



Outline of the Book of Ruth by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

Ruth = Companion

[God Is Preserver] Blueprint for Redemption

I. Tears **1:1-22**

- A. Stress - a famine during the Book of Judges **1:1**
- B. Distress - sojourners **1:1-14**
 - 1. Elimelech and Naomi sojourn from Bethlehem in Judah
 - 2. Sons, Mahlon and Chilion marry Moabites, Orpah and Ruth
 - 3. Father & Sons die, Naomi releases daughters-in-law **1:6-14**
- C. Impress **1:15-22**
 - 1. Ruth loved Naomi's: people, place, and God **1:14-18**
 - 2. Naomi and Ruth return to Bethlehem **1:19-22**

II. Toil **1:22 - 2:23**

- A. Naomi's wealthy in-law, Boaz **2:1**
 - 1. Asked for opportunity to work, not dole **1:22; 2:2-4**
Treatment of poor widows under Moses **Leviticus 19:9-10;**
Exodus 22:22; Deuteronomy 10:18
 - 2. Boaz is impressed by Ruth's: loyalty, faithfulness, work ethic **2:5-18**
- B. Ruth is impressed by Boaz's kindness 2:19-23

III. Trust **3:1-18**

- A. Naomi is "match-maker" for Ruth and Boaz **3:1-6**
- B. Boaz responds **3:7-17**
- C. Naomi tells Ruth, "Wait and see" **3:18**

IV. Triumph 4:1-22

- A. Boaz bought Elimelech's "estate" with elders' blessings 4:1-12
- B. Boaz marries Ruth 4:13-22
 - 1. Proper order: marriage, sex, child 4:13
 - 2. Ruth offers child for Naomi's pleasure 4:14-16
 - 3. Child, Obed, becomes David's grandfather! 4:17-22
 - 4. Ruth's goodness places her in Jesus's genealogy **Matthew 1:5-6**

Ruth's Truths

- ✓ This Book connects **Judges** to David (**1 Samuel**). **Ruth 1:1** begins in "famine" (maybe during the period in **Judges 3:30?**) and ends with lineage to David (**Ruth 4:17-22**). The Book begins with famine and deaths but ends with wedding and hope.
- ✓ Boaz shows God's grace for Naomi (a Moabitess and not an Israelite), and in that sense, illustrates what Jesus will do through His Gospel for Gentiles (**Ephesians 2:11-3:7**).
- ✓ **Love Prevails.** Naomi showed Ruth how loving people become who follow the teaching of Jehovah. Naomi loved her husband and sons to death, and showed great consideration for her widowed daughters-in-law (**Ruth 1:5-14**). Ruth showed how loving people can become who adopt the God and lifestyle of those who serve Him (**Ruth 1:15-18**). The rest of the Book shows how richly God blesses those who come to Him with love. Jesus will also teach this (**John 14:19-24**). Loving God places a person into God's love in Jesus Christ. Obedience to God's commands demonstrates love for God (**1 John 5:1-3**).