

Ruth- 4 Chapters

Title:

Ruth- named after the main character.

Author:

Anonymous, tradition suggests possibly Samuel

Occasion and Purpose:

Possibly written early in the monarchy to tell the story of faithfulness even in the midst of Israel's apostasy. It climaxes in the ancestry of King David, probably highlighting that David came from faithful people. The main plot highlights God's faithfulness, which is then imitated by faithful people.

Themes:

1. Covenant Faithfulness
2. Contrast Faithfulness
3. God's Sovereign Faithfulness
4. David

Summary:

The story of two women, their faithfulness to one another, and how God rewards them in the end for their faithfulness. A touching story of tragedy and love. It shows how God is faithful and brings good out of bad situations. It also gives a preview to the coming of King David.

Organization:

Moab and Back	<p>Elimelech and Naomi move to Moab with their sons The sons marry Moabite women All three men die Naomi returns to Bethlehem Orpah forsakes Naomi, but Ruth remains devoted to her Ruth converts to Naomi's people and God Naomi bitterly mourns</p>	1:1-22
In the Field	<p>Ruth goes to glean in the fields She "happens" to go to the field of Naomi's relative Boaz Boaz protects her and shows her great favor Naomi hears and rejoices in God's provision</p>	2:1-23
Threshing Floor	<p>Naomi tells Ruth of her plan to "set up" Ruth with Boaz Ruth follows through with Naomi's instructions Boaz responds with favor to Ruth Boaz mentions another kinsman who should help Boaz blesses Ruth and Naomi with provision</p>	3:1-18
At the Gate	<p>Boaz meet the kinsman and asks if he will help Ruth The kinsman declines Boaz announces his intention to marry Ruth They are married and have a child which blesses Naomi The genealogy of David</p>	4:1-22

Key Verses:

1:16-17; 2:3; 3:11; 4:14