

Your People Shall Be My People & Your God, my God (Ruth 1:6–22)

Running thru Ruth: Message #2

Grace Chapel

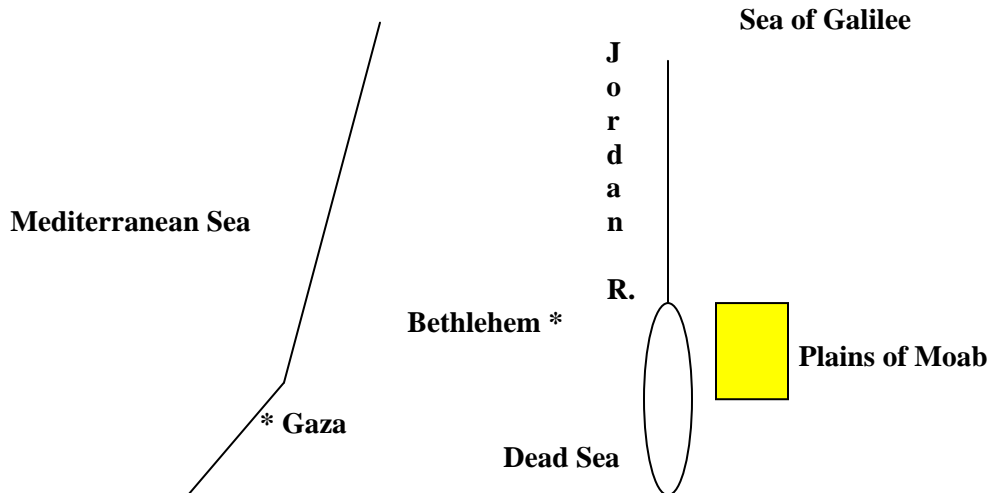
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INTRODUCTION

REVIEW

(1:1–5) While the judges ruled, an Ephrathite family of Bethlehem (Elimelech, Naomi, Mahlon, and Chilion) went to the plains of Moab to escape a food shortage, Elimelech died, Mahlon & Chilion died childless after 10 years of marriage to Moabitesses



NEW EXPOSITION

ROUND 1: Naomi plans to go to Judah alone, wishing God's blessing on them (1:6–10)

(1:6) Naomi planned to return to Judah, because God relieved His people's hunger

(1:7) Orpah & Ruth joined Naomi as she embarked on the road to return to Judah

(1:8–9a) Naomi urged Orpah/Ruth to return, wished them God's covenant blessing & marriage

(1:9b–10) They kissed, wept & pledged to accompany Naomi to Judah

ROUND 2: Naomi urges Orpah/Ruth to return to Moab, because she is past childbearing; Orpah reluctantly obeyed, but Ruth clung to Naomi (1:11–14)

(1:11–13) Naomi urged Orpah/Ruth to return, because Naomi is past childbearing and because she did not want Orpah/Ruth to continue sharing her discipline

(1:14) They wept, Orpah reluctantly obeyed Naomi, but Ruth clung to Naomi

ROUND 3: Naomi's peer pressure, but Ruth persuaded her to stop pressuring (1:15–18)

(1:15) Naomi's appeal to peer-pressure

(1:16–17) Ruth's plea for Naomi to stop pressuring her; her oath

(1:18) Naomi ceases pressuring Ruth

RETURN TO JUDAH: They return & are welcomed, but Naomi is bitter (1:19–22)

(1:19) Naomi & Ruth travel to Bethlehem, which welcomes them

(1:20–21) Naomi expresses her bitterness towards God

(1:22) Summary: Naomi & Ruth came to Bethlehem as the barley harvest began

CONCLUSION