

# **“Behind a Frowning Providence”**

Ruth 1  
(series #1)

**Intro:** The theme of Ruth - God’s sovereign and providential care

## **I. The Setting v. 1**

- A. “In the days of the judges...”
- B. “...there was a famine in the land...”  
Leviticus 26:3 and Deuteronomy 28-30

## **II. The Names v. 2**

- A. Elimelech - “my God is king”
- B. Naomi - “pleasant”
- C. Mahlon - “sick” or “puny”
- D. Chilion - “pining”
- E. Bethlehem - “house of bread”

## **III. The Tragedies vv. 3-5**

- A. A famine in her homeland
- B. Exile in a foreign country
- C. The death of her husband and her two sons
- D. No grandchildren

## **IV. The Conversation vv. 6-13**

\* Naomi’s misery and destitution

## **V. The Devotion of Ruth vv. 14-17**

- A. To Naomi vv. 14-16
- B. To YHWH vv. 17-18

## **VI. The Return to Bethlehem vv. 18-22**

**Conclusion:** James 5:11