

# Ruth 1

## Chapter 1

<sup>1</sup> NOW it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Beth-lehem-judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

<sup>2</sup> And the name of the man *was* Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Beth-lehem-judah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there.

<sup>3</sup> And Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons.

<sup>4</sup> And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one *was* Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years.

<sup>5</sup> And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband.

<sup>6</sup> ¶ Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the LORD had visited his people in giving them bread.

<sup>7</sup> Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her; and they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah.

<sup>8</sup> And Naomi said unto her two daughters in law, Go, return each to her mother's house: the LORD deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD grant you that ye may find rest, each *of you* in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept.

<sup>10</sup> And they said unto her, Surely we will return with thee unto thy people.

<sup>11</sup> And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters: why will ye go with me? *are* there yet *any more* sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?

<sup>12</sup> Turn again, my daughters, go *your way*; for I am too old to have an husband. If I should say, I have hope, *if* I should have an husband also to night, and should also bear sons;

<sup>13</sup> Would ye tarry for them till they were grown? would ye stay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for it grieveth me much for your sakes that the hand of the LORD is gone out against me.

<sup>14</sup> And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her.

<sup>15</sup> And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister in law.

<sup>16</sup> And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, *or* to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go;

and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people *shall be* my people, and thy God my God:

<sup>17</sup> Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, *if ought* but death part thee and me.

<sup>18</sup> When she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.

<sup>19</sup> ¶ So they two went until they came to Beth-lehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Beth-lehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, *Is this Naomi?*

<sup>20</sup> And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.

<sup>21</sup> I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty: why *then* call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?

<sup>22</sup> So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Beth-lehem in the beginning of barley harvest.