

Ruth Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

This is a story of multiple tragedies. Why is it “heart-warming”?

Can you think of reasons why Ruth was loyal to Naomi?

Is it reasonable that it was her faith and the God to whom she was faithful?

Would Ruth, as a good Jewish mother-in-law, have taught her daughters-in-law about the LORD and the Law?

Is it possible to consider many of the things that happened to just be coincidences?

Imagine yourself in the story, at what point would you say to yourself, “This must be the LORD!”

Imagine yourself as Boaz waking up with a young woman at the foot of your bed?

He seemed to immediately know the significance of his being Ruth’s kinsman redeemer. Does it appear that he had been thinking about it?

Is the fact that there was a competition with another kinsman redeemer significant in the story?

Does it portray a foreshadowing of what Jesus did on the cross to redeem us from our previous owner, Satan?

The LORD was preparing the genetic makeup that would eventually be passed down to Mary and Jesus. Why did he introduce Rahab and Ruth into the ancestry?

What does this tell us about God?

How far ahead are the plans of the LORD made?

Do we expect that the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Israel is surprised about anything that is happening today?

Does God ever say, “I didn’t know that?”

What keeps people from trusting him?