

## **XI. The authorship and date of Ruth**

### **A. The authorship of Ruth**

1. Ruth is probably written by Samuel.

### **B. The date of Ruth**

1. It would have been the time between Saul and the time when David became king of all Israel.
2. It was probably written between 1052 B. C. and 1005 B. C.
  - i. That would be the time when Samuel lived.
  - ii. Thus, Samuel could have written Ruth.
3. It had to be written after David was born because in the genealogy at the end of the book, the genealogy goes right up to David.
4. The time of Ruth was in the days of the judges.
  - i. When in that 336 period we don't know.

## **XII. Analysis of the book of Ruth**

### **A. Chapter 1**

1. Here is a family that lived in Bethlehem.
  - i. The dad - Elimelech
  - ii. The mom - Naomi
  - iii. Two boys
    - a. Mahlon
    - b. Chilion
2. A famine comes and they leave Bethlehem and go over to Moab.
  - i. Elimelech dies in Moab.
  - ii. Mahlon sees a beautiful Moabitish girl named Ruth and married her.
  - iii. Chilion sees a lovely Moabitish girl named Orpah and married her.
  - iv. Both boys die while in Moab,
  - v. They spend about 10 years in Moab.
3. Then Naomi hears that once again there is food to eat back in Bethlehem and she decides to go back.
  - i. They start on the way back.
  - ii. She turns to her daughter in laws and says, "Now look. I can't provide you with any husbands. So go back each to your mother's house."
  - iii. Orpah goes back.