

Timeline for the Book of Ruth

Ruth 4:18 - 22

¹⁸ Now these are the generations of Perez: to Perez was born Hezron, ¹⁹ and to Hezron was born Ram, and to Ram, Amminadab, ²⁰ and to Amminadab was born Nahshon, and to Nahshon, Salmon, ²¹ and to Salmon was born Boaz, and to Boaz, Obed, ²² and to Obed was born Jesse, and to Jesse, David.

This genealogy gives us a good clue to the time frame of the Book of Ruth.

See the chart below.

Ruth to David - 4 generations			
Person	Born	Died	Years
Ruth	1130	1060	70
Obed	1100	1030	70
Jesse	1070	1000	70
David	1040	970	70

Ruth takes place around 1110 to 1100 BC

1st marriage	1110	20 years old
2nd marriage	1100	30 years old

David lived for 70 years, so if we assume the 3 generations that lived before him, lived about the same number of years, then the time frame for the life of Ruth was about 1130 to 1060 BC.

If she got married the first time at 20 years of age and the second time to Boaz at the age of 30 then the time frame for the Book of Ruth was about 1110 to 1100 BC.

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Ch.	Event	Year
1	Elimelech, Naomi and their two sons move to Edom	1110
1	Elimelech dies	
1	Mahlon & Chilion marry Orpah & Ruth	
1	Both of their husbands die	
1	Naomi and Ruth return to Bethlehem	1100
2	Ruth gleanes barley in the field of Boaz	
3	Ruth proposes marriage to Boaz	
4	Boaz & Ruth marry and have a son	

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	Judge	Enemy	Time	Frame	Subject	Peace	Lead Israel
1	Othniel	Aram = Syria	1350	1302	8	40	
2	Ehud	Moab	1302	1204	18	80	
3	Shamgar	Philistines					
4	Deborah	Canaanites	1204	1144	20	40	
5	Gideon	Midianites	1191	1144	7	40	
	Abimelek		1144	1141			3
6	Tola		1141	1118			23
7	Jair		1118	1096			22
8	Jephthah	Philistines	1118	1094	18		6
9	Ibzan		1094	1087			7
10	Elon		1087	1077			10
11	Abdon		1077	1070			8
12	Samson	Philistines	1118	1078	40		20

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 During the time of the judges Jair & Jephthah