

# Interesting Facts About Ruth

**MEANING:** Hebrew meaning “Friendship” or “Association”

**AUTHOR:** Authorship uncertain

**TIME WRITTEN:** Uncertain

**POSITION IN THE BIBLE:**

- 8th Book in the Bible
- 8th Book in the Old Testament
- 3rd of 12 books of History (Joshua - Esther)
- 58 Books to follow it.



**CHAPTERS:** 4

**VERSES:** 85

**WORDS:** 2,578

**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 privileged 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

## RUTH

- 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”
  - Chilon - “Pining”
  - Ruth - “Friendship”
  - Orpah - “Stubbornness”
  - 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.’”

