

RUTH

**The God Who Extends
Mercy to the Faithful**

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Old Testament Structure

Law (Established)	Prophets (Enforced)		Writings (Enjoyed)	
	<i>Former</i>	<i>Latter</i>	<i>Former</i>	<i>Latter</i>
Genesis	Joshua	Jeremiah	Ruth-Psalms	Daniel
Exodus	Judges	Ezekiel	Job	Esther
Leviticus	1–2 Samuel	Isaiah	Proverbs	Ezra-Nehemiah
Numbers	1–2 Kings	The Twelve	Ecclesiastes	1–2 Chronicles
Deuteronomy			Song of Songs	
			Lamentations	
Narrative	Narrative	Commentary	Commentary	Narrative
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Structure

- ◆ **Introduction—The Crisis: Naomi's emptiness in exile parallels Israel's (1:1–22)**
- ◆ **Body—The Hope and Challenge: The rise of a redeemer from Bethlehem (2:1–3:18)**
- ◆ **Conclusion—Rescue and Epilogue: Naomi's filling and the hope for a new Davidic kingdom for Israel (4:1–22)**

The Crisis (ch 1)

◆ 1:1

◆ 1:2

◆ 1:5, 11–13

◆ 1:16

◆ 1:20–21

The Hope (ch. 2)

◆ God leads Ruth to the right field:

❖ 2:1

❖ 2:4

❖ 2:8–9, 14–16

◆ 2:12

◆ 2:19–20

The Challenge (ch. 3)

◆ 3:9

◆ 3:10–13

The Rescue (4:1–17)

- ◆ 4:5–6
- ◆ 4:7–10 (cf. Deut 25:5–10)
- ◆ 4:11–12
- ◆ 4:13, 17

Epilogue (4:18–22)

- ◆ 4:5–6
- ◆ 4:7–10 (cf. Deut 25:5–10)
- ◆ 4:11–12
- ◆ 4:13, 17

Messianic Hope

God promised to do through David's future son on a national level what Boaz supplied on a personal level. Just as Yahweh delivered David's ancestors from exile through a kinsman redeemer from Bethlehem, he would do the same for David's descendants (cf. Mic 5:2; Ruth 1:1).

Summary of Ruth

Just as the Lord redeemed David's ancestors and preserved the messianic line by filling Naomi's emptiness through the Bethlehemite redeemer Boaz's marrying Ruth, so God will redeem David's descendants by filling their emptiness and expanding them to include the nations through a new redeemer from Bethlehem, David's greater son.