



CHAPTER SIX ~ The Wrong Choice

Turn with me in your Bibles to Ruth 1:1-2. We learn many important things:

1. The people of Israel had _____, thus they were still be governed by _____.

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2. There was an _____ in the land.

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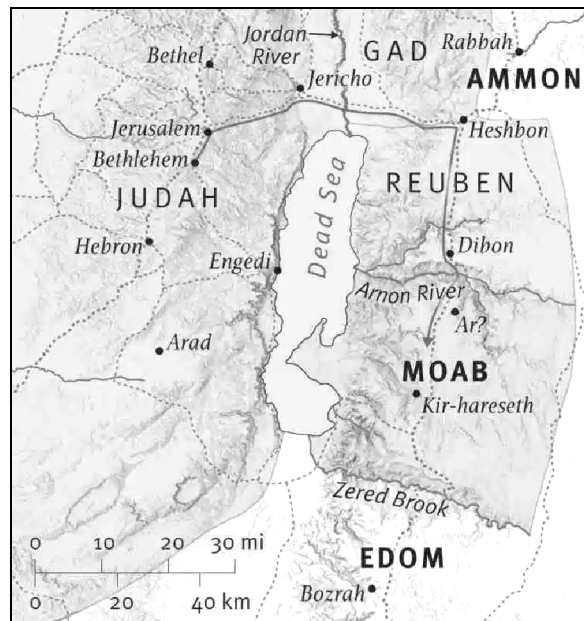
3. We are introduced to Elimelech and his family.

- Elimelech means _____.
- Naomi means _____.
- Mahlon means _____.
- Chilion means _____.

4. Elimelech and his family were from _____ (meaning "House of Bread"), located in the land of _____ (meaning "Praise").

- _____
- _____
- _____

NOTE: Did you know there were TWO Bethlehems in Israel?



5. Elimelech was a _____ in Bethlehem. During the famine, he and his family went to _____ in Moab.

- Moab means _____.
- _____
- _____

⁹ <http://www.keyway.ca/htm2001/20010514.htm>

¹⁰ <https://meetinggodinthemargin.com>

The inhabitants of Moab were called _____. They were descendants of _____.

Notes on this: (Reference Genesis 19:37)

The Moabites epitomized everything that the Israelites were supposed to _____. Because of their pagan practices, and the fact that they also contributed to the downfall and oppression of the Israelites, they were a people _____.

While the Israelites were again in a period of turmoil and punishment, Elimelech chose to _____ his family and leave _____. He chose to leave _____. He chose to leave _____. He chose to leave _____.

Notes on this:

Think about it: This family, who were inhabitants of a land called _____ (Ephrath), left the _____ (Bethlehem) in the _____ (Judah) to go _____ (Moab).¹¹

¹¹ <https://precepts.wordpress.com/2010/02/01/ruth-1/>

Read Ruth 1:3-4. Notes on this:

What happened next? Naomi's sons took for *themselves* _____
as _____.

Notes on this: (Reference Deuteronomy 23:3)

Had Naomi given up on God? Notes on this:

Ruth (meaning _____), she married the firstborn, Mahlon.
Orpah (meaning _____), she married the second born, Chilion.
They lived in Moab for _____ years.

Read Ruth 1:5. Notes on this:

Read Ruth 1:6.

"*she had heard... that the Lord had visited His people in _____.*"

Notes on this:

Let's see what happened with Naomi. Read Ruth 1:7-14.

Interestingly enough, she told them to return home to their _____ homes, not the _____.

The father's house is generally considered a place of _____.

The mother's house is generally considered a place where you go to

Notes on this:

So what happened? Read Ruth 1:15-18.

Ruth, who was living up to her name (_____), was determined to _____, regardless of the situation and the personal cost.

Notes on this:

Challenge #1: The Israelites.

Challenge #2: The Journey Home.

Read Ruth 1:19-22.

Verse 19 says that ALL the city was _____ and they asked,
" _____ ?"

Notes on this:

She replied (in verse 20), "*Do not call me _____; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very _____ with me.*"

Notes on this:

Psalm 147:2-3 says, "*The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.*"