
Ruth 3:16

NIV *When Ruth came to her mother-in-law, Naomi asked, "How did it go, my daughter?" Then she told her everything Boaz had done for her.*

KJV *And when she came to her mother in law, she said, Who art thou, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her.*

Amplified *And when she came home, her mother-in-law said, How have you fared, my daughter? And Ruth told her all that the man had done for her.*

Knuth *When Ruth came back, Naomi said. "How did it go, my daughter?" And she told her mother-in-law everything that Boaz had done for her.*

1 Introduction to Ruth

- The story of Ruth takes place during the time of the judges.
- Cast of Characters:
 - Naomi: An Israelite widow whose husband and sons died after they moved to Moab.
 - Ruth: Naomi's daughter-in-law, who eventually marries Boaz. She is David's great-grandmother.
 - Boaz: A relative of Naomi's who owns a field near Bethlehem. He becomes Ruth's kinsman-redeemer.
- The book of Ruth is a great literary work.
- A key theme of Ruth is that participation in the kingdom of God is not decided by blood or birth.

2 The Story

1. Naomi and Ruth are both widowed. Naomi decides to return home to Bethlehem. Ruth is determined to stay with Naomi. Read Ruth 1:16-18.
2. Ruth goes to work in the fields where she meets Boaz. Boaz shows her kindness. Read Ruth 2:8-9
3. Read Ruth 3:1-6.
4. Read Ruth 3:7-13.
5. Read Ruth 3:14-18.
6. Boaz offers the closest kin the opportunity to buy the land from Naomi and Ruth (and marry Ruth). The offer is rejected because the man fears it might endanger his own estate.
7. Boaz buys the property of Naomi's husband and sons and marries Ruth.