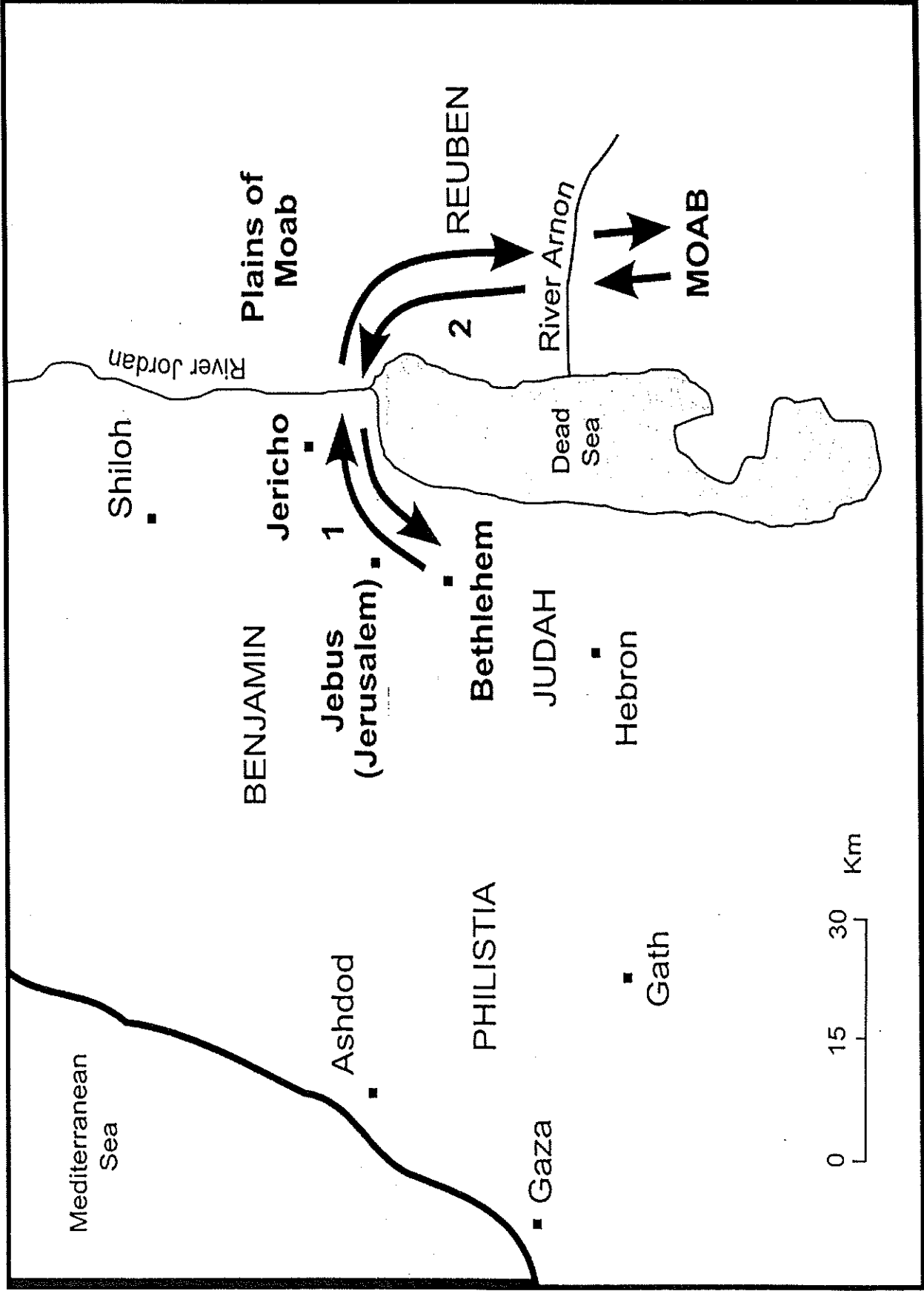




RUTH
Redemption for all



Ruth Scriptures Lecture 1

Psalm 115:1-8

Not to us, LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness. Why do the nations say, "Where is their God?" Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him. But their idols are silver and gold, made by human hands. They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but cannot see. They have ears, but cannot hear, noses, but cannot smell. They have hands, but cannot feel, feet, but cannot walk, nor can they utter a sound with their throats. Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them.

