

Women of the Bible

5/25 Ruth

6/1 Esther

6/8 Mary Magdalene, Mary of Bethany, and Mary the mother of Jesus

Ruth – the Foreign Moabite

1. Background for Ruth
 - a. Who is Ruth?
 - b. Book of Ruth
 - i. Part of the Ketuvim
 1. Read during Shavuot
 - ii. Dating and Authorship
2. Story of Ruth
 - a. Setting – Time of the Judges
 - b. Prologue
 - i. Elimelech & Naomi, Mahlon & Orpah, Chilion & Ruth
 - c. Ruth meets Boaz
 - i. Culture of Gleaning
 - ii. Relationship Building
 - d. Resolution & Epilogue
 - i. Redemption
3. Message of *Hessed*
 - a. Act of Loving-Kindness