

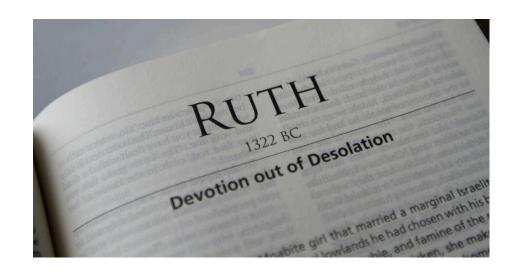
## A BRIEF SNAPSHOT OF WHO RUTH IS IN THE BIBLE!

Ruth was genetically linked to Israel through Lot, the nephew of Abraham. Ruth lived in the time of the judges. She had married the son of an Israelite family while they

were living in Moab, but at some point, her father-in-law, her husband, and her husband's only brother died. So, Ruth had to make a decision whether to stay in Moab, her home, or to go with her mother-in-law, Naomi, to a land she had never known—Judah. Ruth loved her mother-in-law and had great compassion for her, seeing that she had lost not only her husband but both of her sons. Ruth and Naomi made the journey back to Judah to the city of Bethlehem, where they decided to settle. Ruth's testimony spread, and Boaz, the owner of a nearby field, heard of her faithfulness, replied, 'I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. May the LORD repay you for what you have done? May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."

Ruth went out every day to glean fields to provide food for herself and Naomi. She found work in Boaz's field, not knowing that he was a relative of Naomi's. When Boaz returned home, he noticed Ruth and asked the man in charge of the reapers about her. The servant told Boaz about Ruth's faithfulness to Naomi and her hard work in the fields. Boaz personally told Ruth to remain in his fields and stay close to the other women, also telling her that he'd warned the young men not to touch her and inviting her to drink freely of the water the men had drawn anytime she was thirsty, Ruth responded in humility and appreciation. Boaz continued to show her every courtesy, providing a meal to her and instructing his reapers to purposefully leave some grain behind for her to glean. Ruth and Boaz eventually married and had a son named Obed. Ruth trusted the Lord, and He rewarded her faithfulness by giving her not only a husband but a son (Obed), a grandson (Jesse), and a great-grandson named David, who would become the king of Israel. Ruth is an example of how God can change a life and take it in a direction. We see Him working out His perfect plan in Ruth's life, just as He does with all His children. Although Ruth came from a pagan background in Moab, once she met the God of Israel, she became a living testimonial to Him by faith. She believed that God was faithful to care for His people.





A ONE-ACT MUSICAL DRAMA The Amazing Journey of Ruth from Outsider to Insider

The compelling & uplifting story of an impoverished, widowed, grieving but fearless young woman who immigrates to Bethlehem to accompany her mother-in -law. She was imbued only with boldness, trust, & hope in a strange new land where she faced prejudice & drudgery. Ultimately this is a story that begins with emptiness, darkness & chaos that culminates in a miraculous transformation for all involved, blessed by lives of prosperity and finding the meaning of love.

This musical was composed by William Dawson, Jr with lyrics by Keith McCune. It portrays some of the events of Ruth through music and words that capture a glimpse of Ruth.

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SONG OF THE IMMIGRANT

Lyrics by Keith McCune Music by William Dawson Jr.

ALL THIS WAY FOR NOTHING

RUTH

(Stephanie Lorenz)

**AS IT HAPPENS** 

**RUTH & KING DAVID** 

(Stephanie Lorenz & Julian Sundby)

BENEATH THE WINGS OF GOD

**BOAZ & THRESHERS** 

(Luis Gonzales & Choir)

GOD BLESS THE MAN

RUTH, NAOMI & THRESHERS

(Stephanie Lorenz, Daniela Pepe & Choir)

THE THRESHING FLOOR

RUTH, NAOMI & THRESHERS

(Stephanie Lorenz & Daniela Pepe & Choir)

A KIND SURPRISE

**RUTH & BOAZ** 

(Stephanie Lorenz & Luis Gonzales)

CODA RUTH, NAOMI, BOAZ & KING DAVID