Jeremiah 48:42

Moab will be destroyed as a nation because she defied the LORD.

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Colossians 1:9-14

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

1 Thessalonians 5:4-8

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

Deuteronomy 25:5-6

If brothers are living together and one of them dies without a son, his widow must not marry outside the family. Her husband's brother shall take her and marry her and fulfill the duty of a brother-in-law to her. The first son she bears shall carry on the name of the dead brother so that his name will not be blotted out from Israel.

Jeremiah 14:22

Do any of the worthless idols of the nations bring rain? Do the skies themselves send down showers? No, it is you, LORD our God. Therefore our hope is in you, for you are the one who does all this.

Revelation 21:23

The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

Proverbs 24:14

Know also that wisdom is like honey for you:

If you find it, there is a future hope for you,
and your hope will not be cut off.

1 Corinthian 13:12

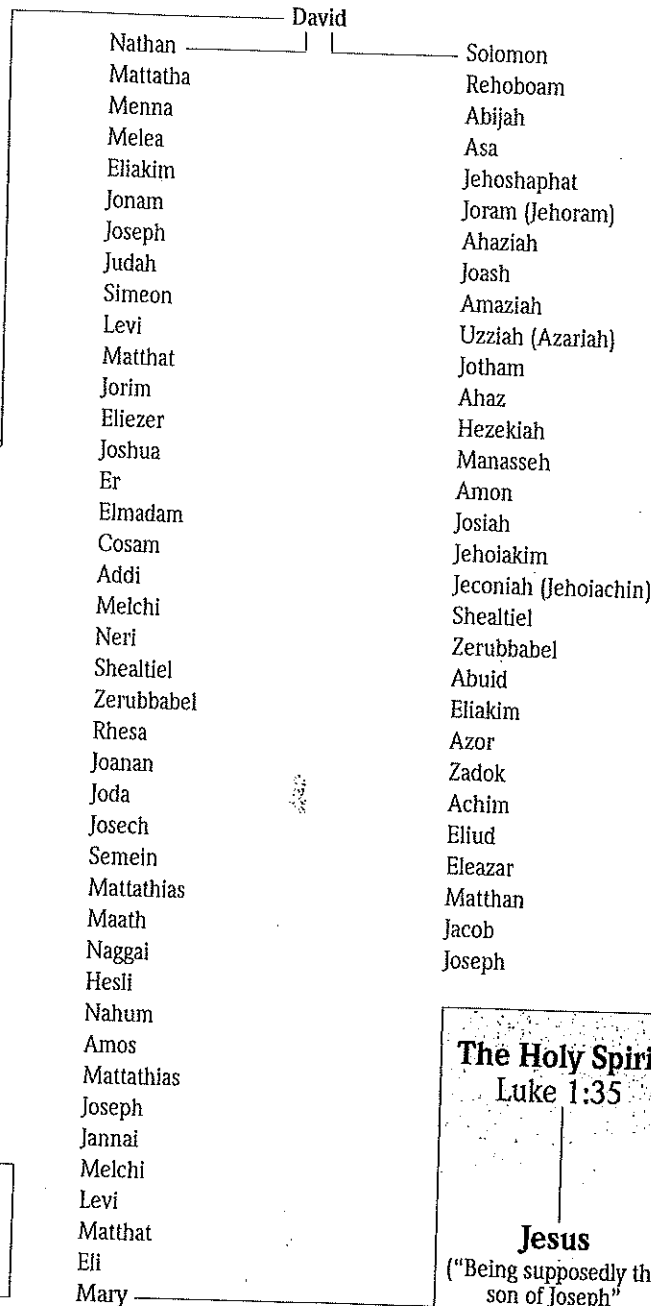
For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS THE CHRIST

As proof of His right to the throne of David through Mary

FOR THE GENERATIONS FROM ADAM TO ABRAHAM, SEE LUKE 3:34-38

Abraham
Isaac
Jacob
Judah
Perez
Hezron
Ram
Admin
Amminadab
Nahshon
Salmon—Rahab
Boaz—Ruth
Obed
Jesse



*This information is taken from
1 Chronicles 3
Matthew 1
Luke 3*

The Holy Spirit
Luke 1:35

Jesus
("Being supposedly the son of Joseph"
[Luke 3:23])

Ruth – Lesson 1

This story is more than a love story between Ruth and her mother-in-law, Naomi, or between Ruth and her husband, Boaz. It is a story of Redemption and Hope that shines bright against the darkest days in the Old Testament.

