

# "On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

# RUTH 2

## Ruth 2

Ruth chapter two follows the narrative that ended chapter one, Naomi returned to her hometown of Bethlehem with her daughter-in-law Ruth, the Moabitess, a foreigner in a land she knew nothing about. Note they came at the beginning of the Barley Harvest. The winter rains had come, and everything was green. It was not spring of the year and the barley, the first crop of the new year, was in full head and ready to harvest. There was an older man in the town of Bethlehem named Boaz and he was very wealthy and owned a lot of land. He was a near relative of Elimelech, the husband of the dead husband of Naomi. Ruth was young and wanted to work and earn her way and take care of her older mother-in-law who had given her a chance for a new beginning in a new land. Naomi sent her to the fields of Boaz and God granted Ruth favor, she must have been beautiful outwardly, but we know she was delightful and winsome because her name means, "Friend" compassion, or in a colloquial sense, someone who can be a merciful friend, not "Ruthless."

After the first day in the fields of Boaz she meets Boaz and finds favor with him. He inquires as to who she is and

meets with her upon finding out she is with Naomi as a widow. Boaz asked her to stay close to the reapers so she can take a full measure to her home that evening and to greet Naomi. She was allowed to drink with his people, and he showed her the kind of favor and blessing that one would only show to someone special. Boaz instructed his harvesters to drop extra sheaves of grain from the gathered bundles so Ruth could have a very good load to take home to Naomi. Ruth was even able to eat with those who belonged to the household of Boaz. Something was happening and it was going to turn out well. As soon as Ruth arrived home and shared the news, Naomi knew God was up to something and began to praise the LORD and gave Ruth instructions concerning the concept of the Kinsman Redeemer in Jewish law.

### Prayer and Action Steps

*The Book of Ruth is a beautiful love story and is a foreshadowing of the love of the LORD Jesus for his bride the church. Lord, help me today to love you and be faithful to you*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture \_\_\_\_\_

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

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What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

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Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

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Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? \_\_\_\_\_

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Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

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