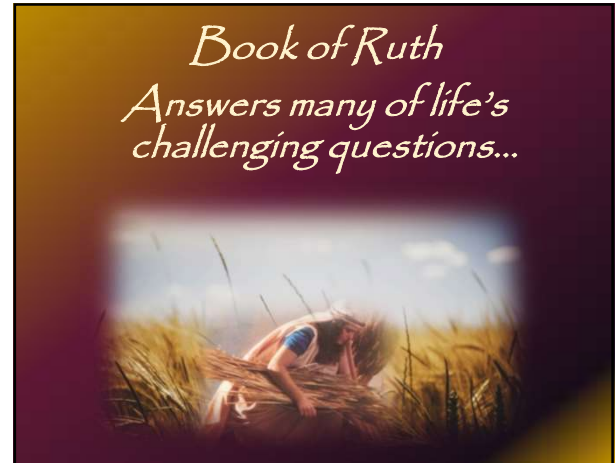
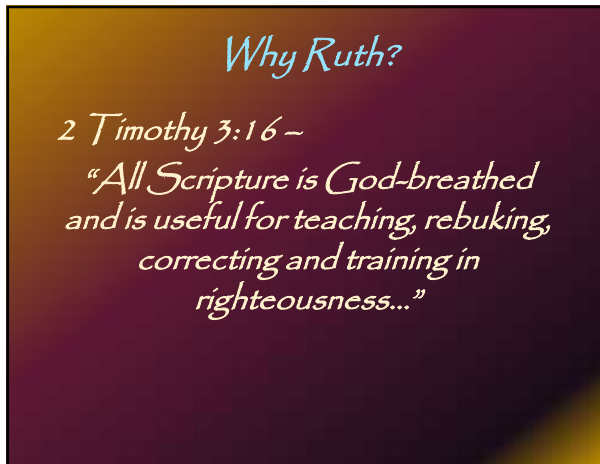




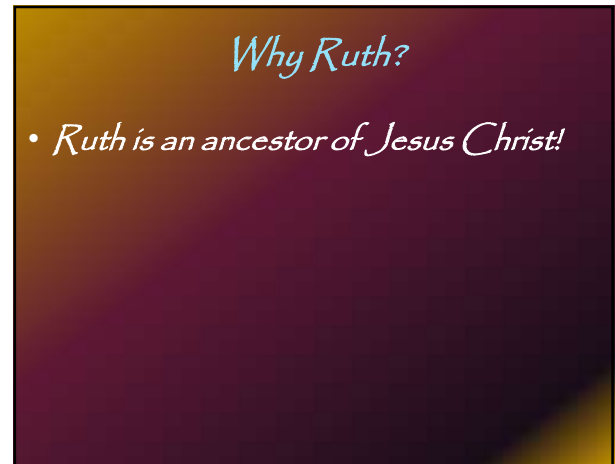
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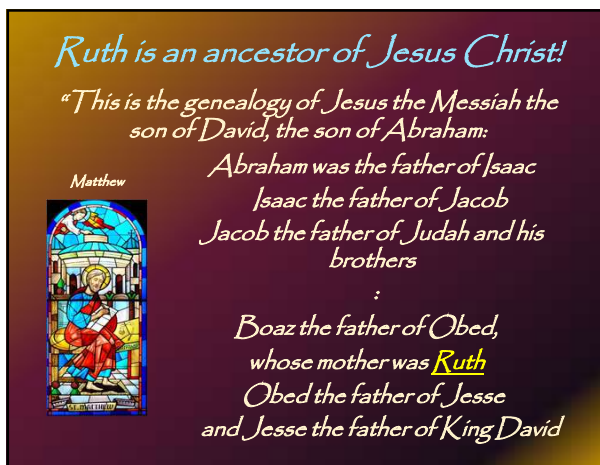
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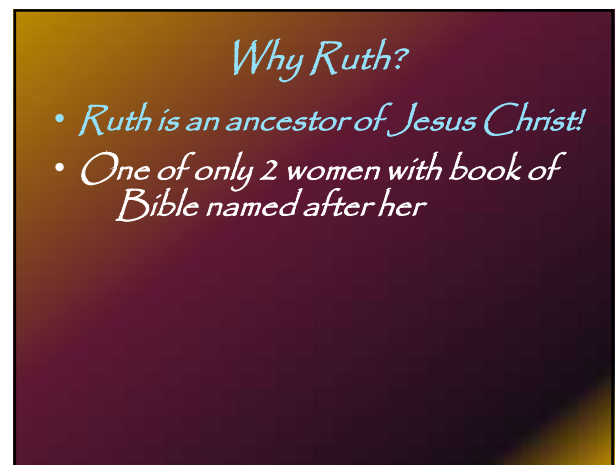
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## Why Ruth?

