

# Ruth

- I. Genres (Varied in both testaments, poetry, prose, prophets, wisdom literature, apocalyptic, letters, gospel narratives)
  - A. Law (Genesis-Deuteronomy)
  - B. History (Judges)
  - C. Narrative (Ruth) Narrator

## II. Setting 1:1

A. Drought

B. Jewish family leaves

C. Goes to Moab

D. Full family

E. Neutral vs. David and Bathsheba

F. God has blessed Israel again

### III. Details

A. Family 1:1-4

B. Country 1:1

C. Ruth Moabites (5 times) 1:4

D. Drought 1:1

E. During time of Judges 1:1

F. Harvest time 1:22

IV. Characters – relationships, bad people, good people, people as foils, their actions, their traits

A. Ruth 1:11, 14-18

B. Naomi 1:1, 3, 19-21

C. Boaz 2:1, 8, 11-12, 20

V. Plot 1:1 – 3:11 → Deut. 25:5-10 → 3:12

A. Should be Naomi 3:1-3, She yields and Boaz and Ruth are in love.

B. Becomes complicated 3:12-13

C. Resolved 4:4-6

## VI. Genealogy 4:16-22

Key piece, and not just an addendum.

## VII. Purpose

A. Ezra, Nehemiah – corrective

B. David – justification (7.5 years)

C. Rahab & Ruth – Leviticus 17:8-13

D. Esther – God is active and unseen

E. Elijah & Jezebel (I kings 19:18) – God rules in bad times, good characters, empty to full, rich love story, restored glory

## VIII. Key verses 3:12-13

Redemption, beyond our control, a very near kinsman, why?