



An Outline of Ruth

- 1) Act I. Naomi and Ruth. an Unlikely Team
 - a) Once Upon a Time 1.1–1.5
 - b) From Moab to Bethlehem; from sweet to bitter 1.6–1.22
 - i) Leaving Moab 1.6-7
 - ii) Naomi sends her daughters/daughters-in-law back 1.8-15
 - iii) Ruth refuses to go; pledges her loyalty 1.16-17
 - iv) Naomi stops speaking to Ruth 1.18
 - v) Arriving in Bethlehem 1.19-21
 - (1) Greeting from the women there 1.19
 - (2) Naomi replies; pledges her bitterness 1.20-21
 - vi) Narrator's summary comment 1.22
- 2) In Boaz's field 2.1–2.23
 - a) Narrator's description of Boaz 2.1
 - b) Ruth goes out to glean; meets Boaz 2.2-17
 - i) Conversation between Ruth and Naomi, Ruth gleans 2.2-3
 - ii) Conversation between Boaz and the reapers, Ruth gleans 2.4-7
 - iii) Conversation between Boaz and Ruth, Ruth eats and gleans abundantly 2.8-17
 - (1) Conversation 2.8-13
 - (2) Abundant eating, thanks to Boaz 2.14
 - (3) Abundant gleaning, thanks to Boaz 2.15-17
 - c) Ruth reports back to Naomi 2.18-22
 - i) [Naomi's hope in YHWH seems to return (2.20)]
 - d) Narrator's summary comment 2.23

- 3) Naomi and Ruth prepare for the future 3.1–3.18
 - a) Naomi instructs Ruth in the strategy 3.1-5
 - b) Ruth and Boaz on the threshing floor 3.6-15
 - c) Ruth reports back to Naomi 3.16-18
- 4) And they lived happily ever after 4.1-22
 - a) Boaz and Ruth live happily ever after 4.1-12
 - i) Boaz takes care of business with the nameless closer next-of-kin 4.1-8
 - (1) (Narrator’s explanation of a presumably ancient ritual, that the audience would not have understood anymore 4.6-8)
 - (2) The witnesses respond to Boaz 4.9-12
 - ii) Boaz and Ruth marry and have a son 4.13
 - b) Naomi lives happily ever after 4.14-17
 - i) The women bless Naomi 4.14-15
 - ii) Naomi’s son Obed 4.16-17
 - c) Genealogy from Perez to David, through Boaz 4.18-22

