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RUTH

CHAPTER 1

NOW it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was *a* famine in the land. And *a* certain man of Bethlehemjudah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

And the name of the man *was* Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehemjudah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there.

And Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons.

And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one *was* Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years.

And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that YAHWAH had visited his people in giving them bread.

Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her; and they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah.

And Naomi said to her two daughters in law, Go, return each to her mother's house: YAHWAH deal kindly with you, as you all have dealt with the dead, and with me.

YAHWAH grant you that you all may find rest, each in the house of *a* husband. Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept.

And they said to her, Surely we will return with you unto your people.

And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters: why will you all go with me? *are* there yet sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?

Turn again, my daughters, go; for I am too old to have *a* husband. If I should say, I have confidence, *if* I should have *a* husband also to night, and should also bear sons;

Would you all wait for them till they were grown? would you therefore stay from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for it grieves me much for your sakes that the hand of YAHWAH is gone forth against me.

And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her.

And she said, Behold, your sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her eloheems: return you after your sister in law.

And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave you, *or* to return from following after you: for where you go, I will go; and where you lodge, I will lodge: your people are my people, and your ELOHEEM my ELOHEEM:

Where you die, will I die, and there will I be buried: so YAHWAH do to me. And more also, *nothing* but death will part me and you.

When she saw that she was steadfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.

So these two went until they came to Bethlehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Bethlehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, This Naomi.

And she said to them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.

I went out full, and YAHWAH has brought me home again empty: why call you all me Naomi, seeing YAHWAH has testified against me, and the Almighty has afflicted me?

So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Bethlehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

CHAPTER 2

AND Naomi had *a* kinsman of her husband's, *a* mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name *was* Boaz.

And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of grain after *him* in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said to her, Go, my daughter.

And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her chanced upon part of the field of Boaz, who *was* of the kindred of Elimelech.

And, behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said to the reapers, YAHWAH *be* with you. And they answered him, YAHWAH bless you.

Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel *is* this?

And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It *is* the Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the land of Moab:

And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and has continued even from the morning until now, except that she waited *a* little in the house.

Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hear you not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here close by my maidens:

Let your eyes *be* on the field that they do reap, and go you after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch you? and when you are athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of *that* which the young men have drawn.

Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the land, and said to him, Why have I found grace in your eyes, that you should take knowledge of me, seeing I *am a* stranger?

And Boaz answered and said to her, It has fully been showed me, all that you have done unto your mother in law since the death of your husband: and *how* you have left your father and your mother, and the land of your kindred, and are come unto *a* people which you knew not heretofore.

YAHWAH recompense your work, and *a* full reward be given you of YAHWAH ELOHEEM of Israel, under whose wings you are come to trust.

Then she said, Let me find favour in your sight, my Lord; for that you have comforted me, and for that you have spoken friendly unto your handmaid, though I be not one of your handmaidens.

And Boaz said to her, At mealtime come you here, and eat of the bread, and dip your morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers: and she reached in her roasted grain, and she did eat, and was satisfied, and left.

And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not:

And let fall also *some* of the handfuls on purpose for her, and leave *them*, that she may glean *them*, and rebuke her not.

So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about *an* ephah of barley.

And she took *it* up, and went into the city: and her mother in law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth, and gave to her that she had reserved after she was satisfied.

And her mother in law said to her, Where have you gleaned today? And where worked you? blessed be he that did take knowledge of you. And she told her mother in law with whom she had worked, and said, The man's name with whom I worked today *is* Boaz.

And Naomi said to her daughter in law, Blessed *be* he of YAHWAH, who has not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said to her, The man *is* near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen.

And Ruth the Moabitess said, He said to me also, You shall keep close by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest.

And Naomi said to Ruth her daughter in law, *It is* good, my daughter, that you go out with his maidens, that they meet you not in any other field.

So she kept close by the maidens of Boaz to glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and dwelt with her mother in law.

CHAPTER 3

THEN Naomi her mother in law said to her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you?

And now *is* not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens you were? Behold, he winnows barley to night in the

threshing floor.

Wash yourself therefore, and spread oil on you, and put your raiment upon you, and get you down to the floor: *but* make not yourself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking.

And it shall be, when he lies down, that you shall mark the place where he shall lie, and you shall go in, and uncover his feet, and lay you down; and he will tell you what you shall do.

And she said to her, All that you say to me I will do.

And she went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her.

And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of sheaves: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid herself down.

And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was startled, and turned himself: and beheld *a* woman laying at his feet.

And he said, Who *are* you? And she answered, I am Ruth your handmaid: therefore spread your coverlet over your handmaid; for you *are a* near kinsman.

And he said, YAHWAH Bless you, my daughter: you have showed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as you followed not young men, whether poor or rich.

And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to you all that you require: for all the city of my people does know that you *are a* virtuous woman.

And now it is true that I *am your* near kinsman: howbeit there is *a* kinsman nearer than I.

Wait this night, and it shall be in the morning, *that* if he will perform unto you the part of *a* kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of *a* kinsman to you, then will I do the part of *a* kinsman to you, *as* YAHWAH lives: lie down until the morning.

And she lay at his feet until the morning: and she rose up before one could know another. And he said, Let it not be known that *a* woman came into the floor.

Also he said, Bring the veil that *you have* upon you, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six *measures* of barley, and laid *it* on her: and she went into the city.

And when she came to her mother in law, she said, Who *are* you, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her.

And she said, These six *measures* of barley gave he me; for he said to me, Go not empty unto your mother in law.

Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day.

CHAPTER 4

THEN went Boaz up to the gate, and sat him down there: and, behold, the kinsman of whom Boaz spoke came by; unto whom he said, Ho, such *a* one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down.

And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit you all down here. And they sat down.

And he said to the kinsman, Naomi, that is come again out of the country of Moab, sells *a* parcel of land, which *was* our brother Elimelech's:

And I thought to uncover this to you, saying, Buy *it* before the inhabitants, and before the elders of my people. If you will redeem *it*, redeem *it*: but if you will not redeem *it*, *then* tell me, that I may know: for *there is* none to redeem *it* beside you; and I *am* after you. And he said, I will redeem *it*.

Then said Boaz, What day you buy the field of the hand of Naomi, you must buy *it* also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance.

And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem *it* for myself, lest I mar my own inheritance: redeem you my right to yourself; for I cannot redeem *it*.

Now this *was the manner* in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; *a* man plucked off his shoe, and gave *it* to his neighbour: and this *was a* testimony in Israel.

Therefore the kinsman said to Boaz, Buy *it* for you. So he drew off his shoe.

And Boaz said to the elders, and *unto* all the people, You all *are* witnesses this day, that I have bought all that *was* Elimelech's, and all that *was* Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi.

Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: you all *are* witnesses this day.

And all the people that *were* in the gate, and the elders, said, *We are* witnesses. YAHWAH make the woman that is come into your house like Rachael and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and do you worthily in Ephratah, and be famous in Bethlehem:

And let your house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bare unto Judah, of the seed which YAHWAH shall give you of this young woman.

So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, YAHWAH gave her conception, and she bare *a* son.

And the women said to Naomi, Blessed *be* YAHWAH, which has not left you this day without *a* kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel.

And he shall be unto you *a* restorer of *your* person, and *a* nourisher of your old age: for your daughter in law, which loves you, which is better to you than seven sons, has born him.

And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it.

And the women her neighbours gave it *a* name, saying, There is *a* son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed: he *is* the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Now these *are* the descendants of Pharez: Pharez begat Hezron,

And Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab,

And Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon,

And Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed,

And Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.

This concludes the book of Ruth.