

Wives sought for

RUTH I.

them that escaped.

^a highway that goeth up from ^b Beth-el to ^c Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah.

²⁰ Therefore they commanded the children of Benjamin, saying, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards;

²¹ And see, and, behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in ^d dances, then come ye out of the vineyards, and catch you every man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin.

²² And it shall be, when their fathers or their brethren come unto us to complain, that we will say unto them, ² Be favourable unto them for our sakes: because we reserved not to each man his wife in the

^a ch. 20. 31.
^b ch. 20. 31.
^c Josh. 17. 7.

^d ch. 11. 34.
Ex. 15. 20.
² Sam. 16. 6
& 21. 11
& 29. 5.
Jer. 31. 13.
^e Cp.
ch. 20. 48.

² Or,
Gratify us
in them.
^f ch. 17. 6.

war: for ye did not give unto them at this time, *that ye should be guilty.*

²³ And the children of Benjamin did so, and took *them* wives, according to their number, of them that danced, whom they caught: and they went and returned unto their inheritance, and ^e repaired the cities, and dwelt in them.

²⁴ And the children of Israel departed thence at that time, every man to his tribe and to his family, and they went out from thence every man to his inheritance.

²⁵ ^f In those days *there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.*

THE BOOK OF RUTH.

CHAPTER I.

¹ Elimelech driven by famine into Moab, dieth there. ⁵ Mahlon and Chilion die also. ⁶ Naomi returning homeward, ¹⁴ Ruth accompanyeth her. ¹⁹ They come to Bethlehem.

NOW it came to pass in the days when ^a the judges ² ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of ^b Beth-lehem-judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

² 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, ^c Ephrathites of Bethlehem-judah. And they came into the country of Moab, and ³ continued there.

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

⁴ 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.

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

⁶ ¶ 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 ^c visited his people in ^d giving them bread.

⁷ 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.

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

⁹ The LORD grant you that ye may find ^h rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them; and

^a Judg. 2. 16.
² Heb.
judged.

^b Judg. 17. 8,
&c.
^c Ex. 3. 16.
^d Ps. 132. 15.

^e Gen. 35. 19.

³ Heb. *wever.*
^f Josh. 2. 12,
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Judg. 1. 24.
^g ver. 5.
ch. 2. 20.
^h ch. 3. 1.

sojourn #1481 guwr "to turn aside from the road (for lodging or any other purpose)"

- * #1-3 - progression; see others in Psa 1:1; Ge 13:10 (Lot)

Moab in Scripture

- Ge 19:35-38 - descendants of Lot
- Nu 22:1-7 - Balak hired Balaam to curse Israel;
 - led to their whoredom at Baal-Peor Nu 25:1-5; 31:16; Re 2:14
- Deut 2:8-9 - God gave the descendants of Lot an inheritance
- Judg 11:17 - Moab would not let Israel pass through their land
- Deut 23:3-6 - not to enter into the congregation of the Lord for 10 generations
- Jer 48:42 Moab shall be destroyed
- Je 48:47 "Yet will I bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days!"
- Isa 16:1-4 Moab will be a shelter to Israel in the later days

Name Meanings

- Bethlehem-Judah - "house of bread and praise"
- Elimelech - "my God is king"
- Naomi - "pleasant"; Mara "bitter"
- Mahlon - "sick"
- Chilion - "pining, destruction"
- Orpah - "back of the neck"
- Ruth - "friend(ship)"
- Boaz - "fleetness, strength"

- underline "Ruth" or "Ruth the Moabite" in 1:4,14,16,22; 2:2,8,21,22; 3:9; 4:5,10,13 (Notice how often she is still called a Moabite)

- number the following - 1. "sojourn" (v.1); 2. "continued there" (v.2); 3. "they dwelled there about 10 years" (v.4)

- Bible mark the "process" in Ps 1:1 - 1. "walk"; 2. "standeth"; 3. "sitteth"

- Bible mark the "process" in Lot's life - 1. "there was strife" Ge 13:7; 2. "Lot lifted up his eyes and beheld" Ge 13:10; 3. "Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan" Ge 13:11; 4. "pitched his tent towards Sodom" Ge 13:12; 5. "dwelt in Sodom" Ge 14:12; 6. "Lot sat in the gate of Sodom" Ge 19:1

- Bible mark the "process" in Judges 3:5-7 - 1. dwelt among the Canaanites; 2. took their daughters to be their wives; 3. served their Gods; 4. did evil; 5. forgat the LORD their God