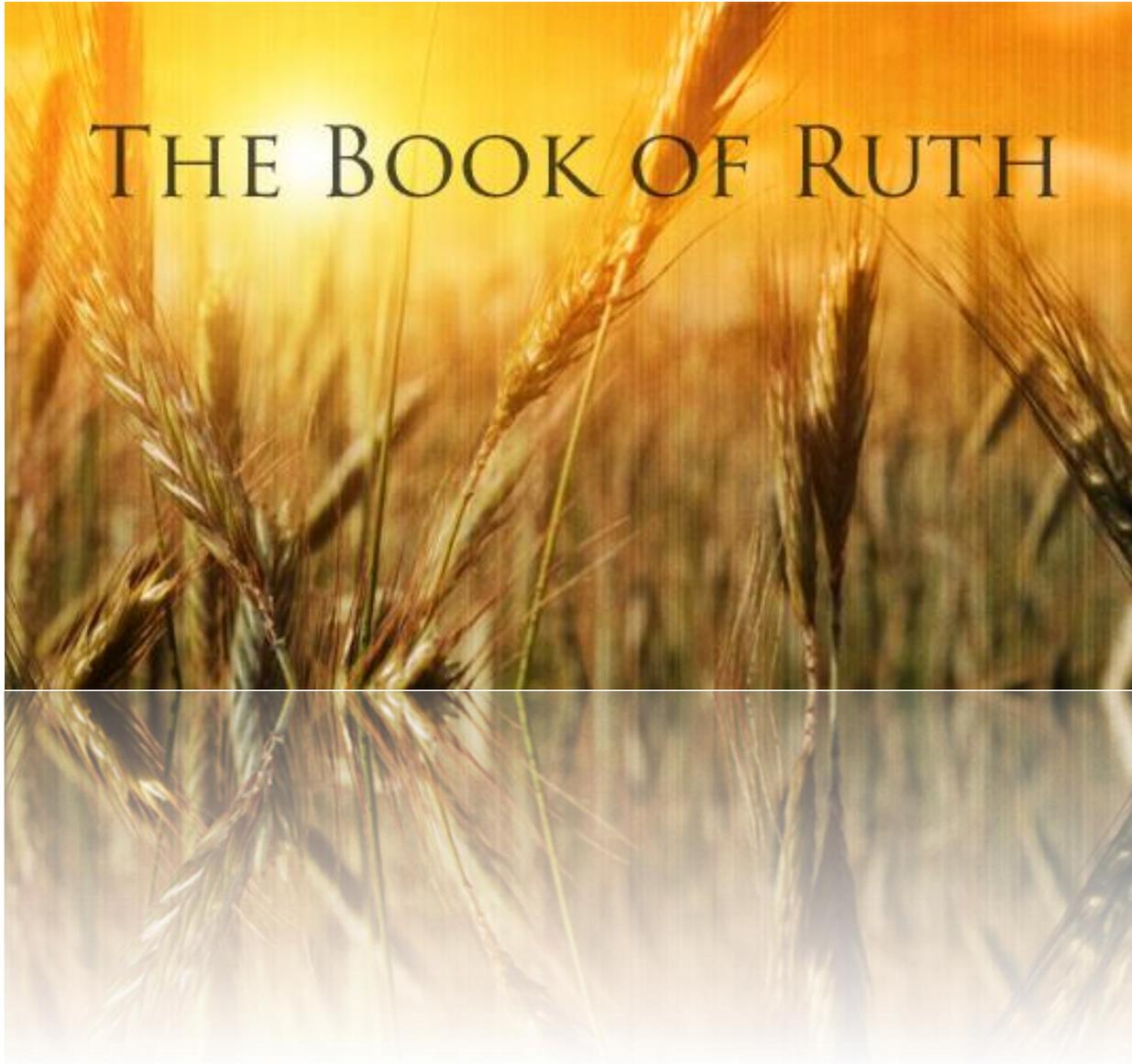


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Welcome to *The Study on the Book of Ruth: Positioned for the Kingdom*. This eight-week study of the book of Ruth will transport you through the pages of Scripture from the Old to the New Testament and will give you a new and fresh understanding of the great love and provision The Kinsman Redeemer Jesus Christ has made to secure your place in His Kingdom. Secondly, it is a powerful example of what happens when women are united in the Spirit for Kingdom purposes. Finally, the book of Ruth highlights the forgiveness and power of God to eradicate bloodline sins past from one generation to the next. It vividly illustrates the love and power of God to radically transform your past, position you in the present to impact His Kingdom for generations to come.

**Prayer Focus:**

1. We will become intentional in building our relationship with God, other women, young and old, and support them in fulfilling their kingdom assignment.
2. We will receive the fullness of healing from our past.

