**Beth Shechinah L’Chaim Group**

**Ruth Series**

**Week** May 3 – May 9 **(Chapter 1:1-22)**

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**Word (Discussion Questions):**

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* What was the history of the Moabites and their origin and why is this important to this story? ( See: Gen. 19:31-33,Deut. 23:3-6, Num. 22:6).
* List some reasons why Naomi decided to return to Bethlehem?
* Both of Naomi’s daughters-in-law loved her, but they made very different decisions about how to go on with their lives (1:6-18). What did Orpah do? What did Ruth do? Why do you think Ruth wanted to go with Naomi?
* Why would Orpah return to her people instead of following Ruth and Naomi?
* What lessons does this chapter teach us about following Yeshua?
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