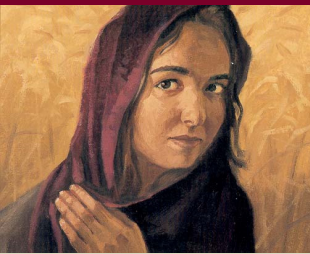


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Ladies' Bible Study
Wednesday
6:30pm

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 LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Resources

From Pastor...

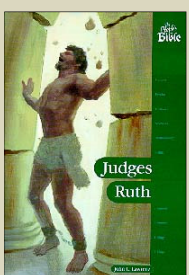
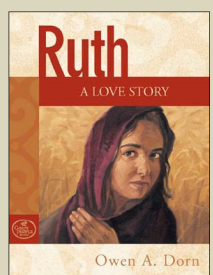
- Bible Study notes
- PowerPoint slides

Northwestern Publishing House

- The People's Bible: Judges, Ruth
- God's People—Ruth: A Love Story

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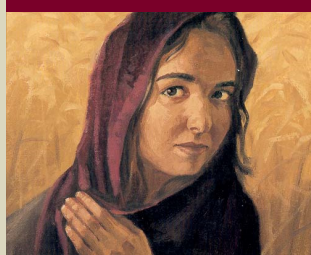
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Bible Study Format

- Read what you can.
- Come to both share and learn.
- Don't skip if you didn't prepare.
- We will answer the printed questions and any you have too.
- We will preview the next chapter.

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Background information

Ruth Character: Elimelech

- One wife: Naomi
- Two sons: Mahlon & Kilion
- Tribe: Judah
- Town: Bethlehem
- Clan: Ephrathite

Ruth Character: Elimelech

Micah 5:2.

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

Ruth Character: Elimelech

John 7:42

“Does not the Scripture say that the Christ will come from David's family and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?”

Ruth Character: Elimelech

- Owned land in Bethlehem
- Had extended family in town
- Moved to Moab temporarily
- Died in Moab (preceded sons)
- Elimelech means “*God is King*”

Ruth Character: Elimelech

Judges 21:25

In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit.

Ruth Character: Elimelech

1 Samuel 8:5-7

They said to him, “Appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have.” The LORD told him: “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, **but they have rejected me as their king.**”

Ruth

Character: Naomi

- Married to Elimelech
- Known (well) in Bethlehem
- Mother of sons: Mahlon & Kilion
- Saw her husband and sons die
- Too “old” to have more children

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Character: Naomi

- Naomi means “pleasant”
- Called *Mara* meaning “bitter”
- Spoke bluntly about her plight
- Seems to never lack a plan (gleaning, engagement, property)

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Mahlon & Kilion

- Sons of Elimelech & Ruth
- Died after their father (?)
- Married Moabite women
- Died young and left widows
- Married only shortly (no kids?)
- Rhyming names/nicknames (ill)

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Character: Orpah

- Wife of Kilion
- Willing to marry a non-Moabite
- Willing to leave with Naomi
- Stayed in Moab after insisting

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Character: Ruth

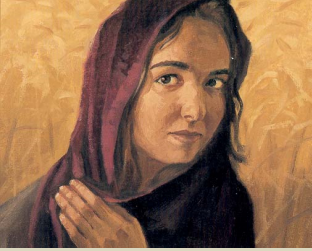
- Wife of Mahlon
- Dramatically clung to Naomi
- Believed in the LORD
- Characteristics: Industrious, Trustworthy, Honest, Faithful, Good Listener, and Daring

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Character: Ruth

- Ancestor of King David (Christ)
- Matthew 1:1.
A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David... Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David.

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A portrait of a woman with dark hair, wearing a dark headscarf and a dark garment. She is looking slightly to the right with a gentle expression. The background is a warm, golden-yellow color with a subtle, textured pattern.

Next time...
Read
Ruth 1:1-22
Questions
Pages 3-4