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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

A1472 ~ Ruth and Naomi.

Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

Water is one of the necessities of life. Without it, people can last only a couple of days. Plant life and animals die without it too. Even cactus plants growing in desert regions need some water once in a while.

Our Creator God made the world. In the Bible book of Leviticus, Chapter 25, He gave Moses instructions to rest the agricultural land every seventh year. Few people have ever done that, so the land is rested through drought. The cycles of cool refreshing rain are alternated with times of drought throughout history.

In the time of Abraham's grandson, Jacob, there was a long drought for seven years. God prepared all the people in that part of the world for it. He sent Joseph to Egypt to gather up food in the good years so the people and animals survived during the long years of dry weather.

In the times of the judges in Israel, the land which once flowed with milk and honey, was also suffering drought. The Almighty God promised the Israelites that if they followed and obeyed Him, they would live in peace and plenty. However, they turned away to worship false gods in each generation. As a result, God allowed their enemies to rule over them. The Israelites were defeated time and time again and the land suffered drought.

In tough times like drought, it is always a test of faith for farmers to believe God cares about them and their animals. Elimelech with his wife Naomi and two sons, Mahlon and Chilion, left their inherited land in Bethlehem to journey to the land of Moab during a time of drought. They understood there was plenty of food in Moab. The people of Moab were descendants of Lot, Abraham's nephew, but they worshipped idols instead of Abraham's God. The family of Elimelech travelled about forty miles across the Jordan River and around the Salt Lake now known as the Dead Sea. They settled on Moabite territory. By leaving the Promised Land they had a temporary escape from difficult times. Would God bless this?

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Not long after arriving in Moab, Elimelech died. The elder son, Mahlon took on the family responsibilities. A while after that, both Naomi's sons married Moabite women. Their names were Ruth and Orpah. If Mahlon and Chilion had trusted in God, they would have observed the rule not to intermarry with idol-worshipping people. For nearly ten years Naomi and her sons and wives lived in Moab. Then disaster struck again. Both Naomi's sons died, leaving the three women without support. It must have been a very difficult time for Naomi.

When the funerals for Mahlon and Chilion were held, she had none of her kinsmen relatives and friends to gather around and support her. Such comfort and help offered by family at this time would have been greatly missed.

Naomi's thoughts turned to Bethlehem in the territory of Judah, her homeland. She heard that God had blessed the people there with food. So she considered returning back to her own country.

Around fifty years ago, three missionaries in North East India were drowned in a flood. The local Christians who were very thankful for their work among the people there, looked after their graves. A decade later, persecution broke out in that area. The local Christians were tempted to cross the border into the next country out of harm's way. But that meant leaving behind the missionaries' graves.

In the same way, if Naomi went back home, she was leaving behind the graves of her three menfolk. To some people, giving respect to the graves of their relatives is important. They always visit the graves on special occasions. However, God does not want us to worship our dead relatives or try to contact them through spirits.

Naomi made her decision and set out on the return journey. Both her daughters-in-law went with her. She tried to persuade them to return to their own families and their false gods. However, she should never have done this. But it is easy to understand that Naomi did not want to take two Moabite women back with her to Bethlehem. It showed that her family had been disobedient to God. Orpah did return but Ruth refused to leave Naomi. Ruth loved and respected her mother-in-law and would take care of her. Naomi agreed to have Ruth go with her.

Naomi was returning to her own people but Ruth was leaving her people to accept Naomi's God and people. Almighty God has planned lovingly for all people so both Jew and Gentile would come to know His salvation. Through Ruth's unselfish action of caring for Naomi, she would come to know God and become part of His plan for His people.

Ruth had to leave her past, false beliefs and ways behind her and learn a better way. We too, can only find salvation in God's way through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus gave His perfect life as a sacrifice for our sin. Everyone needs a Saviour from sin. In the Bible book Romans, Chapters 3 and 6, it says: "For all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious standard."

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

This free gift cannot be ours until we accept and receive it.

If we come to God and ask for forgiveness for all our wrongdoing, we can be sure He will hear us if we ask without doubting.

In the Bible book Romans, Chapter 10, it says: “If you confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised Him from death, you will be saved. For it is by our faith that we are put right with God; it is by our confession that we are saved...whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed.”

A well known pastor once said in a sermon, “Did the fact ever cross your mind that you are here in this world just to understand the Lord Jesus Christ, and for no other reason?”

Talk to Jesus today!

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That was Gary Sadler singing “Call to Me.”

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