

- iv. But Ruth says, "No. I will not go back. Where you go I will go. Your God will be my God. And your people will be my people."
- v. When Naomi sees that she is determined not to go back, she does back to Bethlehem.

B. Chapter 2

1. When she gets back to Bethlehem, they need some means of support.
 - i. So Ruth says, "Let me go out and glean some grain in one of the fields."
 - a. It was time to harvest barley and wheat which means it was around from April or May.
 - 1) The wheat harvest would go from May to June.
 - 2) The barley would go from April to May.
 - b. The grain was left for the poor.
 - ii. The field in which she goes is none other than the field of Boaz.
 - a. Now that was the hand of the Lord.
 - b. She could have gone to any field, but she went to the field of Boaz.
2. Ruth gleans in the field and Boaz notices her, comes to her and asks who she is.
 - i. She tells him, "I am Ruth, Naomi's daughter-in-law."
 - ii. Boaz is taken with her right away.
3. Boaz tells her to be sure to glean in his field.
 - i. He says, "Now look. I will protect you. You will be safe here. None of my men will harm you. So not only during the barley harvest, but during the wheat harvest, you glean in my fields. You follow my girls."
 - ii. What happened evidently would be the harvesters would go along and then the girls would come behind to tie up the sheaves.
 - iii. Ruth would follow along and pick up anything that was left.
4. When they ate, she made sure that she ate with the harvesters and that she had more than enough to eat.
5. Boaz told his men, "Now ^{you} when just kind of leave some grain behind for Ruth and if she gets into any of the grains, just let her do it. Don't say anything to her."
6. So she gathered grain in the field, she threshes it and goes home.
7. Ruth tells Naomi in whose field she was gleaning and Naomi says, "He's a kinsman. He's one that can redeem my land and that can marry you."
8. Ruth keeps gleaning in the field.