



## Introduction

*The book of Ruth is set in the time of the judges and concerns Ruth, the great grandmother of King David*



## Questions

1. What are we told about Elimelech and why he did what he did?
2. What did Naomi tell her daughters-in-law to do when she decided to return to Israel?
3. Ruth objected when Naomi told her to return. What five things did Ruth say she wanted to share with Naomi?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 to 3** Because of a famine in Israel, Elimelech goes to Moab (see map) with his wife Naomi and his two sons, and he dies there
- **v 4 and 5** Naomi's sons marry Orpah and Ruth, then after about 10 years both sons die
- **v 6 to 15** When the famine ends, Naomi decides to go home, telling Orpah and Ruth to stay in Moab
- **v 16 to 22** Ruth, wanting to worship the God of Israel (see theme), insists on returning with Naomi. They reach Bethlehem at harvest time

**Timeline** 1100 BC (see below)



## Theme / Information

### God is the God of Israel

*A selection of verses showing that the God of the Bible is also the God of Israel.*

Moses told Pharaoh that the LORD wanted his people released:

*Exodus 5 verse 1*

God chose Israel as a special nation through whom he could work:

*Deuteronomy 7 verses 6 to 8*

Israel's leader, Joshua, reminded the people of their responsibility to their God:

*Joshua 24 verse 23*

Hezekiah could call on the God of Israel to rescue his people in their time of trouble:

*Isaiah 37 verses 15 to 17*

The people recognised the hand of God when Jesus healed:

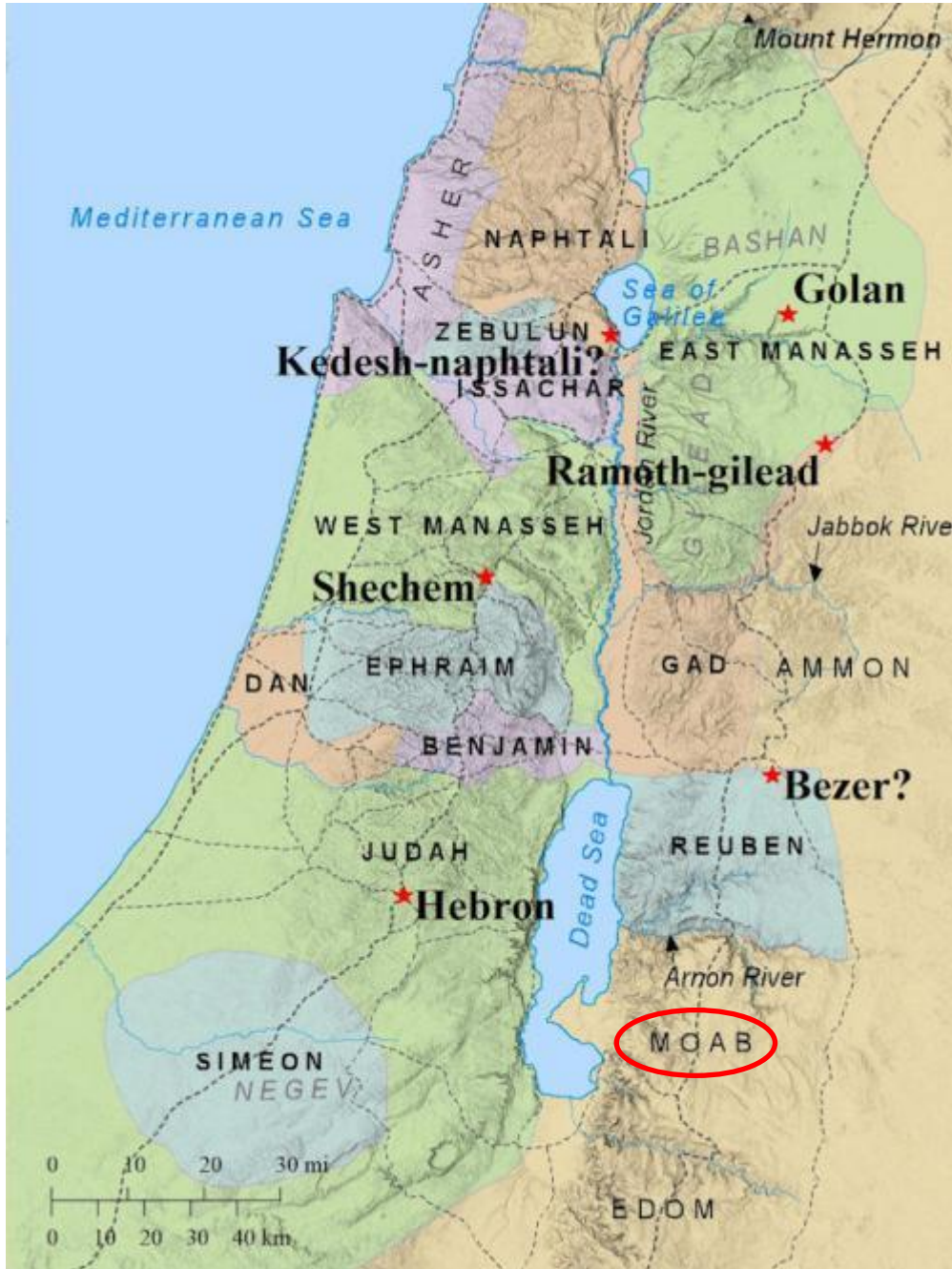
*Matthew 15 verse 31*



**The cities of refuge**

Map showing the cities of refuge mentioned in Joshua 20. Question marks indicate that the exact location is uncertain.

Moab mentioned in Ruth 1 is shown.



**? Answers to questions**

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 1 and 2, Q 2: v 8 and 9, Q 3: v 16 and 17



# Bible timeline

