

Ruth

Lesson #1, Introduction to the Book

Welcome to this study on the book of Ruth! There are so many wonderful truths we can glean here from God's Word, so that's why I have a few helpful hints for you as you get started.

- First, read through the book of Ruth *before* beginning this lesson.
- Second, *using only your Bible*, try to answer the questions in this lesson using clues and information found in the book of Ruth. (Be sure to include Scripture references to support the answers you find). At this point, using only your Bible, you may not be able to answer some of the questions below.
- Third, once you've completed the questions to the best of your ability, you can now consult a Bible dictionary, Bible commentary, or a Study Bible and add to each of the questions below with the extra information you discover.

Ready? Let's get started!

1. Who wrote the book of Ruth?
2. When was the book of Ruth written?
3. Where was it written?
4. To whom was the book written?
5. Where do the events of the book take place?
6. What do you learn about Ruth herself from this book?
7. What do you learn about Naomi?
8. What do you learn about Boaz?

9. What was the country of Israel like at this point in its history?
10. What are the main points of the story covered in the book?
11. What are the main themes in the book?
12. What was the author's purpose for writing the book of Ruth?
13. What attributes about God do you notice in this book?
14. Write down any interesting facts you discovered about the book of Ruth from your Bible or outside reading.

TRIVIA

- RUTH IS THE ONLY BOOK IN THE OLD TESTAMENT NAMED AFTER AN ANCESTOR OF JESUS.
- RUTH IS THE ONLY BOOK IN THE OLD TESTAMENT NAMED AFTER A NON-JEWISH PERSON.
- THIS BOOK IS ONE OF TWO BOOKS IN THE BIBLE NAMED AFTER A WOMAN.
- MANY BELIEVE THAT RUTH'S NAME MEANS "FRIENDSHIP."
(TAKEN FROM MACARTHUR'S QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO THE BIBLE.)