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## Ruth – Gentile, from Moab

- *“Ruth the Moabite” – repeated phrase*
- *Moab (modern day Jordan)*
- *An Immigrant; foreigner in the land of Judah (Bethlehem)*

*...yet, grafted into the vine of God!*

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## What was the origin of the Moabites? (Hint: It's Awkward)

### Genesis 19:30-37

*Lot and his two daughters left Zoar and settled in the mountains, for he was afraid to stay in Zoar. He and his two daughters lived in a cave. One day the older daughter said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is no man around here to give us children -- as is the custom all over the earth.*

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## Origin of Moabites

### Genesis 19:30-37-

*"Let's get our father to drink wine and then sleep with him and preserve our family line through our father. That night they got their father to drink wine, and the older daughter went in and slept with him. He was not aware of it when she lay down or when she got up. The next day the older daughter said to the younger, 'Last night I slept with my father. Let's get him to drink wine again tonight, and you go in and sleep with him so we can preserve our family line through our father.'"*

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## Origin of Moabites

### Genesis 19:30-37-

*35 So they got their father to drink wine that night also, and the younger daughter went in and slept with him. Again he was not aware of it when she lay down or when she got up. 36 So both of Lot's daughters became pregnant by their father. 37 The older daughter had a son, and she named him Moab; he is the father of the Moabites of today.*

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## "The Moabites"

### Chemosh



The destroyer, subduer, or fish-god;

Introduced at Jerusalem by Solomon (1 Kings 11:7).

Abolished by King Josiah (2 Kings 23:13)

Worship included human sacrifices.

Described by O.T. as "Vile" and "Detestable".

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*What did God say about His people relating to foreigners?*

### *Ezekiel 44:9*

*This is what the Sovereign LORD says: No foreigner uncircumcised in heart and flesh is to enter my sanctuary, not even the foreigners who live among the Israelites.*

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*What did God say about His people relating to foreigners?*

### *Exodus 34:15-16*

*Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land; for when they prostitute themselves to their gods and sacrifice to them, they will invite you and you will eat their sacrifices. 16 And when you choose some of their daughters as wives for your sons and those daughters prostitute themselves to their gods, they will lead your sons to do the same.*

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### *Moabites and Israel*

#### *Numbers 22-24*

*Israel's ready to enter the Promised Land and Balak, king of Moab hires Balaam to curse Israel; Moabite women seduce men of Israel...*



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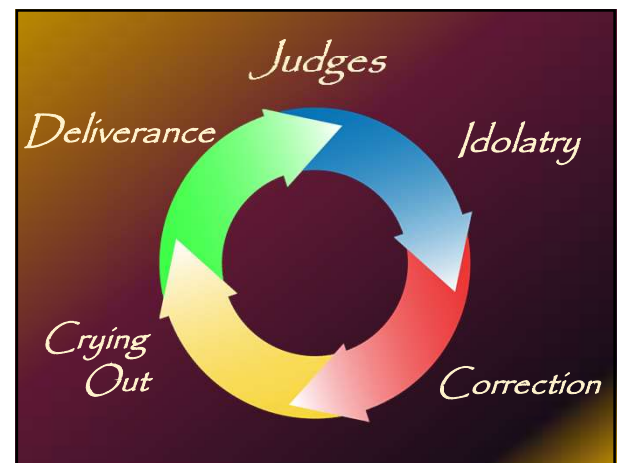
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*The Book of Ruth opens with...  
"In the days when the judges ruled..."*

*The Book of Judges closes with...*

*"In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes."  
Judges 21:25*

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Yet...

Even amidst cold hearts  
and great apostasy...

God is at work!

He is sovereignty & faithful!

*E.g. Job 42:2*

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- Reveals our "Kinsman-Redeemer"

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Story of a  
Kinsman-Redeemer  
"goel"

"A male relative who, as the nearest relative of another, is charged with the duty to act on behalf of a relative who was in trouble, danger, or need so as to restore the lost rights..."  
(E.g. property, servitude, avenge a slaying...)

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Leviticus 25:23-28

"The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you reside in my land as foreigners and strangers. Throughout the land that you hold as a possession, you must provide for the redemption of the land."

