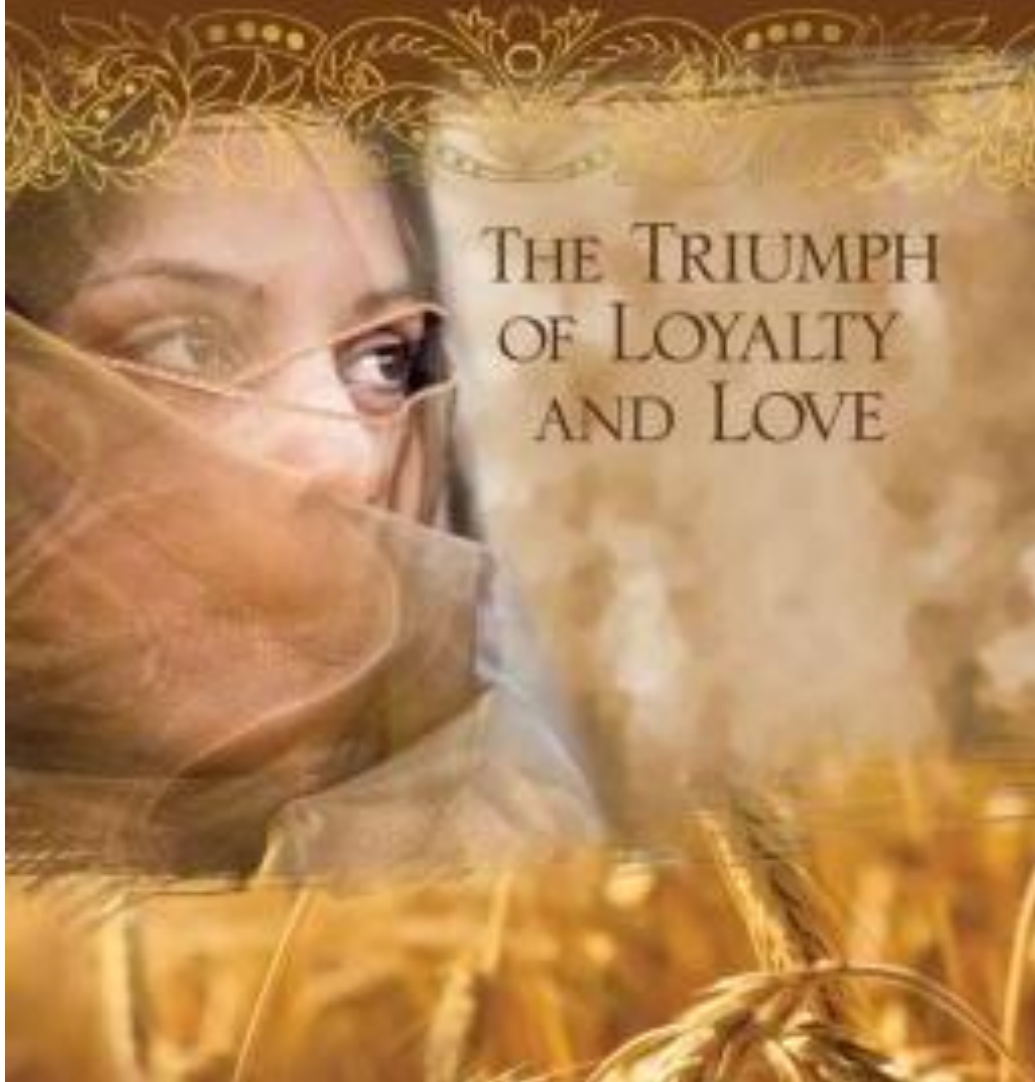


# RUTH

THE TRIUMPH  
OF LOYALTY  
AND LOVE



# RUTH

## **THEME:**

Love and redemption. Ruth loves her mother-in law Naomi. Also we see that Boaz loves Ruth. And he becomes her kinsman-redeemer.

**AUTHOR:** Unknown.      **DATE WRITTEN:** Probably during the reign of David (1010-970 B.C.)

## **SETTING:**

The period of the judges was a time of lawlessness: characterized by violence and crime, infected with restlessness and continuous warfare, tormented by spiritual apathy and apostasy, and marked by corrupt leaders.

**KEY VERSE:** Ruth 1:16      **KEY PEOPLE:** Ruth, Naomi, Boaz      **KEY PLACES:** Moab, Bethlehem

## **OUTLINE:**

**The family of Elimelech is depleted, faltering in the faith. (Ruth 1:1-22)**

The family of Elimelech experiences tragedy and barrenness. (1:1-5)

Ruth displays faithfulness to the family and God of Naomi. (1:6-22)

**The household of widowed Naomi is restored to the land. (Ruth 2:1-3:18)**

Ruth meets the Kinsman-Redeemer in the barley field. (2:1-23)

The Kinsman-Redeemer provides security for Ruth and Naomi at the threshing floor. (3:1-18)

**The household of Boaz is enlarged, reaping the reward of faith. (Ruth 4:1-22)**

Boaz displays faithfulness to God and to the family of Elimelech; Ruth and Naomi are blessed. (4:1-17)

The family of David receives blessing and fullness. (4:18-22)

# RUTH

JUDGES  
TURBULENT TIMES

## Ruth's Choice

NAOMI AND RUTH  
(Mutual grief)

“May the LORD grant that you may find rest.”  
(1:9)

