

BIBLE CHARACTER – SPOTLIGHT SERIES

Ruth - A Woman of Love & Loyalty

1. The Book of Ruth contains no _____ authorship.
2. Jewish Tradition credits _____ as the author because of similarity of _____ and _____ as Judges and the Books of Samuel.
3. The genealogy, however, suggests Ruth was written _____ Samuel's death.
4. The Book of Ruth was written sometime between _____ BC and _____ BC.
5. The story takes place in the times of the _____.
6. There was a famine in the land and Elimelech, his wife Naomi and two sons, Mahlon and Kilion, leave _____ in the land of Judah and settled in the land of _____.
7. Both Naomi's _____ and _____ die in Moab. She has two daughters-in-law, _____ and _____ (Ruth 1:1-5).
8. A report comes that there is now _____ in the land of Judah so Naomi with her daughters-in-laws head to _____. However, one goes back home and the other stays with _____. (Ruth 1:14).
9. Naomi is really the _____ character of the Book of Ruth, but Ruth's _____ and _____ take the stage.
10. Ruth was a _____. Moabites origins began through _____ and his own daughter's son, _____.
11. Moabites were _____ to the Israelites and were seeped in _____ (Ruth 1:13, Genesis 19:36-38).
12. Ruth was a good _____ and a good _____ - _____ - _____ (Ruth 1:8).
13. Both daughter-in-laws showed _____ to the sons and Naomi, but Ruth's love and devotion _____ that of Orpah.
14. Naomi could not _____ Ruth to go back to her family and remarry for her _____.
15. Ruth chooses Naomi, Naomi's _____, and Naomi's _____ over her own _____ and over going back to marry again of her own _____.

[Read Ruth 1:16,17] “But Ruth replied, ‘Don’t ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go: wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord punish me severely if I allow anything but death to separate us!’”

16. Ruth was _____ to be with Naomi, her God, and her people. She must have learned so _____ about God from Naomi and was _____ by Naomi’s life in honoring God, that Ruth wanted God _____.
17. Her devotion to Naomi and to God was so deep that she put them above _____, her _____, and her own _____ she was leaving behind (Matt. 5:5, 10:37-39).
18. Ruth was not out looking for her own _____. She was not a _____ woman.
19. Boaz blesses Ruth for her _____, faithfulness, _____ to Naomi (1 Timothy 5:1-16), and for not going after young _____, whether rich or poor.

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20. It was no _____ that Ruth would just so happen to glean in the field of _____, a close relative of Elimelech, Naomi’s late husband (Ruth 2:3).
21. God _____ and _____ for Ruth in Boaz’s fields.
22. Kinsman-redeemer or guardian-redeemer is a nearest _____ who buys property of a family in _____, so it won’t be _____ to the family (Ruth 2:20).
23. Ruth listens and _____ Naomi’s instructions. The instructions must have seemed _____ and maybe even scary for Ruth to obey, due to _____ differences. Again, Ruth proves her loyalty and devotion in this _____ (Ruth 3:1-5).
24. Levirate marriage is the responsibility of the kinsman-redeemer to marry their relative’s _____, and their child would carry the _____ and _____ of the widow’s deceased husband (Deuteronomy 25:5,6). This is the kind of marriage that Ruth was facing and she was _____.
25. Ruth becomes Boaz’s wife and their first child is named _____.
26. Obed is the _____ of King David, thus the lineage of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ (Ruth 4).

27. Ruth, a Moabite, lived in _____ with God and benefitted from a faithful _____ with Him.
28. God's covenant is not limited by any boundaries-whether _____, _____, or _____ (Encountering the Old Testament, a Christian Survey, 3rd edition, Bill T Arnold & Bryan E Beyer).
29. Ruth was living according to her own descendant's teachings, the teachings of _____.
30. Matthew 5:3-8: Ruth knew her need for God. Ruth was in _____ herself and not only lost her _____ but in choosing God she loses her _____.
31. Ruth's _____, _____, and _____ living grants her much favor and blessings from the Lord.
32. Matthew 6:33: All things and much more were _____ unto Ruth as God and His righteousness were _____ place in her life.
33. Matthew 10:37-39: Ruth chooses God over her own _____, her own _____. She takes up her cross and follows God into the unknown. She _____ her life and in the end of this beautiful story receives a _____ life.
34. 1 Timothy 5:1-16: Ruth is living out Paul's words to Timothy regarding widows. She doesn't live for _____. She _____ for her widowed relative although she is herself a widow.
35. Hebrews 13:15,16 & 1 Timothy 5:25: Ruth's good _____ and _____ for another pleases God. She follows the instructions of Naomi as one _____ to authority because of her confidence and _____ in Naomi and in her God.
36. Let us take seriously and _____ what James 1:22 says: "Let us be _____ of the word, not _____ only, and so deceive yourselves."

Scriptures for further discussion:

John 16:33

Hebrews 13:15,16,17

1 Corinthians 9:9 & Isaiah 64:3-5

Isaiah 63:7-10