



BOOK VIII | OLD TESTAMENT | HISTORY

# The Book of Ruth

Loyal Love - Quiet Providence - Redemption

*Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay.*

- Ruth 1:16

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Full-page visual overview - story movements, themes, symbols, characters, and application.

Follow the narrative in its own sequence. Each row names a passage movement and its contribution to the books larger witness.

**SECTION 1 | Ruth 1 LOSS, LOYALTY, AND RETURN****1:1-5**

PASSAGE MOVEMENT

Famine drives Elimelechs family to Moab. Naomi loses husband and sons, and the story begins with real grief rather than a quick answer.

**1:6-14**

PASSAGE MOVEMENT

Naomi hears that Bethlehem has food and urges her daughters-in-law to return home. Orpah leaves; Ruth remains.

**1:15-18**

PASSAGE MOVEMENT

Ruth makes her covenant pledge: where Naomi goes, Ruth will go; Naomis God will become Ruths God.

**1:19-22**

PASSAGE MOVEMENT

Naomi returns empty in her own eyes. The barley harvest begins, quietly placing loss beside the first sign of provision.

**SECTION 2 | Ruth 2 GLEAMING AND GENEROSITY****2:1-7**

PASSAGE MOVEMENT

Ruth enters Boazs field to glean. Her vulnerable work is ordinary, but it becomes the setting for providence.

**2:8-13**

PASSAGE MOVEMENT

Boaz protects Ruth, gives her a place among his workers, and responds to her loyal care for Naomi.

**2:14-17**

PASSAGE MOVEMENT

At the meal table Boaz gives Ruth abundance. She leaves the field with enough grain for two households.

**2:18-23**

PASSAGE MOVEMENT

Naomi recognizes Boaz as a family redeemer and begins to hope again.

**SECTION 3 | Ruth 3 A COURAGEOUS REQUEST****3:1-5**

PASSAGE MOVEMENT

Naomi seeks rest for Ruth and gives careful instructions for approaching Boaz at the threshing floor.

**3:6-9**

PASSAGE MOVEMENT

Ruth asks Boaz to spread his garment over her, a request for covenant protection and family redemption.

**3:10-13**

PASSAGE MOVEMENT

Boaz honors Ruth's character and promises to act rightly, while acknowledging a nearer redeemer.

**3:14-18**

PASSAGE MOVEMENT

Boaz sends Ruth home with grain. Naomi teaches patient trust: the matter will not rest until it is settled.

**SECTION 4 | Ruth 4 REDEMPTION AND RESTORED FAMILY****4:1-8**

PASSAGE MOVEMENT

At the town gate Boaz brings the legal matter into public view. The nearer redeemer declines.

**4:9-12**

PASSAGE MOVEMENT

Boaz takes responsibility for Ruth and for the family name. The elders bless the union.

**4:13-17**

PASSAGE MOVEMENT

Ruth bears Obed. Naomi, once empty, holds a child and receives a restored future.

**4:18-22**

PASSAGE MOVEMENT

The genealogy links Obed to Jesse and David, placing this quiet household story in Israel's royal line.

**01 LOYAL LOVE**

Ruths devotion is a costly choice to stay, serve, and belong when leaving would be easier.

**MODERN APPLICATION** Practice loyal love through one concrete act of presence for a person carrying loss.

*Ruth 1:16*

**02 QUIET PROVIDENCE**

God is rarely announced by spectacle; provision works through travel, harvest, lawful custom, and faithful people.

**MODERN APPLICATION** Look for one ordinary place where faithfulness can become provision.

*Ruth 2:3*

**03 WELCOME AND BELONGING**

A Moabite widow receives protection and a place among Gods people.

**MODERN APPLICATION** Make room for someone who may feel outside your usual circle.

*Ruth 2:10-12*

**04 REDEMPTION**

Boaz restores name, land, and future through public, generous action.

**MODERN APPLICATION** Ask where restoration needs both compassion and responsible action.

*Ruth 4:9-10*

## THE HARVEST FIELD

SYMBOL 01

**HISTORICAL CONTEXT**

Ruth works in Boazs field during barley harvest; the law allowed the vulnerable to glean.

**THEOLOGICAL MEANING**

The field becomes a visible place where Gods provision works through human generosity.

*Ruth 2:2-3*

## GLEANED GRAIN

SYMBOL 02

**HISTORICAL CONTEXT**

An ephah of grain is concrete, daily provision for Naomi and Ruth.

**THEOLOGICAL MEANING**

Abundance after emptiness signals that grace often arrives through ordinary work.

*Ruth 2:17*

THE TOWN GATE

SYMBOL 01

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Boaz completes redemption before witnesses at the gate.

THEOLOGICAL MEANING

Restoration is not private sentiment; it is public, just, and covenantal.

Ruth 4:1-10

EMPTY AND FULL HANDS

SYMBOL 02

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Naomi calls herself empty, then holds Obed at the end.

THEOLOGICAL MEANING

The visual reversal carries the story's movement from grief toward renewed hope.

Ruth 1:21; 4:16

## ICEBREAKER

**If you could ask God one question about loss and hope, what would it be?**

*Leader's Note: Invite concrete observation before moving to response.*

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**01**

## OBSERVATION

**What do you notice about Naomis honesty in Ruth 1?**

*Leader's Note: Invite concrete observation before moving to response.*

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**02**

## OBSERVATION

**How does Ruths pledge move beyond emotion into action?**

*Leader's Note: Invite concrete observation before moving to response.*

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**03**

## INTERPRETATION

**What does Boaz do to make Ruth safe in the field?**

*Leader's Note: Invite concrete observation before moving to response.*

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**04**

## INTERPRETATION

**Why is the town gate important in chapter 4?***Leader's Note: Invite concrete observation before moving to response.*

05

## APPLICATION

**Where do you see quiet providence in an ordinary detail?***Leader's Note: Invite concrete observation before moving to response.*

06

## APPLICATION

**Who might need practical welcome from you this week?***Leader's Note: Invite concrete observation before moving to response.*

07

## PRAYER PROMPT

**Pray for courage to practice loyal love and patient trust.***Leader's Note: Invite concrete observation before moving to response.*

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**Naomi**

Names grief honestly and learns to receive hope again.

**Ruth**

A Moabite widow whose loyal love becomes a confession of trust.

**Boaz**

Uses power to protect, welcome, and restore.

**Obed**

The child whose birth joins this household to Davids line.

## PRACTICAL APPLICATION - LIVING IT OUT TODAY

**!**

Practice loyal love through one concrete act of presence for a person carrying loss.

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Look for one ordinary place where faithfulness can become provision.

**!**

Make room for someone who may feel outside your usual circle.

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