CHAPTER  
1

## Ruth's Service

RUTH AND NAOMI AND BOAZ  
(Mutual pursuit)

Naomi had a kinsman . . . whose name was Boaz. (2:1)

CHAPTER  
2

## Ruth's Claim

“Wait . . . until you know how the matter turns out.” (3:18)

CHAPTER  
3

## Ruth's Marriage

BOAZ AND RUTH  
(Mutual love)

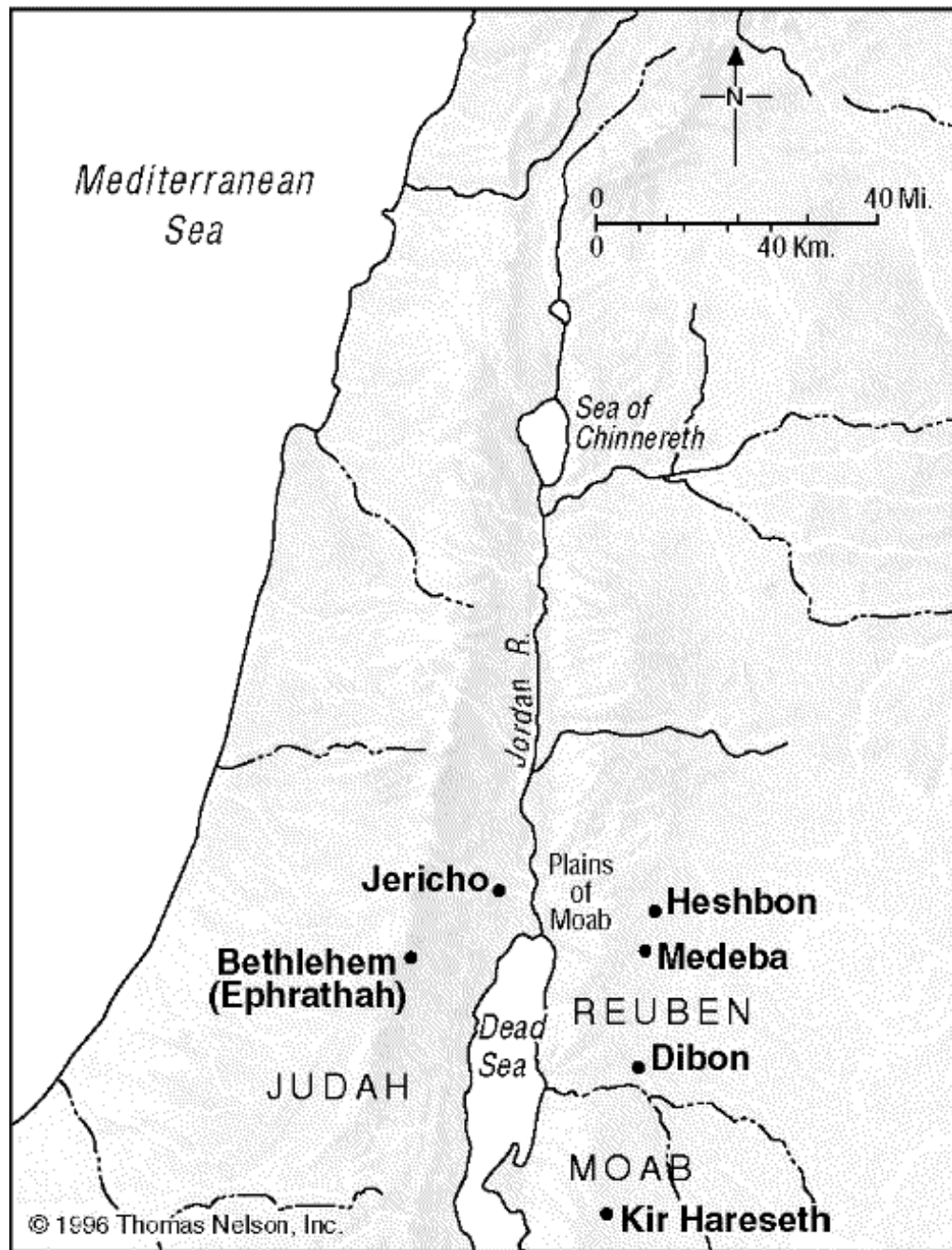
Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. (4:13)

CHAPTER  
4

1 SAMUEL  
CHANGING TIMES

“Blessed is the LORD who has not left you without a redeemer today.” (4:14)

<b>Setting</b>	“Now it came about in the days when the judges governed, that there was a famine in the land” (1:1).			
<b>Circumstance</b>	Loss — deeper commitment		Gain — deeper love	
<b>Emotion</b>	Grief	Loneliness	Companionship	Rejoicing
<b>Theme</b>	Redemption: God provides for those who trust Him in hard times.			
<b>Key Verses</b>	1:16; 3:11–12			
<b>Christ in Ruth</b>	Prefigured in the kinsman-redeemer			



## APPLICATION

1. Realize from today's introduction to the book of Ruth, that God's redemption is a love story. 'God so loved us that He gave His only begotten Son.' He loves us. It is the story of the Bible.
2. Let's don't go to the world for peace and security. The world is empty. Peace and security is found only in Christ. Salvation is only through Christ.
3. Sin will fool you. It will get you. Be careful. Live a life of righteousness. Live for the glory of God. Live in the power of the Holy Spirit. Live according to the Scripture.