

Ruth 1

- 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.
- ² 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.
- ³ **And Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons.**
- ⁴ **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.**
- ⁵ **And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband.**
- ⁶ 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 the **LORD** had visited his people in *giving* them bread.
- ⁷ 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.
- ⁸ And Naomi said unto her two daughters *in law*, Go, return each to her mother's house: the **LORD deal kindly** with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with *me*.
- ⁹ The **LORD grant** you that ye may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept.
- ¹⁰ And they said unto her, **Surely we will return with thee unto thy people.**
- ¹¹ And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters: why will ye go with me? are there yet *any more* sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?
- ¹² Turn again, my daughters, go *your way*; for I am too old to have an husband. If I should say, I have hope, if I should have an husband also to night, and should also bear sons;
- ¹³ Would ye tarry for them till they were grown? would ye stay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for it grieveth me *much* for your *sakes* that the hand of the **LORD** is gone *out against* me.
- ¹⁴ **And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her.**

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- ¹⁵ And she said, Behold, thy sister *in law* is gone *back* unto her people, and **unto her gods**: return thou *after* thy sister *in law*.
- ¹⁶ And **Ruth** said, **Intreat** me **not** to **leave** thee, or to **return** from **following** *after* thee: for *whither thou goest, I will go*; and *where thou lodgest, I will lodge*: *thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God*:
- ¹⁷ *Where thou diest, will I die*, and there will I be **buried**: the **LORD** do so to me, and *more also*, if ought but **death** part *thee* and *me*.
- ¹⁸ When she saw that she was **stedfastly minded** to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.
- ¹⁹ So they **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, Is this **Naomi**?
- ²⁰ And she said unto them, Call me **not Naomi**, call me **Mara**: for the **Almighty** hath **dealt** *very bitterly* with me.
- ²¹ I went *out full* and the **LORD** hath brought me home again **empty**: why then call ye me **Naomi**, seeing the **LORD** hath **testified** against me, and the **Almighty** hath **afflicted** me?
- ²² 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**.

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- ¹ And **Naomi** had a **kinsman** of her **husband's**, a **mighty man** of **wealth**, of the **family** of **Elimelech**; and his name was **Boaz**.
- ² And **Ruth** the **Moabitess** said unto **Naomi**, Let me now go to the **field**, and **glean ears** of **corn** *after him in whose sight I shall find grace*. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.
- ³ And she went, and came, and **gleaned** in the **field** *after the reapers*: and her **hap** was to **light** on a **part** of the field belonging unto **Boaz**, who was of the **kindred** of **Elimelech**.
- ⁴ And, behold, **Boaz** came from **Bethlehem**, and said unto the **reapers**, The **LORD** be with you. And they answered him, The **LORD bless** thee.
- ⁵ Then said **Boaz** unto his **servant** that was **set** over the **reapers**, Whose **damsel** is this?
- ⁶ 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 country of Moab*:
- ⁷ And she said, I pray you, let me **glean** and **gather** *after the reapers* among the **sheaves**: so she came, and hath **continued** even from the **morning** until now, that she **tarried** a little in the **house**.
- ⁸ Then said **Boaz** unto **Ruth**, Hearest thou **not**, my daughter? Go **not** to **glean** in another **field**, **neither** go from hence, but **abide** here **fast** by my **maidens**:
- ⁹ Let thine **eyes** be on the **field** that they do **reap**, and go thou *after them*: have I **not charged** the **young men** that they shall **not touch** thee? and when thou art **athirst**, go unto the **vessels**, and **drink** of that which the young men have **drawn**.
- ¹⁰ Then she **fell** on her **face**, and **bowed** herself to the **ground**, and said unto him, Why have I **found grace** in thine **eyes**, that thou shouldest take **knowledge** of me, seeing I am a **stranger**?
- ¹¹ And **Boaz** answered and said unto her, It hath **fully** been shewed me, *all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband*: and how thou hast **left** thy **father** and thy mother, and the **land** of thy **nativity**, and art come unto a people which thou **knewest not** heretofore.
- ¹² The **LORD recompense** thy **work**, and a **full reward** be given thee of the **LORD God of Israel**, *under whose wings thou art come to trust*.
- ¹³ Then she said, Let me **find favour** in thy **sight**, my lord; for that thou hast **comforted** me, and for that thou hast spoken **friendly** unto thine **handmaid**, though I be **not** like unto one of thine handmaidens.

