



# RUTH

*a love story*



# **THE BOOK OF RUTH**

Genre: Historical Narrative

- Look for lesson points on various levels

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1. Learn from characters?
2. Learn about God?
3. Learn about God's redemptive program?



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*Chesed*

= loyal lovingkindness; mercy;  
faithful goodness

Ruth 1:8; 2:20; 3:10

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Theme:

Divine loyal love in the midst of bleakness



# **RUTH - A LOVE STORY**

Hope in God's loyal love!

- Focus on God's love even in bleakness.

# **RUTH – A LOVE STORY**

Deuteronomy 28:33-34,45

The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed always, so that thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see...



# RUTH – A LOVE STORY

Deuteronomy 28:33-34,45 – covenant curses

Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee:



# RUTH – A LOVE STORY

Irony illustrating bleakness

- Elimelech – “My God is King”
- Bethlehem – “House of Bread”
- Moab – leaving the covenant land for a cursed land.
- Naomi – “Pleasant”

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Ruth 1:6

Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the Lord had visited his people in giving them bread.

# RUTH – A LOVE STORY

Ruth 1:14

And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her.

Clave = cling / stick / cleave (Gen 2:24 – one flesh)



# RUTH – A LOVE STORY

Ruth 1:16-17

And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.

# RUTH – A LOVE STORY

Ruth 1:22

So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Bethlehem in the beginning of barley harvest.



A golden wheat field under a dramatic, orange-hued sky at sunset or sunrise. The wheat stalks are in the foreground, and the sky is filled with soft, glowing clouds. The overall color palette is warm and monochromatic, dominated by shades of gold, orange, and brown.

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