

## **The Book of Ruth: Redemption Story**

Today, we will spend our time in the opening scene of the little Book of Ruth (1:1-5), and then identify a key takeaway from each of the 4 chapters. One of the most remarkable things about this book is how the Lord uses seemingly little things to accomplish His grand purposes. In this book we discover the Lord is not only in the process of redeeming a family or a nation, but He is redeeming His people down through the ages.

### **The Opening Scene – 1:1-5**

Does any book of the Bible begin with such a scene of devastation as this?

:1-2 – A Reverse Exodus

- Looking for life in all the wrong places, a family departs the Promised Land
  
- 4 things that set the context:
  - “the days when the judges ruled”
  - “famine”
  - from “Bethlehem, Judah”
  - to “Moab”

:3 – Death strikes: Elimelech

:4 – Naomi’s sons take Moabite wives

:5 – Death strikes again: Mahlon & Chilion

4 Reasons we must study this book: a brief summary