

RUTH

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

RUTH 1: HOW DO YOU
HANDLE ADVERSITY???

MOAB

MOAB was the nation that descended from the relationship between Lot and his older daughter, after the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

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“Now it came about in the days
when the judges were judging...”

Two Important things about
when the judges were judging...

CYCLES IN JUDGES...



CHAOS IN JUDGES...

In those days there was
no king in Israel;
everyone did what
was right in his own eyes.
Judges 17:6;21:25

RUTH 1: NAOMI'S ADVERSITY

- The Famine and the Flight, 1-2.
 - ✓ Elimelech ⇔ “My God is King”
 - ✓ Naomi ⇔ “fair,” “pleasant,” “lovely”
 - ✓ Mahlon ⇔ “sickness,” or “disease”
 - ✓ Chilion ⇔ “destruction,” or “pining”

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- The Losses and the Grief, 3-5.
 - ✓ Elimelech dies!
 - ✓ Both boys marry Moabite women.
 - ✓ Both sons die!

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- The Return To Bethlehem, 6-22.
 - ✓ The decision to return, 6-9.
 - ✓ The discussion about the return, 10-13.
 - ✓ The decision NOT to return (Orpah), 14.
 - ✓ The determination TO return (Ruth), 15-18.
 - ✓ The disruption at the return, 19.

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- The Return To Bethlehem, 6-22.
 - ✓ The disappointment, at the return, 20-21.
 - ✓ The details of the return, 22.

How Do You Respond To Adversity?

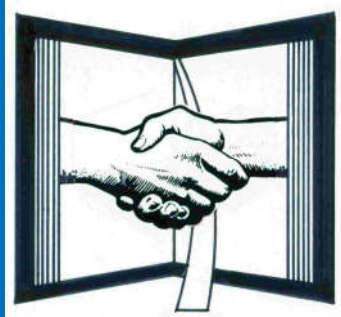
- Like Elimelech?
- Like Naomi?
- Like King Ahab, I Kings 21:1-4?
- Like Elijah, I Kings 19:1-4?
- Like Job, Job 1:20-22.

Ruth 1:20-21...What is Naomi “forgetting”???

“Count Your Blessings....”

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GOD WANTS US TO RESPOND
IN FAITH AND OBEDIENCE.

“God is good...all the time!”



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