



# Naomi The Mother-In-Law of Ruth

Ruth 1:1-18  
Reader

Now it came a-bout<sup>1</sup>  
in the days when the  
judg-es gov-erned,  
that there was a  
fam-ine in the land.  
And a cer-tain man  
of Beth-le-hem in  
Ju-dah went to  
so-journ in the land  
of Mo-ab with his  
wife and his two  
sons.

<sup>2</sup>The name of the man was E-lim-e-lech, and the name of his wife, Na-o-mi;

<sup>3</sup>and the names of his two sons were Mah-lon and Chil-i-on, E-phra-thites of Beth-le-hem in Ju-dah. Now they en-tered the land of Mo-ab and re-mained there.

4 Then E-lim-e-lech,

Na-o-mi's

hus-band, died; and

she was left with

her two sons.

5 They took for

them-selves

Mo-a-bite

wo-men as wives;

the name of the

one was Or-pah

and the name of

the oth-er Ruth.

And they lived  
there a-bout ten  
years.

Then both  
Mah-lon and  
Chil-i-on al-so  
died, and the  
wo-man was  
be-reft of her  
two child-ren and  
her hus-band.

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Then she a  
rose with her  
daugh-ters-in-law  
that she might  
re-turn from the  
land of Mo-ab, for  
she had heard  
that the Lord had  
vis-i-ted His  
peo-ple in giv-ing  
them food.

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And Na-o-mi said  
to her two  
daugh-ters-in-  
law, "Go, re-turn  
each of you. May  
the Lord deal  
kind-ly with you  
as you have dealt  
with the dead and  
with me.

And they lift-ed  
up their voi-ces  
and wept a-gain;  
and Or-pah kissed  
her moth-er-in-  
law, but Ruth clung  
to her.

But Ruth said,  
"Do not urge me  
to leave you or  
turn back from  
fol-low-ing you;  
for where you go,  
I will go, and your  
God, my God.

Thus may the  
Lord do to me,  
and worse, if  
*an-y-thing but*  
death parts you  
and me."

When she saw  
that she was  
de-ter-mined to  
go with her, she  
said no more to  
her.

