



# RUTH AND THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD

Summer series on Ruth

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# SUFFERINGS AND WAITING ON GOD – RUTH 1:1-7

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# RUTH 1:1

- The days of the Judges: Judges 21:25
- Famine: no reason given
- A man and his family... drawing attention to contrast famine-Bethlehem-Moab
- They moved... a stressful enterprise!

# RUTH 1:2

Names are mentioned

- Elimelech = my God is king
- Naomi = the pleasant/delightful one
- Machlon = the sick one
- Kilion = the failing one

Verse ends repeating where they were from  
and where they 'settled'



## RUTH 1:3

Elimelech died

- Naomi left with her two sons...
- Pause... what is happening here?

# RUTH 1:4

Machlon and Kilion married Moabite women

- Orpah and Ruth
- But Moabites were not to be admitted to congregation of Israel – Deuteronomy 23:3
- They were Moabites: stressed throughout the story of Ruth right up to 4:5+10

## RUTH 1:5

After 10 years both Machlon and Kilion died

- Naomi must have been devastated!
- Naomi again 'left' without

## RUTH 1:6

The LORD had come to aid of his people

- KJV: visited his people
- NIV 'providing food' /KJV 'giving bread'
- Reminder of Psalm 127:1 'Unless the LORD..'



# RUTH 1:7

Preparing to return

- To return is an important theme
- Occurs 15x in Ruth

# MESSAGE FOR TODAY

1. RESTRAIN FROM QUICK CONCLUSIONS  
when you suffer setbacks or sufferings
2. LEARN TO COPE WITH DEATH  
for it is not the end for those left behind
  - 1 Thessalonians 4:13
3. WAIT FOR TIME OF GOD'S FAVOUR  
and turn to Him
  - 2 Corinthians 6:1-2