

# **The Book of Ruth Character Study**

The book of Ruth divided into four scenes. For each scene pay attention to the setting, characterization, the plot structure.

## **The Setting for the Book of Ruth**

What is the setting of the book and how does it play into the story and the character of the people?

## **Characterization**

Determine the characterization of each of the characters in the story (full-fledged, type, supporting, and agent). Are there any foils? Who is the major character? How does the narrator portray the characters and how do they interact with others, especially Yahweh?

## **Scene Observations**

For each scene, list the strengths and weakness that Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz demonstrate in their characters. Allow the setting, characterization, and dialogue to help you do this. You are not interpreting or applying the story to your life yet. You are merely making observations.

### ***Act 1: Naomi and Ruth Arrive in Bethlehem (1:1-22)***

***Act 2: Ruth Meets Boaz (2:1-23)***

***Act 3: Ruth Seeks a Kinsman Redeemer (3:1-18)***

***Act 4: Boaz as the Kinsman Redeemer (4:1-22)***

## **Plot Structure**

Plot structure the book of Ruth.

What is the major conflict that main character faces throughout their life?

What type of plot is this story (tragedy, comedy, etc.)?

## Evaluation

1. How do Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz's character, maturity, understanding of Yahweh, and obedience develop throughout the story?
2. What are Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz's understanding of Yahweh?
3. How did Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz deal with the trials and people in their lives?
4. Are Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz an example to follow or to avoid? Why?

