### Observations about Ruth

- **Ruth** is a story of love, devotion, and redemption set in the days of the Judges.
- **Basically**, it is the story of a Moabite woman who forsakes her pagan heritage in order to cling to the people of Israel. Because of her faithfulness in a time of national unfaithfulness, God rewards her by giving her a new husband (Boaz), a son of Obed, and a privileges position in the lineage of David and Christ.
- **Ruth** is the great grandmother of David.
- **Boaz** brings a Moabite woman into the family line of David and eventually of Christ.
- **The Book of Ruth** is divided into four distinct settings.
  - 1st setting: The country of Moab. 1:1-18
  - 2nd setting: A field in Bethlehem. 1:19 - 2:23
  - 3rd setting: A threshing floor in Bethlehem. 3:1-18
  - 4th setting: The city of Bethlehem. 4:1-22
- **Ruth** is a virtuous woman. 3:11
- **Love** is demonstrated in chapters 1 & 2 and rewarded in chapters 3 & 4

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### Kinsman-Redeemer

- **Means** “One who redeems.”
- **Appears** 13 times in the Book of Ruth.
- By buying back the land of Naomi, as well as marrying Ruth and fathering a son to keep the family line alive, Boaz acts as a redeemer.
  - Leviticus 25:25-34
  - Deuteronomy 25:5-10
- **In 22 short verses**, Ruth moves from widowhood and poverty to marriage and wealth.
- Orpah chooses to leave Naomi and is never mentioned again in the Bible.
- The **meaning** of names in the Book of Ruth.
  - **Elimelech** - “My God is King”
  - **Naomi** - “Pleasant”
  - **Mara** - “Bitter”
  - **Mahlon** - “Sick”
  - **Chilion** - “Pining”
  - **Boaz** - “In His strength”
  - **Bethlehem** - “House of Bread”
- **Ruth’s vow. Ruth 1:16-17** - “But Ruth said: ‘Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, And there will I be buried. The LORd do so to me, and more also, If any thing but death parts you and me.’”