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Glean from the book of Ruth!

Many people like to read the book of Ruth during Pentecost time because the setting speaks to something similar for us, that we can be accepted by Yahweh even though we may be considered a foreigner. Ruth was a foreign woman from Moab who lived a very long time ago. She married into an Israelite family. Times got hard in the land of Moab, and Ruth's husband died. Being a widow in ancient times was often a death sentence.



Widowed women often had to rely on the kindness of strangers to give them food to survive, which was especially difficult during times of famine.

Naomi, Ruth's mother-in-law heard that the famine was finished in Judea, her native home. So she set out to return. Ruth clung to her, promising to embrace the ways of Yahweh. Ruth gave up everything that was familiar to her. We know that Moab was a very pagan nation. They worshipped the false deity, Chemosh. Not much is known about Chemosh-worship, but the literal meaning of Chemosh is "destroyer." Chemosh was not a nice deity. It is very likely that Naomi had shared with Ruth all about Yahweh and Israel. Yahweh and His ways were certainly very attractive, compared to the awful blood-thirsty deities worshipped in the ancient world. Ruth surely recognized how different Yahweh was, in that He actually loved His people, unlike other deities back then! People only worshipped other deities out of fear, rather than love. So let us all reflect deeply on how blessed we are to have Yahweh as our Mighty One.

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Early Summer Pentecost!



WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED?



1. What land was Ruth from?

- A. Moab
- B. Babylon
- C. Assyria
- D. Crete

2. The Moabites worshipped:

- A. Baal
- B. Dagon
- C. Chemosh
- D. Diana

3. Pentecost occurs during:

- A. Late winter
- B. Late summer
- C. Early summer
- D. Fall harvest

4. What did Chemosh mean?

- A. Life-giver
- B. Destroyer
- C. Caring
- D. Loving

5. What do we know about Ruth?

- A. She was a foreigner.
- B. She embraced Yahweh's ways.
- C. She clung to Naomi.
- D. All are correct.



The book of Ruth word search

Ruth

U I Y V J T H Y H S V B D P J

O S H X L T E F J S C E V I L

Naomi

Y R I Q P L Y K A R D H S H N

E A O X R N A O M I D V C S J

Israelites

Y E I A P W M J C U T V F R U

Moab

O L B I A R P A J R N H T O D

E I T N E M T I M M O C Y W E

Barley

A T N C N I S S T B A O M Z A

P E I K O T J B E G D I Y M X

Harvest

C S S N J B L M R V L Q G X Q

E T C Y Y R B B U Y R B W G C

Worship

A V W Y F J A R B O U A Q P S

Love

D P O E U N U P S Z B X H J I

F G F L Q T B V N V G W R O Q

Faith

F I U W H E P V L R T S U Q A

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