

"THE FAR COUNTRY"

Ruth—A Story of God's Providence—Part 1

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Ruth 1:1-5

1. _____ .

Ruth 1:1—"In the day when the judges ruled. . ."

Judges 21:25 (NIV—Emp. Added) —"In those days Israel had no king; EVERYONE DID AS THEY SAW FIT."

2. _____ .

Ruth 1:1 (NIV—Emp. Added) —"In the days when the judges ruled, there was a **FAMINE** in the land."

(Reference: Leviticus 26:3-4, 18-20; Hebrews 12:5-6)

"God's purifying love is all-wise when we experience temporal suffering, and it always works for our greater eternal gain as we live in faith."

3. _____ .

Ruth 1:1b-4 —“So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. ² The man’s name was Elimelek, his wife’s name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there.

³ Now Elimelek, Naomi’s husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years.”

(Reference: Deuteronomy 7:1-4; II Corinthians 6:14)

4. _____ .

Ruth 1:3 & 5 —“Now Elimelek, Naomi’s husband, died. . . ⁵ both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.”