

P.T. BIBLE SURVEY

The Book of Ruth

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◎ Timing of Events:

- Around 1070 to 1050 B.C.
- Towards the end of the era of Judges.
- Ruth covers a period of 12 years.

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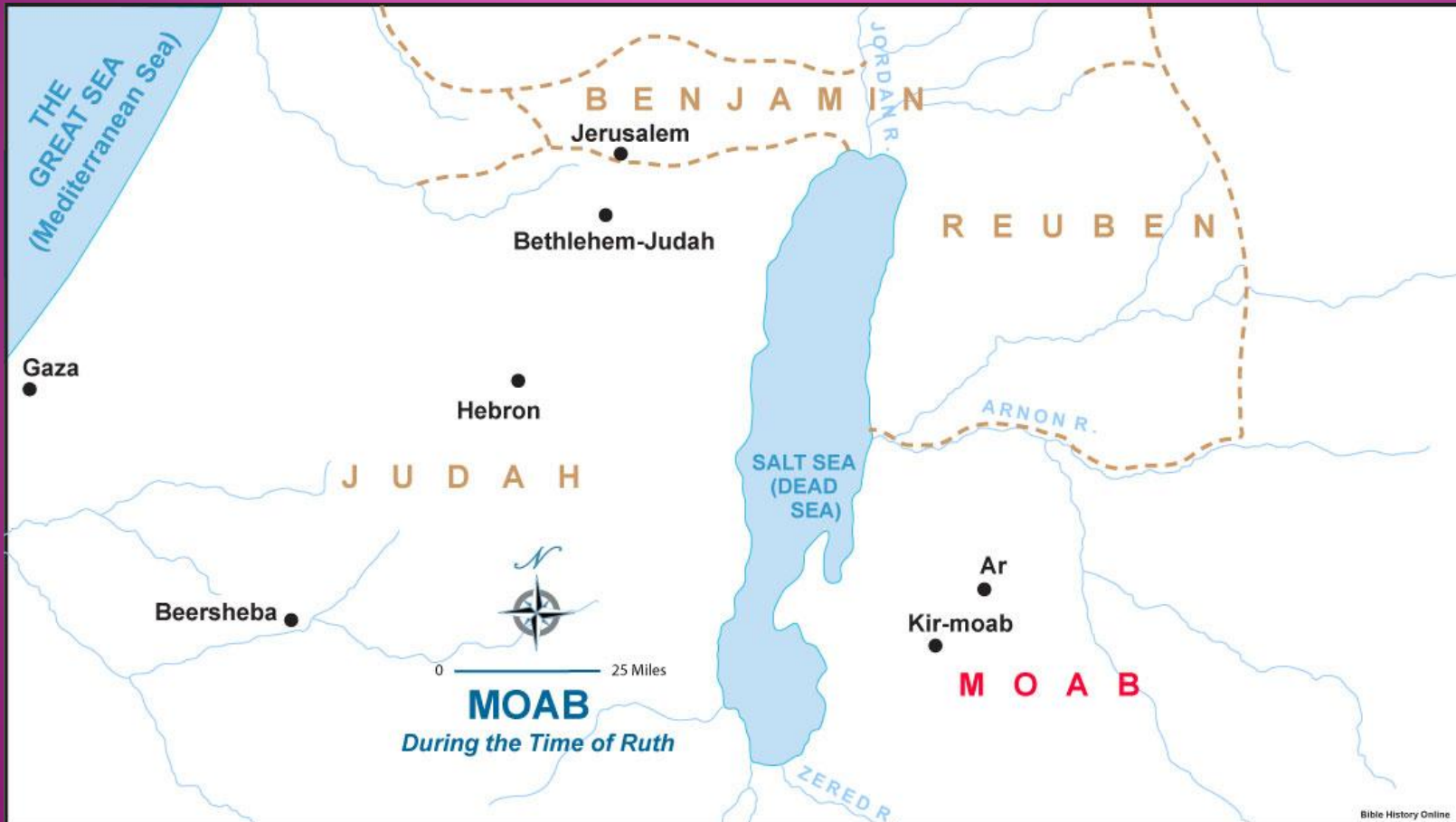
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- **Part 2 - Ruth's Love is Rewarded, Chaps. 3-4**
 - Ruth's request for redemption by Boaz
 - Ruth's reward of redemption by Boaz

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- ◎ Summary in 10 words or less:
 - Loyal daughter in law reflects God's faithfulness, love, and care.

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◎ Cast of Characters:

- **God:** In whom Naomi trusts for provision
- **Naomi:** a widow who helps establish the earthly ancestry of Jesus
- **Elimelech:** Naomi's husband who took her to Moab to avoid the famine, then died
- **Orpah:** Naomi's daughter-in-law who returns to her own people in widowhood
- **Ruth:** Naomi's daughter-in-law; vows to stay with Naomi no matter what may befall them
- **Boaz:** a man from Elimelech's clan; a kinsman who becomes Ruth's husband.

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◎ Cast of Characters cont.:

- **The “Nearer Kinsman”**: a closer relative who steps aside in favor of Boaz.
- **Obed**: Son of Boaz and Ruth; also known as Naomi’s son; grandfather of King David.

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◎ Where is Christ?

- Boaz's role as kinsman-redeemer is fulfilled in greater measure by Christ who is both our Brother and Redeemer.
- Ruth is in the genealogy of Christ. She is the great grandmother of Israel's Messiah figure, King David.

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Verse to Remember

- ⦿ Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the LORD who has not left you without a redeemer today, and may his name become famous in Israel. (Ruth 4:14 NASB)

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◉ Interesting Facts:

- Ruth was known as a virtuous woman. (Ruth 3:11)
 - A virtuous woman is described in Proverbs 31.
- In 22 short verses, Ruth moves from widowhood and poverty to marriage and wealth.
- Ruth's vow in Ruth 1:16, 17 is one the most famous examples of loyal friendship in the bible.

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- ◎ What is my take away?
 - God is always concerned about our present state of being, and is more than willing to bring about justice on our behalf.
 - See Luke 18:1-8

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◎ Home Study

- Read the entire book of Ruth this week.
- Study the One Sentence Summary.
- Recite your memory verses daily.