



GOD'S MASTERPIECE

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine
in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to
sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife
and his two sons.

Ruth 1:1
(ESV)

LESSON 11

Facing Famines

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Ruth 1:1-5

RUTH, A BEAUTIFUL STORY AND SO MUCH MORE.

- A. What is the Book of Ruth about?
 - 1. It is about **people** dealing with grave **difficulties**.
 - 2. It is about God's **activity** in the **lives** of people.

"I lay my why's before the cross, in worship kneeling...
realize that I, in knowing You, don't need a 'why'."

Ruth Graham

- B. What was the historical background?
 - 1. What was the **date** and **authorship**?
 - 2. It took place in the period of **Judges**.
 - a. It was a period of **turmoil**.
 - b. It was a period of "**self**."

FOCUSING INTO THE STORY OF ONE PARTICULAR FAMILY

- A. What was the first crisis?
 - 1. **Where** was the family?
 - 2. What happened in their "**land**?"
 - 3. What was the **solution**?
- B. What was the second crisis?
 - 1. What **happened**?
 - 2. What did the **family do**?
- C. What was the third crisis?

THERE ARE MODERN DAY FAMINES.

- A. What are they?
1. There are **emotional** famines.
 2. There are **intellectual** famines.
 3. There are **spiritual** famines.
- B. How do we deal with them?
1. We can **run**.
 2. We can **wait**.

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."

James 4:8a

IN SUMMARY...

- A. God **uses** our "**famines**" in His divine design.
- B. We must **trust** and **wait** on Him.

"Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!"

Psalms 27:14