

The Book of Ruth – Positioned for the Kingdom
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Lesson Two - Handout

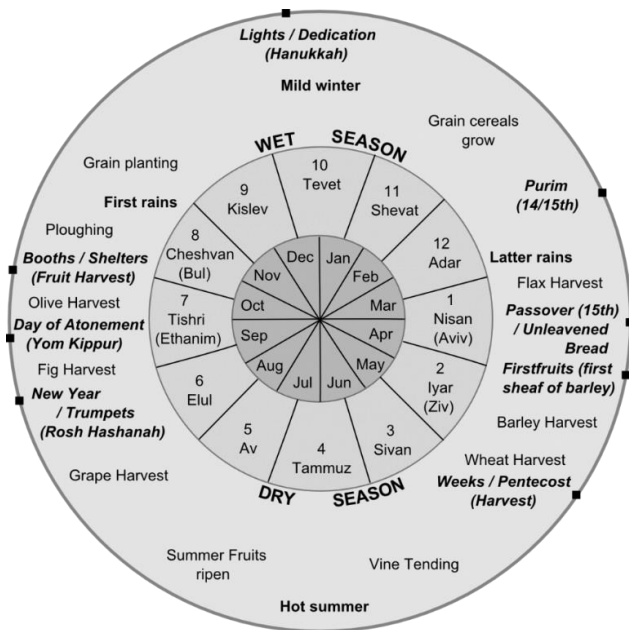


Just think for a moment about the many times Ruth and Orpah were eye witness' and partakers of their Jewish family celebrating the Feast Days. This must have been quite different from the way they grew up worshipping Chemosh. The God of Israel demonstrated power and love rescuing and delivering His people from the Egyptians. He was worshipped and celebrated in feasts that brought life and not death.

Naomi and Ruth traveled from Moab back to Bethelhem Judah (The House of Bread) during the dry season between Passover and Pentecost.

Feast of	Jewish Calendar Month	Day	Month	Ref
* Passover (Unleavened Bread)	Nisan	14-21	Mar-Apr	Ex. 12:43-13:10 Matt 26:17-20
* Pentecost (First Fruits or Weeks)	Sivan	6 (50 days after Passover)	May-June	Deut 16:9-12 Acts 2:1
Trumpets <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	Tishri	1,2	Sept-Oct	Num. 29:1-6
Day of Atonement <i>Yom Kippur</i>	Tishri	10	Sept-Oct	Lev 23:26-32 Heb 9:7
* Tabernacles (Booths or Ingathering)	Tishri	15-22	Sept-Oct	Neh 8:13-18 John 7:2
Dedication (Lights) <i>Hanukkah</i>	Chislev	25 (8 days)	Nov-Dec	John 10:22
Purim (Lots)	Adar	14,15	Feb-Mar	Esth 9:18-32

* The three major feasts for which all males of Israel were required to travel to the Temple in Jerusalem (Ex. 23:14-19)



Note in the diagram on the left, the order in which the feasts were celebrated. Always starting with Passover, the first month of the year, Nisan, Naomi and Ruth traveled from Moab to Bethlehem Judah just in time for the barley harvest.