

Study Notes and Questions for Ruth Chapter 1

- Why is the time reference at the beginning of this chapter important?
- Elimelech obviously felt that conditions were forcing him to relocate his family to Moab. As a follower of Jesus, how would you counsel someone who felt themselves in similar circumstances? Can you think of any Scriptures that would speak to these types of circumstances?
- Describe Naomi's present condition after ten years in Moab.
- How does Naomi herself describe her situation? (see 1:20–21)
- To what does Naomi attribute her current circumstances? (see 1:13, 20–21)
- To what extent was Naomi's view of God's hand in her life accurate?
- What does Ruth's determination to stay with Naomi tell you about her character?
- Put yourself in Ruth's place. What would be the sensible thing to do?
- What is a crisis of faith and why was Naomi facing such a crisis?
- How would you counsel someone who was facing a crisis of faith?