

## **Outline of the Book of Ruth**

- I. Severe Situations Bring Crisis for the Royal Line (1:1-22)**
  - a. Elimelech & Family Sojourn in Moab (1:1-5)
    - i. Setting the Scene: Famine in the Land (1:1-2)
    - ii. Revealing the Crisis: Death of Elimelech & His Only Sons (1:3-5)
  - b. Naomi Returns with Ruth to Bethlehem (1:6-22)
    - i. The Lord Replenishes the Land of Judah (1:6-7)
    - ii. Orpah Returns to Moab (1:8-14)
    - iii. Ruth Forsakes Moab & Returns with Naomi (1:15-18)
    - iv. Naomi & Ruth Arrive in Bethlehem (1:19-22)
- II. Sweet Providence Brings Hope for the Royal Line (2:1-23)**
  - a. Ruth “Happens” to Glean in Boaz’s Field (2:1-17a)
    - i. Ruth Seeks to Find Favor in Boaz’s Field (2:1-7)
    - ii. Boaz Shows Favor to Ruth for Her Faithfulness (2:8-17a)
  - b. Ruth Returns & Reports to Naomi the News (2:17b-23)
    - i. Naomi Identifies Boaz as a Redeemer (2:17b-22)
    - ii. Ruth Continues to Glean in Boaz’s Field (2:23)
- III. Ruth’s Marriage Proposal *May* Preserve the Royal Line (3:1-18)**
  - a. Naomi Instructs Ruth Concerning a Marriage Proposal (3:1-5)
  - b. Ruth Faithfully Accomplishes Naomi’s Instructions (3:6-15)
    - i. Ruth Uncovers Boaz’s Feet as a Marriage Proposal (3:6-7)
    - ii. Boaz Recognizes Ruth’s Act as Great Kindness (3:8-13)
    - iii. Ruth Remains with Boaz Until Morning (3:14-15)
  - c. Ruth Returns & Reports to Naomi the Good News (3:16-18)
- IV. Boaz Redeems Ruth & Preserves the Royal Line (4:1-17)**
  - a. Boaz Addresses the Legal Matters with the “Closer” Redeemer (4:1-6)
    - i. Boaz Meets the “Closer” Redeemer & Elders at the City Gate (4:1-2)
    - ii. The “Closer” Redeemer Rejects the Offer (4:3-6)
    - iii. Boaz Confirms the Marriage with the Witnesses (4:7-12)
  - b. Boaz Fathers Obed by Ruth (4:13-17)
- V. Epilogue: The Genealogy of the Royal Line of David (4:18-22)**