

**The Buzz In Bethlehem
(Ruth 1:19-22)**

I. Ruth Deciding... To Remain With Naomi... Weeping (chp 1)

A. Elimelech's Decision to Go to Moab and Its Consequences (1:1-5)

B. Naomi's Decision to Return to Bethlehem (1:6-14)

C. Ruth's Decision to _____ to Naomi (1:14b-18)

1. Ruth was _____ to go with Naomi back to Bethlehem! (1:18)
2. Ruth's decision _____, so to speak, the law of Israel! (Deut. 23:3-6)
3. Ill treatment of Israel carries with it the _____ of God! (Gen. 12:3; Mt 25:40)

Ephesians 2:11-12

4. Although a Gentile, Ruth responded to God in simple _____, and God _____ her as He does to _____ who come to Him by _____ in any dispensation!

- What does this say about Ruth and her faith?

D. Their Return to _____. (1:19-22)

1. A _____ in Bethlehem. (1:19)
 - a. In light of Naomi's return, the city was _____.
 - b. But in light of Naomi's _____, *the city was asking* 'is this _____,' meaning the _____ one?
2. The _____ of Naomi. (1:20-21)
 - a. Naomi confesses her _____.
 - b. Naomi confesses the cost of her _____, but from a _____ perspective.

- Does she take responsibility for her choices?
- Does she recognize the consequences of wrong choices and God's discipline in her life?
- What did she not recognize?

3. The conclusion. (1:22)

- Where had Naomi's decision taken them?
- How does all this apply to you?

• Chapter 1 of Ruth has 4 testimonies that speak to us:

1) There is the testimony of _____.....

2) There is the testimony of _____.....

3) There is the testimony of _____.....

4) There is the testimony of _____.....