

Communion Meditation

Ruth 1.1-5

Series: Ruth "Desperate Times"

November 12th, 2017

v1 ~ Elimelech Flees Famine in Israel

- v1 ~ "when the judges ruled"
 - Not "when men did what was right in their own eyes"
- Author is likely Samuel / Story occurs 100 years before life of David

v2 ~ Elimelech / Naomi / Mahlon / Chilion

- "My God is king" / "pleasant" / "sick" / "wasting away"
- "Godly man and pleasant wife move to Moab w/sickly sons due to famine"

v3 ~ Elimelech Dies

- No reason is given / Sons hadn't yet married
 - Naomi had to have been lost / She wondered what to do
 - She stayed because her sons had prospects

v4 ~ Sons Marry and They All Remain in Moab

- Despite being sickly the young men marry Moabite women
 - Mahlon married Ruth / Chilion married Orpah
- Things are looking up for Naomi

v5 ~ Both Sons Die

- Naomi's husband had moved them to a different country and died
- Now both sons, in whom rest all earthly hope, die as well
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Ruth's Life is a Tragedy

- Johanne Goethe (German writer of "Faust") ~ "Book of Ruth is the loveliest complete work on a small scale"
- John MacArthur ~ "What Venus is to statuary and the Mona Lisa is to paintings, Ruth is to literature."

Naomi's Life Was Bleak Where We Leave Her

Jer 29.11 ~ "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."