

# Ruth The Hidden Hand of God



## Prologue:

**Famine & Death in the midst of Dark & Distressing Days.**

“In the days when the Judges ruled...” (1:1-2)

1375  
TO  
1050

**10 Years**

A. Naomi-Too Old to Conceive (1:3-22)

B. The Possible Redeemer is Introduced (2:1)

C. Ruth and Naomi Make a Plan (2:1)

D. Ruth And Boaz's Field (2:3)

E. Boaz Comes from Bethlehem (2:4)

F. Boaz Asks: "Whose Young Woman is that?" (2:5-7)

G. Ruth Becomes Part of the Boaz Clan (2:8-18)

- Ruth Brings One Ephah of Barley to Naomi (2:18)

H. Naomi Blesses Boaz (2:19)

I. Boaz The One Who is in Position to Redeem (2:20)

J. Ruth Joins Boaz's Workers (2:21-23)

**50 Days**

**TURNING POINT-THE PLAN LAID BY NAOMI AND RUTH (3:1-8)**

J'. Ruth Identifies Herself as Boaz's Handmaid (3:9a)

I'. Ruth Challenges Boaz to Act as a Redeemer (3:9b)

H'. Boaz Blesses Ruth (3:10)

G'. Boaz Promises to Marry Ruth (3:11-15)

- Ruth Brings 6 Measures of Barley to Naomi (3:17)

F'. Naomi asks: "Who are You?" (3:16-18)

E'. Boaz Goes to Bethlehem (4:1)

D'. Ruth and a Field (4:2-12)

C'. Ruth and Naomi's Plan is Fulfilled, Marriage (4:13)

B'. The Redeemer was not Denied (4:14-16)

A'. A Son was Born to Naomi! (4:17)

**1 Day**

**9 months**

**10 GENERATIONS**

## Epilogue:

**A King is Born and the Future is Bright.**

“This, then, is the line of Perez... David” (4:18-22)



1885  
TO  
1040

1:1	Death	1:2	1:3	Plan	2:3	2:4	Provision	2:23	3:1	Proposal	3:18	4:1	Fulfillment	4:17	4:18	Birth	4:22
Prologue: Days of Judges		Moab to Bethlehem			Gleaning in The Field of Boaz				Ruth's Proposal of Marriage to Boaz			Boaz Redeems Ruth		Epilogue: Birth of David			

## Levirate Marriage & Redemption (גֹּאֵל - used 23 times)

The provision for levirate marriage is found in Deut. 25:5-10.  
The provision for redemption from bondage is found in Lev. 25:23-25, 47-49.  
In both cases the redeemer/spouse must be related and willing.

## Hesed (חֶסֶד) in Ruth (1:8; 2:20; 3:10)

This is God's loyal, covenant love for His People.  
It is undeserved & unconditional.  
It is help to the helpless. It is God's very nature.

The author recorded the story of an Israelite family's journey to Moab and back to Bethlehem, the marriage of a faithful Moabitess (Ruth) and a loving kinsmen-redeemer (Boaz), and the birth of their son Obed, the ancestor of David, in order to demonstrate the sovereign providence of Yahweh, which was at work even in the chaotic times of the Judges, guiding the history of the nation toward a monarchy and ultimately a theocracy under Christ.