

BIBLE PEOPLE

RUTH

This Old Testament book is the story about a woman who was converted to the religion of her husband and was faithful to it and his family. During a time when there was not enough to eat in Israel, a woman named Naomi and her husband and their two sons moved to a country called Moab. There they lived well and the sons married Moab women, one of whom was Ruth. During the ten years they lived in Moab, Naomi's husband and her sons died. Naomi decided to return to her homeland. She gave permission to her daughters-in-law to return to their families. One did. Ruth did not. She had accepted the religion of her husband and loved her mother-in-law. So she and Naomi returned to Bethlehem.

There Ruth worked in the fields of her father-in-law's brother, a man called Boaz. Ruth was a good worker. Each night she returned to Naomi and took care of her. Boaz and Ruth eventually got married. Naomi came to live with them. Ruth and Boaz had a son they named Obed. Naomi was like a grandmother to the boy and was very happy. Obed became the father of Jesse and Jesse was the father of David who became the king of the Israelites. The city of David is Bethelehem and Jesus was born in Bethelehem because David was his ancestor.



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