22

Leviticus 25:23-28

"...If one of your fellow Israelites becomes poor and sells some of their property, their nearest relative is to come and redeem what they have sold. If, however, there is no one to redeem it for them but later on they prosper and acquire sufficient means to redeem it themselves, they are to determine the value for the years since they sold it and refund the balance to the one to whom they sold it; they can then go back to their own property..."

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Leviticus 25:23-28

"...But if they do not acquire the means to repay, what was sold will remain in the possession of the buyer until the Year of Jubilee. It will be returned in the Jubilee, and they can then go back to their property."

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### *The object...*

*Preserve the Promised Land according to  
the form and boundaries set by God  
and...  
to protect His chosen people from  
abuse within and among the tribes.*

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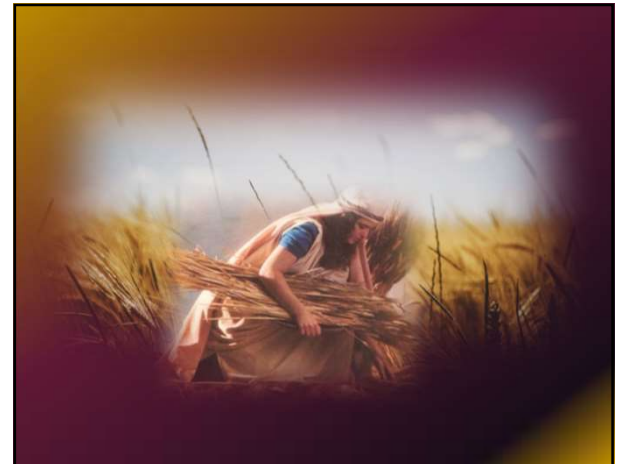
### *Our Story of a Kinsman-Redeemer "goel"*

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### *Book of Ruth*

*A romance that illustrates the  
hope we have in Christ!*



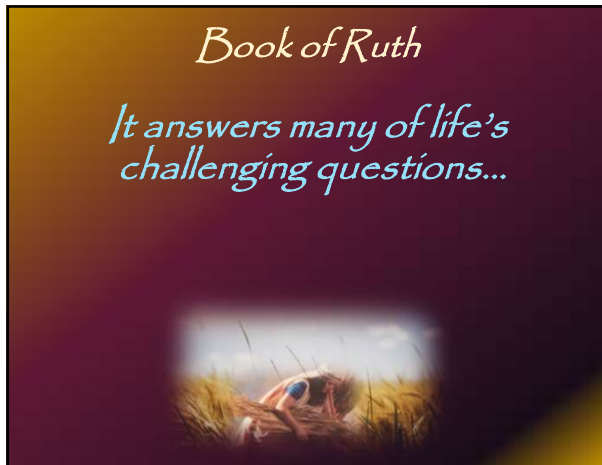
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### *Book of Ruth*

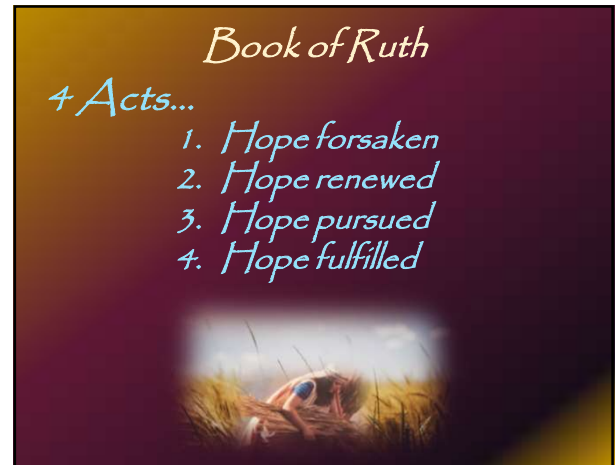
*Starts with a funeral...  
Ends with a wedding!*



