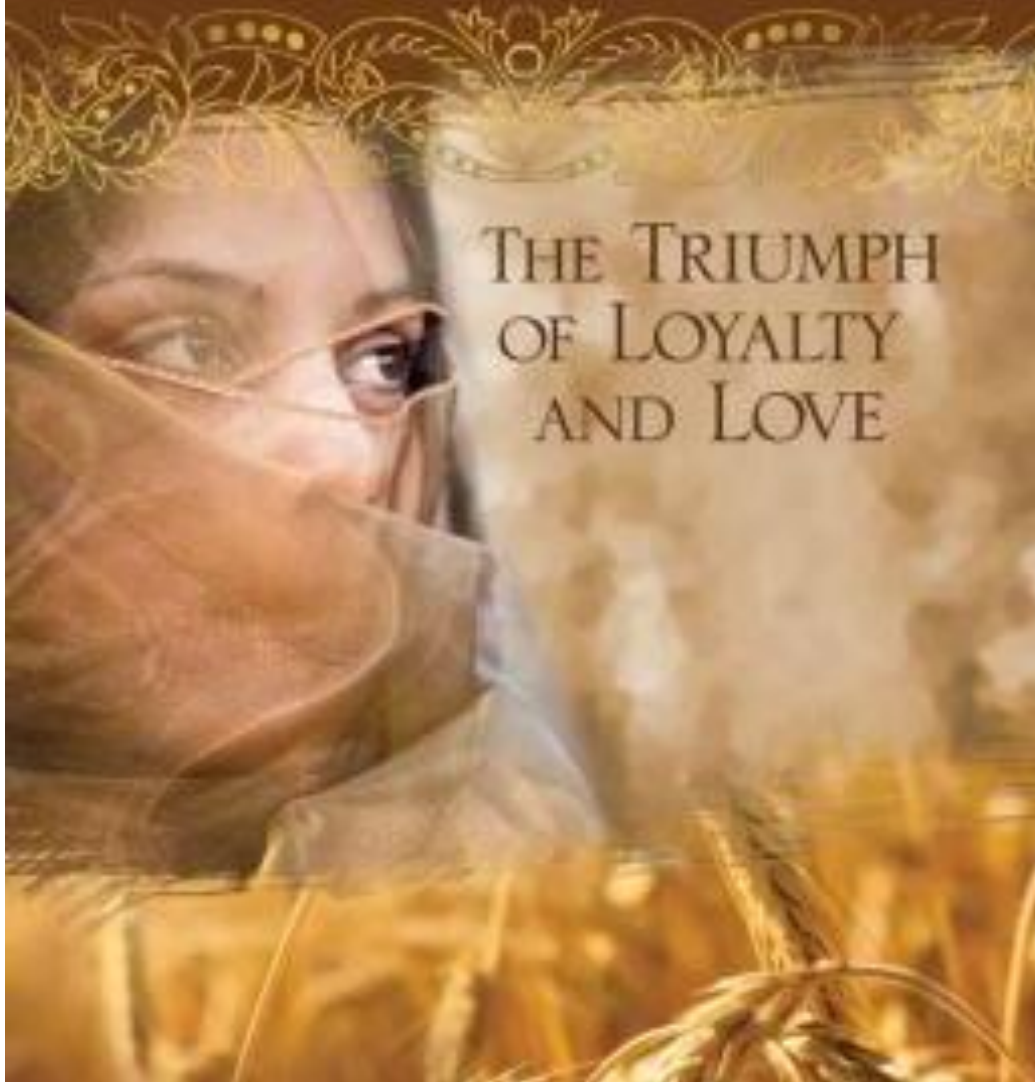


# RUTH

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)

