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A SPECIAL REPORT ON RUTH 1:1-18

NAOMI AND RUTH



As you know, it's been rough in these parts with the recent famine. There is little or no food to eat in most of the surrounding areas either.

A couple named Elimelech and his wife

Naomi were seen, the other day, moving to Moab with their two sons. There they'd find food to eat.

After living in Moab for some time, Elimelech died. The two boys each got married. One boy married Orpah and the other married Ruth. Not much time passed before the two sons died as well. Naomi now had no husband or sons.

Sources tell us that God has come to the aid of his people. He is providing food again for his people in the land of Judah.

Witnesses saw Naomi speaking with both of her daughter-in-laws. One witness overheard Naomi telling them to go back to where they came from so they would have food to eat and new husbands to marry.

Naomi began to cry. Orpah decided to go back to where she lived before. Ruth, however, did not want to leave Naomi. She said, "Your people will be my people and your God will be my God." Ruth wasn't going to leave Naomi!

For more details, please read Ruth 1:1-18 in the Bible.

QUESTIONS

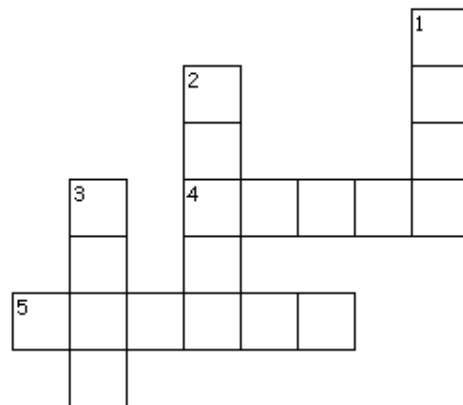
1. Why did Elimelech and Naomi move to Moab?
2. What is a famine?
3. Why did Naomi tell Ruth and Orpah to go back to their homes?
4. Why do you think Ruth decided to stay with Naomi?

MEMORY VERSE

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves."

Romans 12:10

CROSSWORD



Across

4. The daughter-in-law who left Naomi
5. When there's little or no food to eat

Down

1. A friend to Naomi
2. Ruth's mother-in-law
3. Where Naomi and her family moved for food