Get ready to discover how God brought hope to Ruth and Naomi through a Kinsman Redeemer, and how He continues to bring hope to us through our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

We will study this book line upon line, and chapter by chapter. So ask God to draw you into the riches of His Word as you study this week. He loves you dear one, and as His Story is revealed, let it remind you of the great love He has for you.

1. Read through Chapter One of Ruth. Mark every reference in different colors of these names or events: Ruth; Naomi; reference of time; and geographical locations.

2. Now list all the characters mentioned in the first chapter. Then look up the meaning of their names in a concordance. List their names and meanings in the space below:

3. Answer the following questions so you don't miss any of the great details of this chapter:
 - a. What is happening?

 - b. When is this happening? (Timing is significant; don't forget the when in verse 22.)

 - c. How long had Naomi been away from her people?

d. Why is this happening?

e. Look at a map and familiarize yourself with their journey.
Look up the meaning of the name Bethlehem.

4. Read Ruth 1:6-14.

Why does Naomi tell them to return to their mothers' homes?

What is her reasoning?

5. Read Deuteronomy 25:5-10 in your Bible to understand what Naomi is saying in these verses. Note every reference to the husband's brother. Summarize what the husband's brother is to do and under what situation he is to do it. Does this tell you how important family is to God?

6. Ruth is a Moabitess. Look up the following verses and note what you learn about the Moabites:

a. Genesis 19:30-38

b. Deuteronomy 23:1-4

7. Ruth 1:16-17 are beautiful words that are often quoted in marriage ceremonies. Make a list of each thing Ruth promises to do with respect to Naomi,

8. What does this tell you about Ruth's relationship to God?

9. Consider the relationship between Naomi and Ruth.

Consider the following questions:

- a. How do you think they feel toward each other?

- b. What are their concerns?

- c. What do you see in this kind of a commitment to their relationship?

As you consider this relationship, do you see any insights that you can apply to your own life? If you are a married woman, do you gain any insights into how you might build your relationship with your mother-in-law or your daughter-in-law?

10. How did Ruth define her relationship with God? (Ruth 1:16-17)

11. Read Ruth 1:18-22. How does Chapter 1 conclude? What was Naomi's attitude upon arriving back home? What season had just begun?

Read through Chapter 2 and mark references to Ruth, Naomi, Boaz, kinsman, relative, and/or close relative.

12. Now let's look at our story again. What is happening in this chapter? What time of year is it? (Note how 1:22 sets you up for this.)

13. Who is Boaz? List everything you learn about him.

14. Why is Ruth gleaning in fields that are not hers, that neither she nor Naomi had sown before?
 - a. Look up Leviticus 19:9-10. What do you learn?
 - b. These are laws given by God. What does this tell you about God?
 - c. Read Ruth 2:3. Whose field did Ruth “chance” upon?
 - d. Had Naomi told Ruth where to glean?
 - e. Is there any indication that this was a setup on Naomi’s part or that Ruth knew about Boaz before this? Support your answer with Scripture.
 - f. Where does God seem to be in all this? What does this tell you about God?
15. What do you learn about the people of Bethlehem from reading Chapters 1 and 2? Look at Ruth 1:19. How is this confirmed in Chapter 2?
16. Look at the blessing given by Boaz to Ruth in verse 12. It is so beautiful. What does this verse tell you about Ruth?

Questions to Ponder

- 1. Have there been times in your life where you thought things seemed impossible and made a decision based upon your circumstances like Elimelech? What happened?*
- 2. Think back over your life and list two or three of the most memorable examples of loyalty or commitment you have seen. What made these events remarkable?*
- 3. How can you imitate Ruth's love and selflessness in your relationships with your family?*
- 4. Why is doing what is best for others often very painful for us personally?*
- 5. What specific attitude or action from Ruth's life do you want to emulate today?*