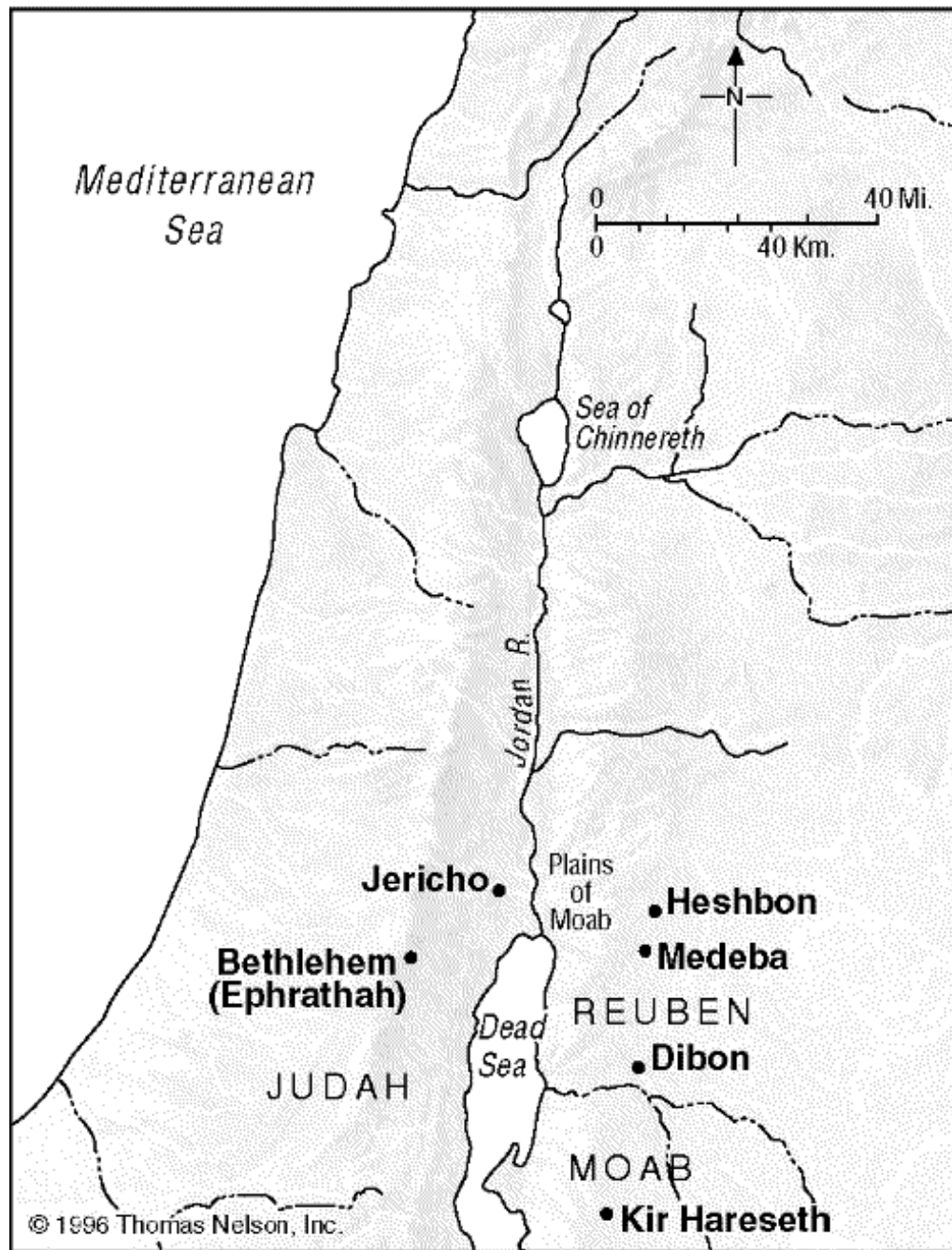
Boaz took  
Ruth, and  
she became  
his wife. (4:13)

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			



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**Naomi wanted to come home to Bethlehem**

חסד

*chesed*

loving kindness





**Roger  
Youderian**

**Pete  
Fleming**

**Jim  
Elliot**

**Nate  
Saint**

**Ed  
McCully**

**Jim Elliot, was a Christian missionary, and was one of five killed January 8, 1956, during *Operation Auca*, an attempt to evangelize the Huarorani people of Ecuador.**



It's Decision Time





**Ruth chooses life**

## APPLICATION

### 1. **Realize that the decisions that we make affect our lives.**

Some decisions not only shape our lives now, but also shape our lives through eternity. Live your life based on the Word of God. And of course, the most important decision you make in your life is –What are you going to do with Jesus?

### 2. **Realize that all blessing comes from God.** He is in control.

Spend some time this week thanking God for the material things that He has given you and the spiritual blessings He has given us.

### 3. **Keep our commitments.** If we say we are going to do something, then do it. May we as people be men and women of character.