

LESSON 26

Name _____

The Book of Ruth

Directions: Read the cited scripture passages and related biblical footnotes to help you to fill in the blanks for each item.

1. The book of Ruth gives a good picture of pious Israelites' family life in the midst of the barbaric time of the _____. (Ruth 1:1)
2. By its genealogy that includes King David in Ruth 4:18, this book provides a link between the period of Judges and the period that follows when the Israelites will have one leader for the entire nation. That period is the period of the _____.
3. The main character in the story is the woman Ruth who is not an Israelite, but a _____. (Ruth 1:1-6)
4. After Ruth's husband died, she did not leave her mother-in-law, but chose to _____. (Ruth 1:12-14)
5. Naomi and Ruth return to the city of _____. (Ruth 1:22)
6. Naomi had a wealthy relative there named _____. (Ruth 2:1)
7. In these times, there were no jobs or financial security for women, and if a woman's husband died, she faced the risk of destitute poverty. In order to prevent this, the Israelite law provided a solution. That solution is found in Deuteronomy 25:5-10. What is it?

8. In fulfillment of this law, the widow Ruth marries _____. (Ruth 4:9-10)
9. What does Deuteronomy 23:4 forbid?

10. God once again shows that he is a universal God, a God for all people, and that he is not bound by mere human customs or prejudices. In spite of this prohibition against Moabites, and with a bit of irony, Ruth marries into the Israelite community and becomes the great-grandmother of Israel's greatest king, King _____. (Ruth 4:21-22)
11. The lesson of the Book of Ruth seems to be that God's call to holiness and salvation is for all _____.