



Naomi
The Mother-In-Law
of Ruth

Ruth 1:1-18
Reader

Now it came a-bout¹
in the days when the
judg-es gov-erned,
that there was a
fam-ine in the land.
And a cer-tain man
of Beth-le-hem in
Ju-dah went to
so-journ in the land
of Mo-ab with his
wife and his two
sons.

²The name of the
man *was*
E-lim-e-lech, and
the name of his
wife, Na-o-mi;

and the names of³
his two sons *were*
Mah-lon and
Chil-i-on,
E-phra-thites of
Beth-le-hem in
Ju-dah. Now they
en-tered the land
of Mo-ab and
re-mained there.

⁴Then E-lim-e-lech,
Na-o-mi's
hus-band, died; and
she was left with
her two sons.

They took for ⁵
them-selves
Mo-a-bite
wo-men *as* wives;
the name of the
one was Or-pah
and the name of
the oth-er Ruth.

6 And they lived
there a-bout ten
years.

7 Then both
Mah-lon and
Chil-i-on al-so
died, and the
wo-man was
be-reft of her
two child-ren and
her hus-band.

8 Then she a
rose with her
daugh-ters-in-law
that she might
re-turn from the
land of Mo-ab, for
she had heard
that the Lord had
vis-i-ted His
peo-ple in giv-ing
them food.

And Na-o-mi said⁹
to her two
daugh-ters-in-
law, "Go, re-turn
each of you. May
the Lord deal
kind-ly with you
as you have dealt
with the dead and
with me.

¹⁰ And they lift-ed
up their voi-ces
and wept a-gain;
and Or-pah kissed
her moth-er-in-
law, but Ruth clung
to her.

But Ruth said, ¹¹
"Do not urge me
to leave you *or*
turn back from
fol-low-ing you;
for where you go,
I will go, and your
God, my God.

Thus may the
Lord do to me,
and worse, if
an-y-thing but
death parts you
and me.”

When she saw
that she was
de-ter-mined to
go with her, she
said no more to
her.

