

Life Changes
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Overview on Ruth; Naomi and Ruth Return

- A. The special touches of the Book of Ruth.
 - 1. Feminine.
 - 2. Parallel seasons.
 - 3. Seeing God at work.
 - 4. Fresh hope.
 - 5. Sacrificial love.
- B. God's Bigger Picture.
 - 1. A bridge between the time of the judges and the future monarchy.
 - 2. The history of Israel's famous king David.
 - 3. Two of Jesus' unlikely ancestors: Rahab and Ruth.
 - 4. A love story.
- C. The timing of Ruth's story: "Every man did what was right in his own eyes."
- D. Three women and the choices they made.
 - 1. Naomi.
 - Her move toward bitterness.
 - Her view of God.
 - YAHWEH
 - El Shaddai
 - Elohim (the name Ruth uses)
 - Naomi's faith.

Naomi's choice

2. Orpah's choice.

3. Ruth's choice.

Three women; their choices. Are any of these also yours?

E. Naomi and Ruth return to Bethlehem.

About barley.

Their situation

F. Things to watch for in Ruth:

1. How the Lord is viewed by individuals, and what that reveals about their relationship with Him.

2. The spoken blessings.

3. What the Lord is doing. What does this tell you about His character?

Where are *you* on the journey?