Positioning Ourselves to Receive From God

Ruth 1
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Jeremiah 29:11-14a (NASB)
Approximate Timeline for the Judges of Israel

Possible dates for the events in the Book of Ruth: 1170-1150 BCE

Ruth? →
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GOD set me in the right POSITION

“You will not need to fight in this battle. POSITION yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem! Do not fear or be dismayed.”
2 Chronicles 20:17
The 12 Tribes of Israel and Their Neighbors

*In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.*

Judges 21:25 (NASB)

*Now it came about in the days when the judges governed, that there was a famine in the land.*

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And a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the land of Moab with his wife and his two sons.

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...and remained –VA Y’HAYU- remained there

Now they entered the land of Moab and remained there.
Ruth 1:2b (NASB)
And they lived there about ten years.

Ruth 1:4 (NASB)
return
–VA TASHAV-turn & go opposite direction, repent

Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the land of Moab....  Ruth 1:6a (NASB)
The Plains of Moab
Genealogy of Israel, Moab and Ammon

Terah

Abraham

Isaac

Jacob

Twelve tribes of Israel

Esau

Edom

Haran

Lot

Moab

Ammon
The Israelites Journey
From Kadesh-Barnea to the Plains of Moab

No Ammonite or Moabite shall enter the assembly of the LORD; none of their descendants, even to the tenth generation, shall ever enter the assembly of the LORD, because they did not meet you with food and water on the way when you came out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you. Nevertheless, the LORD your God was not willing to listen to Balaam, but the LORD your God turned the curse into a blessing for you because the LORD your God loves you. You shall never seek their peace or their prosperity all your days.

Deuteronomy 23:3-6 (NASB)
The Journey Between Bethlehem and Moab
I will lead the blind by a way they do not know, in paths they do not know I will guide them. I will make darkness into light before them and rugged places into plains.  

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lived – VA YESHAVU -became permanent residents

And they lived there about ten years.
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But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul.

Deuteronomy 4:29 (NASB)
You will seek Me and find Me
when you search for Me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13 (NASB)
The Genealogy of David, King of Israel
God was with them in each season, but His abundant blessings could not manifest until they were positioned correctly: in His will.

NAOMI

- Born into God’s positioning: Jewish in Bethlehem. A fruitful harvest season (autumn)
- Left God’s positioning: moved to Moab & entered dark unfruitful season (winter)
- Returned to God’s position in Bethlehem – planting season (spring)
- Received the blessing, the increase - Boaz and Obed (summer)

RUTH

- Born out of God’s position: cursed & pagan Moabite. An unfruitful harvest season (autumn)
- Left poor positioning in Moab: married Mahon who died. Entered dark unfruitful season (winter)
- Moved into God’s position with Naomi in Bethlehem - planting season (spring)
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