

# RUTH

## AT-A-GLANCE



O.T. BOOK #8



AUTHOR: PROPHET SAMUEL  
(most likely)



WRITTEN: 1050-1000 BC

Covering the time period of 1150 - 1100 BC

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Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 Books

**CLAIMS TO FAME:** Ruth became the great-grandmother of King David after a good deed of refusing to desert her mother-in-law, who was from Israel. Her story takes places mostly in Bethlehem, the future birthplace of Jesus.

### FAMOUS STORIES INCLUDED:

- Ruth goes to sleep on the threshing floor to earn the trust of Boaz, a man she wanted to marry and who had been kind to her.

### MOST FAMOUS VERSES:

"Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." **Ruth 1:17**

The women living there said, "Naomi has a son!" And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David. **Ruth 4:17**

## Important Points about the Book:

- Ruth is only four chapters long and is a story. Ruth was from Moab, but after her husband died and her mother-in-law's husband died, she agreed to return with her widowed mother-in-law to Israel. This was a remarkable leap of faith for a young girl, who would have had many chances to remarry in the familiarity of her own people.
- Her mother-in-law was Naomi. With Naomi's wisdom and God's grace, they moved from a situation of beggars in Bethlehem to Ruth finding a kind and generous husband who took Naomi in as a mother also. Ruth and the man, Boaz, had a baby boy whom they named Obed. He was the father of Jesse, who became the father of King David.