

## Elimelech's wife, Naomi.

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Text Ruth 1: 3,4,5.

1. A grieving widow.
2. A tried mother.
3. A lonely woman.

Psalter 62:1,4

Read Micah 7: 1-15

Psalter 123:1,2

Psalter 245: 1,2,4,5

Psalter 328: 2,3

Psalter 395: 1,2,3,4

### **A grieving widow.**

- Book of Ruth may seem short and insignificant until we focus on the end that points to the greater David, Christ.
- Elimelech is leading his family the wrong way.
- It did not go well in Moab
- And Elimelech, Naomi's husband died.
- Older people must die, younger people sometimes die.
- When we departed from God in paradise death came upon all of us.
- There is mourning and also a spiritual mourning.

### **A tried mother.**

- Naomi was left and her two sons.
- They "took" them wives of Moab
- Naomi was left of her two sons.

- The Lord's hand was heavy upon Naomi.
- Naomi support was removed.

### **A lonely woman**

- She had lost her fatherland, friends, possessions, husband and children.
- All things were against her.
- The Lord was preparing her for something wonderful.
- The Lord was preparing her for her return to Canaan.
- She was not completely alone – He was still holding her by His hand.
- Christ came into this world and alone – forsaken by His own people.
- How will we die?
- How will we meet our maker?
- My son, my daughter, give me your heart?