

RUTH 4

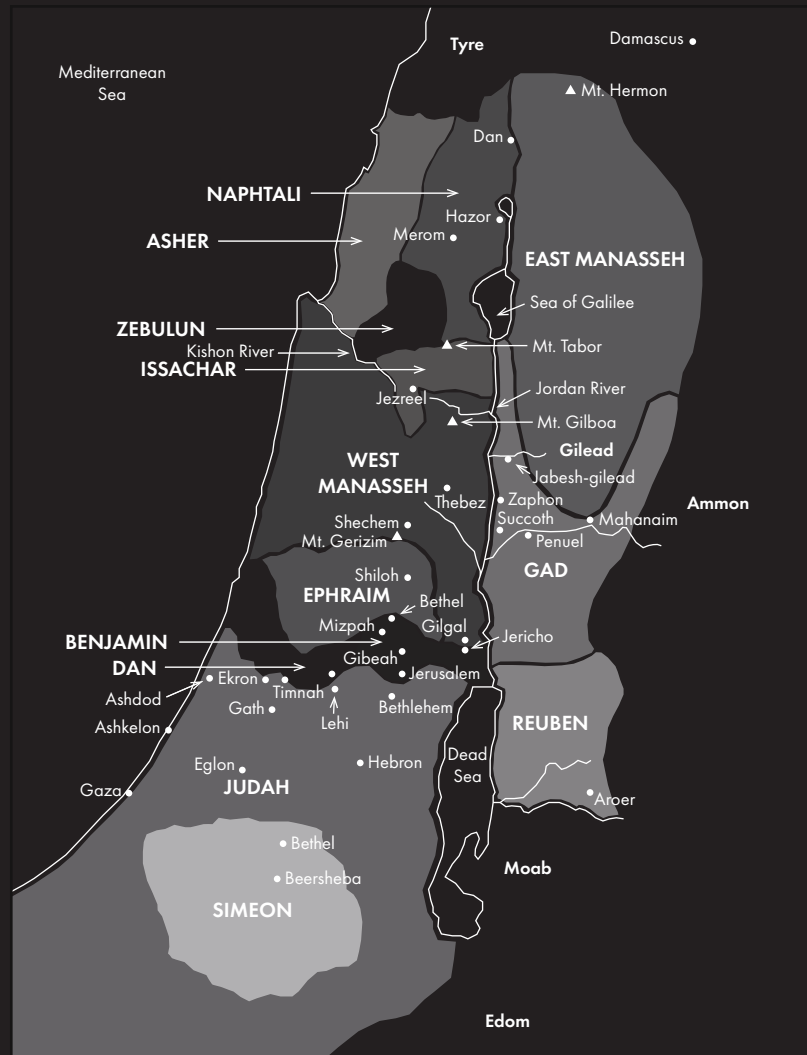
NAOMI RUTH BOAZ

WHEN

- The events recorded in the book of Ruth happened during the period of the Judges (1:1). Most scholars place the period of the Judges between 1450 B.C. and 1000 B.C.
- Ruth was the great-grandmother of King David. David's birth is dated to approximately 1040 B.C, which would place Ruth's story around 1100 B.C.

WHERE

- In the first chapter, Naomi and Ruth moved to Bethlehem after living in Moab.
- Ruth and Boaz met in a field near Bethlehem (2:4).



CHARACTERS

- **Naomi** – An Israelite widow. Ruth was her daughter-in-law.
- **Ruth** – Moabite woman who became a widow after the death of her husband, Naomi's son.
- **Boaz** – A relative of Naomi. He is described as a "worthy man."
- **The 1st Redeemer** – This man was relative of Naomi's who was even more closely related than Boaz.

OUTLINE

- BOAZ MEETS WITH THE 1ST REDEEMER (4:1-12):
 - + Boaz went to the gate of the city to resolve the situation that arose in Ruth 3.
 - + As a relative of Ruth's, Boaz had the right and the responsibility to marry her and care for her, but a closer relative had to forego that right first.
 - + When Boaz found the closer relative, he gathered the elders of the city and explained the situation.
 - + Naomi was selling a piece of land that belonged to her husband, Elimelech.
 - + As the closest relative, the 1st redeemer had the right to purchase the land, however in doing so, he would also be responsible for caring for Ruth.
 - + The redeemer wanted the land, but not a wife, so he relinquished his right and gave Boaz permission to redeem Ruth.
 - + The redeemer took off his shoe and gave it to the Boaz. This was the cultural way of showing that an agreement had been reached.
 - + All the people who witnessed the agreement were in favor and they blessed Boaz and Ruth's union.
- RUTH AND BOAZ GET MARRIED (4:13-17):
 - + Ruth and Boaz got married and had a son together.
 - + The women of Bethlehem praised the Lord for being kind to Naomi's family after their grief in Moab.
 - + The women of the neighborhood named Ruth's sons Obed.
- THE GENEALOGY OF KING DAVID (4:18-22):
 - + Ruth was the great-grandmother of king David.
 - + David was from the tribe of Judah and his family tree is recorded at the end of the chapter.
 - + Judah (Gen 46:12), Perez, Hezron, Ram, Amminadab, Nahshon, Salmon, Boaz, Obed, Jesse, and David.

APPLICATION

- The story of Boaz and Ruth is similar to the story of all Christians.
- Ruth and Naomi were struggling and in need of help.
- We were once struggling as a result of being separated from God because of our sins.
- Ruth needed a redeemer.
- We needed a redeemer.
- A redeemer from Bethlehem came to save Ruth.
- A redeemer from Bethlehem came to save us.

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