

## Ruth

### Summary

Ruth was a Moabite. Moabites descended from Abraham's nephew (Lot) and his first born daughter (Gen. 19: 30-38). Ruth, although Gentile, worshipped the God of Israel. She married into God's Chosen people and became ancestress of King David and Jesus Christ. Ruth was the grandma of King David. Boaz came from Rahab (former prostitute).

### Author and Date:

Ancient Jewish sources states that the book was written by the prophet Samuel. No mention in the book, itself, of the writer's identity. It could have been written after Samuel's death.

### Audience/Setting:

People of Israel. Set during the time of the judges when everyone did what they believed was right. There was no king. There was a famine in the land at the time of Ruth. It was a dark time in Israel when everyone did what they pleased (Judges 17:6).

### Purpose:

God can take your mess and miracles in order to advance kingdom plan. Shows how 3 people remained strong in character and true to God even when society around them collapsed.

### Key People:

Ruth, Boaz, Naomi

### Key Places:

Moab, Bethlehem

### References

Life Application Study Bible  
Tony Evans Study Bible