

# An Old Fashioned Love Story

## Ruth

**Introduction:** descriptive and prescriptive Scripture

- I. The events in Moab 1:1-18**
  - A. During the time of the Judges
  - B. There was a famine in Israel (Deuteronomy 28-30)
  - C. The meaning of the names
    - 1. Elimelech = my God is King
    - 2. Naomi = pleasant
    - 3. Mahlon = sick or puny
    - 4. Chilion = pining
    - 5. Bethlehem = house of bread
    - 6. Ruth = friendship
  - D. Ruth's devotion to Naomi and to YHWH 1:6-18
  
- II. The Events in Bethlehem 1:19-3:18**
  - A. Ruth gleans in the field of Boaz 2:1-3
  - B. Boaz provides for Ruth 2:4-23
  - C. Naomi suggests a kinsman-redeemer marriage 3:1-5
    - \*Deuteronomy 25:5-10
  - D. Ruth initiates a kinsman-redeemer marriage 3:6-18
  
- III. The Events at the City Gate 4:1-12**
  - \* Boaz exercises the right of the kinsman-redeemer
  
- IV. The Events after the Marriage 4:13-22**
  - A. Ruth is blessed with a husband, son, and security
  - B. Ruth is blessed with a royal lineage
  
- V. Applications**
  - A. historically - a bridge between Judges and the monarchy
  - B. doctrinally - Gentiles are not outside of redemption
  - C. morally - loyalty and integrity in relationships
  - D. theological - Christ is our kinsman-redeemer