**\*Tentative Schedule**

Date	Lessons	Focused Study
Oct. 21, 2015	1	Overview & Background
Oct. 28, 2015	2	Chapter One
Nov. 4, 2015	3	Chapter Two
Nov. 11, 2014	4	Chapter Two
Nov. 18, 2015	5	Chapter Three
Nov. 25, 2015	NO CLASS	THANKSGIVING BREAK
Dec. 2, 2015	6	Chapter Three
Dec. 9, 2015	7	Chapter Four
Dec. 16, 2015	8	Chapter Four

**\*Please note that although we will be reading through the book of Ruth at a slow pace, we will cover other key principles in the Scriptures. Please see detailed weekly reading/outline.**

**Supplies Needed:** Bible, Notebook or Paper for Notes, Pens, Pencils & Highlighter

**How to get the most out of this Study**

Because The book of Ruth is such a familiar passage of Scripture, it might be tempting to just cruise over the written word and not fully engage in study. I encourage you to set aside a couple of days out of the week (30 min) to study the passages and complete the homework. First, find a quiet undistracted place where you can study uninterrupted. You may find that you have to silence your cell phone for your time of study. Spend time in prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to

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reveal hidden truth to you. If a word, bible verse or if you can suddenly identify with a character or something you read, STOP! Write it down and pray and ask God for further clarification. Mediate on the Bible verse, look up the definition and synonyms of the highlighted word. The Holy Spirit is trying to speak to you!

If you are able, pray in the Spirit and ask God for more revelation. Wait and write in your journal any further revelation received through your study or what you receive from the Holy Spirit in prayer.

### **Introduction of the Lesson**

The Book of Ruth, although minute in size consisting of four chapters/85 verses contains some key revelatory truths about salvation as New Testament believers. It's one of the only two books in Scripture named after a woman. What's more shocking is that she isn't Jewish but a Moabite!

The book of Ruth is a familiar story of love and redemption. The story of two women knitted in spirit through the perils of adversity, loss, grief, brokenness, sorrow and financial ruin. It's one of the greatest depictions in the Old Testament of love and redemption.

As we read and study the book of Ruth, we want to look at it with new revelation and allow the Holy Spirit to speak through His Word. To better understand the deeper revelatory truth contained within the book of Ruth, it is necessary to revisit and understand the principles of covenant, God's eternal plan and the Sovereign nature of the character of God.

### **The Book of Ruth: Positioned for The Kingdom**

#### **Author and Date of Writing**

The author is unknown but thought to be Samuel.

#### **Setting**

This true account of the life of Ruth and Naomi, is set in the time of the judges, a time characterized in the book of Judges as a period of religious and moral corruption, national disunity and frequent foreign oppression. The book of Judges cover 440 years, 14 judges, recording 9 apostasies, 7 servitudes and 5 civil wars.

In the book of Ruth, famine has gripped the land of Bethlehem Judah. Elimelech moves his family to the country of Moab hoping for a better life. The book of Ruth reflects a time of peace between Israel and Moab and offers a series of intimate glimpses into the private lives of the

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members of an Israelite family. It also presents an account of the faithful remnant in the period of the judges, in striking contrast of the dark picture of that era.

### Geographical Locations

The book of Ruth has two primary locations: Bethlehem and Moab circa 11 BCE . The distance is approx. 30 miles between Moab and Bethlehem Judah, which is a 7-10 day journey.



### Biblical Characters

There are three main characters highlighted in the book of Ruth are:

1. Naomi, wife of Elimelech (H5281) - my delight, my pleasantness
2. Ruth, the Moabite (H7327) - friendship, beauty
3. Boaz, the Kinsmen Redeemer (H1162) - fleetness

The secondary characters include:

1. Elimelech, husband of Naomi (H458) - My God is King
2. Mahlon, eldest son of Naomi's & Elimelech, husband of Ruth (H4248) - sick
3. Chilion, son of Naomi's & Elimelech, husband of Orpah (H3630) - pining, wasting away
4. Orpah, Moabite wife of Chilion (H6204) - gazelle

\*Strong's Concordance Reference Book

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Weekly Reading & Outline of The Book of Ruth

**Week One**

Introduction: Naomi Emptied (1:1–5)

**Week Two**

Naomi Returns from Moab (1:6–22)

Ruth Clings to Naomi (1:6–18)

Ruth and Naomi Return to Bethlehem (1:19–22)

**Week Three**

Ruth and Boaz Meet in the Harvest Fields (ch. 2)

Ruth Begins Work (2:1–7)

**Week Four**

Boaz Shows Kindness to Ruth (2:8–16)

Ruth Returns to Naomi (2:17–23)

**Week Five**

Naomi Sends Ruth to Boaz's Threshing Floor (ch. 3)

Naomi Instructs Ruth (3:1–5)

**Week Six**

Boaz Pledges to Secure Redemption (3:6–15)

Ruth Returns to Naomi (3:16–18)

**Week Seven**

Boaz Arranges to Fulfill His Pledge (4:1–12)

Boaz Confronts the Unnamed Kinsman (4:1–8)

**Week Eight**

Boaz Buys Naomi's Property and Announces His Marriage to Ruth (4:9–12)

Conclusion: Naomi Filled (4:13–17)

Epilogue: Genealogy of David (4:18–22)

Scriptures About God's Faithfulness & Covenant

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**Assignment One - For Meditation & Prayer**

This week choose one verse each day and meditate on it. Read it out loud and personalize it. Pray the verse back to God. Through the day sing it, pray it, think on it, write it, study it. Most of believe and cherish it.

If one verse really is ministering to you, stay with it another day. God is speaking to you!

**Numbers 23:19**

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

**Deuteronomy 7:9**

Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations

**Psalm 105:8**

He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.

**Psalm 119:89-90 King James Version (KJV)**

For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.

Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

**Deuteronomy 4:31**

(For the Lord thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them.

**Psalm 119:160**

Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.