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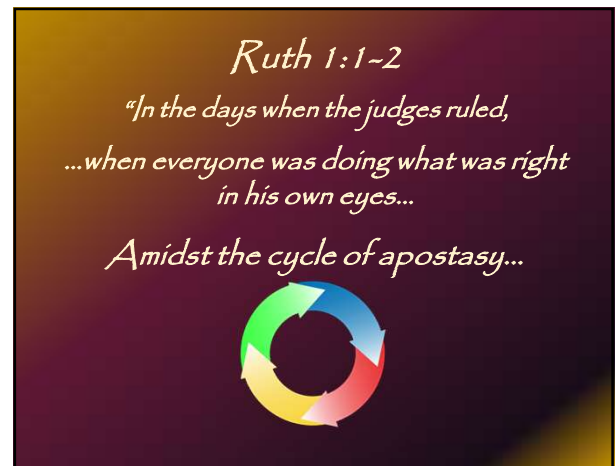
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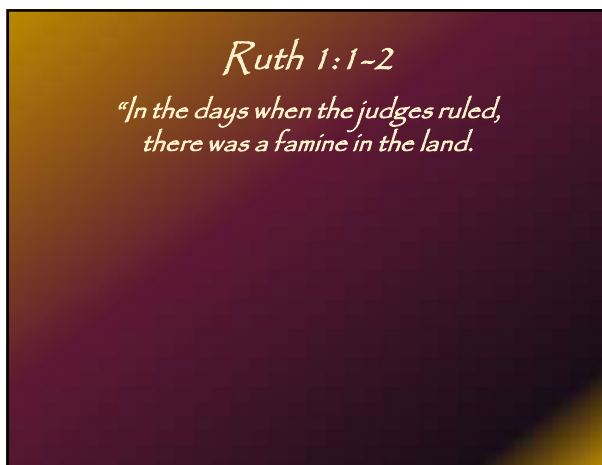
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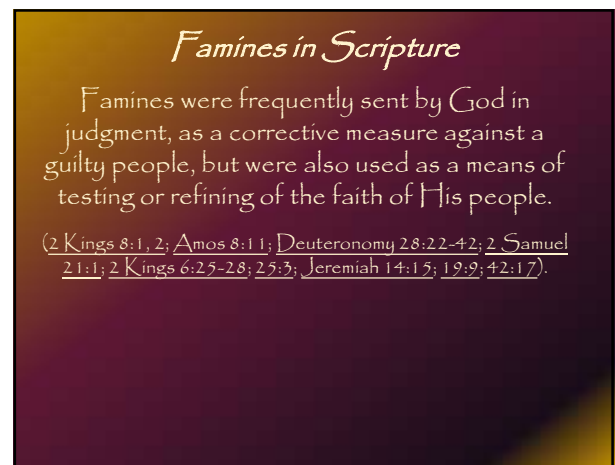
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## Famines in Scripture

Genesis 12:10-

"Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land."

1 Kings 17:1

"Now Elijah the Tishbite, from the Gilead settlers, said to Ahab, 'As the Lord God of Israel lives, I stand before Him, and there will be no dew or rain during these years except by my command!'"

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## Famines in Scripture

Amos 8:11-

"Behold, the days are coming," declares the Lord God, "when I will send a famine on the land— not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord."

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## "Beth-lehem"



## "House of Bread"

**No Bread!**

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## Ruth 1:1-2

"In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. The man's name was Elimelech, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there."

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So... they leave Bethlehem of Israel



To go to Moab!

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## A Story in the Names

Elimelech - My God is King  
Naomi - Pleasant, delight, grace  
Mahlon - Sick  
Chilion - Pining

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### Ruth 1:3-7

"Naomi's husband Elimelech died, and she was left with her two sons. Her sons took Moabite women as their wives: one was named Orpah and the second was named Ruth. After they lived in Moab about 10 years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two children and without her husband."

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### A Story in the Names

Elimelech - My God is King  
 Naomi - Pleasant, delight, grace  
 Mahlon - Sick  
 Chilion - Fading  
 Orpah - Stiff-necked, from the idea of a fawn or gazelle  
 Ruth - Friendship

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### Ruth 1:3-7

"She and her daughters-in-law prepared to leave the land of Moab, because she had heard in Moab that the Lord had paid attention to His people's need by providing them food. She left the place where she had been living, accompanied by her two daughters-in-law, and traveled along the road leading back to the land of Judah."

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Amidst God's "pop-quizzes"...

Only!  
 "This is a test!"

Pragmatism vs Faith

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### Pragmatism -

Do we respond with ...

Fear?

Logic?

Natural reasoning?

Do we set aside all that God has declared?

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### Faith -

"You are the Sovereign God... and no purpose of your can be thwarted!"

Job 42:2

"He will work out all things for good!"

Romans 8:28

"I will never leave nor forsake you!"

Hebrews 13:5; Deuteronomy 31:8

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*John 6:35*

*“Then Jesus declared,  
‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes  
to me will never go hungry, and whoever  
believes in me will never be thirsty.’*

