

God Is Sovereign

How would you define sovereign?

History (His-story)

Ruth is considered one of the Books of History by most Christians. How is Ruth a story of God's sovereignty?

The Book of Ruth, which is poetically idyllic in character, although the narrative is in the form of prose, contains an episode from the period of the Judges. For this reason it is placed in the Septuagint after the Book of Judges; and this order is followed in the Vulgate and in the English translations. In the Hebrew Bible, however, Ruth is found in the "Ketubim," or third part of the canon, where it stands next after the Song of Solomon, being the second of the Five Megillot. Jewish Encyclopedia

Septuagint: Greek copy of the Old Testament Webster's 1828 Dictionary

Vulgate: Pertaining to the old Latin version of the scriptures. Webster's 1828 Dictionary

Ketubim: writings (Tanach – what most Christians call the Old Testament. It is an acronym for the parts of the Hebrew Bible, Torah, Nevi'im (prophets), and Ketubim)

Hamesh Megillot: five scrolls

The Five Scrolls (Hamesh Megillot) – Traditionally read over the course of a year on the following feast:

1. Shir ha-Shirim (Song of Songs) שיר השירים (Passover)
2. Ruth (Book of Ruth) רות (Shavuot)
3. Eikhah (Lamentations) איכה (Ninth of Av) [Also called *Kinnot* in Hebrew.]
4. Kohelet (Ecclesiastes) קהלת (Sukkot)
5. Esther (Book of Esther) אסתר (Purim)

Acronym: a word formed from the initials or other parts of several words (Encarta Online Dictionary)