

Ruth: 1–Introduction (**1:1-5**)

I. Introduction.

A. What Books in the Bible are named after women?

B. Why would you like to study the Book of Ruth?

C. Background.

1. Author?

2. Date?

3. Recipients?

4. Occasion?

5. Key Characters?

6. Key Verse?

7. Theme/Purpose?

II. Scripture.

A. 4 Chapters/divisions, 15 paragraphs, 85 verses, and 2,574 words. See [Ruth Book Chart](#).

B. **Ruth 1:1-5**—"1*Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehemjudah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons. 2And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehemjudah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there. 3And Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons. 4And 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. 5And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband.*"

III. Application.

A. What speaks to your life from the introduction of the Book of Ruth?

B. Were you surprised about the stories of these women heroines?

C. What lessons or encouragements can you glean from this overview?