

Bible study notes w/b February 19th 2017
Finding protection under the wings of God
Ruth 1 Sweet and bitter providence

1 When did you first hear the story of Ruth? What did you learn from it then?

The Book of Ruth is set in the time of the judges, c1100BC, a hundred years before the reign of King David. It was a difficult time. "In those days Israel had no king, everyone did as he saw fit." Judges 21 v25.

Read Ruth 1

2 What processes did God use so that Naomi, a native of Bethlehem, found herself widowed in Moab with two widowed daughters-in-law? v1-5

3 What do you think it was that encouraged Naomi to set off back to Bethlehem? v6-7

4 Humanly speaking, why would it have made more sense for both Ruth and Orpah to stay in Moab? v8-14

5 What do you think it was that made the two girls make their different decisions? v15-18

6 What does the Book of Ruth teach about the way God provides for, cares for and guides individuals?

7 What relevance does this account of God's providence in c1100BC have for us in the world of today?

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