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- ¹⁴ And **Boaz** said unto her, At mealttime come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched corn, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left.
- ¹⁵ 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:
- ¹⁶ And let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke her not.
- ¹⁷ So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley.
- ¹⁸ 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 sufficed.
- ¹⁹ And her mother in law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned to day? and where wroughtest thou? blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee. And she shewed her mother *in law* with whom she had wrought, and said, The man's name with whom I wrought to day is **Boaz**.
- ²⁰ And **Naomi** said unto her daughter in law, Blessed be he of the **LORD**, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And **Naomi** said unto her, The man is *near* of kin unto us, one of our *next* kinsmen.
- ²¹ And **Ruth** the **Moabite** said, He said unto me also, Thou shalt keep fast by my young men, until they have ended *all* my harvest.
- ²² And **Naomi** said unto **Ruth** her daughter *in law*, It is good, my daughter, that thou go *out* with his maidens, that they meet thee not in *any* other field.
- ²³ So she kept fast by the maidens of **Boaz** to glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and dwelt with her mother in law.

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- ¹ Then **Naomi** her mother in law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?
- ² And now is not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to night in the threshingfloor.
- ³ **Wash** thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and **get thee down** to the floor: but make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking.
- ⁴ And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and **lay thee down**; and **he will tell thee what thou shalt do**.
- ⁵ And she said unto her, **All that thou sayest unto me I will do**.
- ⁶ And she went down unto the floor, and did according to *all* that her mother in law bade her.
- ⁷ And when **Boaz** had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.
- ⁸ And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet.
- ⁹ And he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am **Ruth** thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman.
- ¹⁰ And he said, **Blessed** be thou of the **LORD**, my daughter: for thou hast shewed *more* kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich.
- ¹¹ And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee *all* that thou requirest: for *all* the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman.
- ¹² And now it is true that I am thy near kinsman: *howbeit* there is a kinsman *nearer* than I.
- ¹³ **Tarry** this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will perform unto thee 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 thee, then will I do *the part of a kinsman* to thee, as the **LORD liveth**: lie down until the morning.
- ¹⁴ 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.

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- ¹⁵ Also he said, Bring the vail that thou hast upon thee, 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.
- ¹⁶ And when she came to her mother in law, she said, Who art thou, my daughter? And she told her *all* that the man had done to her.
- ¹⁷ And she said, These six measures of barley gave he me; for he said to me, Go not empty unto thy mother in law.
- ¹⁸ Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day.

Ruth 4

- ¹ Then went **Boaz** up to the gate, and sat him down there: and, behold, the kinsman of whom **Boaz** spake came by; unto whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned *aside*, and sat *down*.
- ² And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit ye *down* here. And they sat *down*.
- ³ And he said unto the kinsman, **Naomi**, that is come again out of the country of **Moab**, sellesth a parcel of land, which was our brother **Elimelech's**:
- ⁴ And I thought to advertise thee, saying, Buy it *before* the inhabitants, and *before* the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem it, redeem it: but if thou wilt not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know: for there is none to redeem it beside thee; and I am *after* thee. And he said, I will redeem it.
- ⁵ Then said **Boaz**, What day thou buyest the field of the hand of **Naomi**, thou must buy it also of **Ruth** the **Moabite**, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance.
- ⁶ And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar mine *own* inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem it.
- ⁷ 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**.
- ⁸ Therefore the kinsman said unto **Boaz**, Buy it for thee. So he drew off his shoe.
- ⁹ And **Boaz** said unto the elders, and unto all the people, Ye 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**.
- ¹⁰ Moreover **Ruth** the **Moabite**, 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: ye are witnesses this day.
- ¹¹ And all the people that were in the gate, and the elders, said, We are witnesses. The **LORD** make the woman that is come into thine house *like Rachel* and *like Leah*, which two did build the house of **Israel**: and do thou worthily in **Ephrath**, and be famous in **Bethlehem**:
- ¹² And let thy house be like the house of **Pharez**, whom **Tamar** bare unto **Judah**, of the seed which the **LORD** shall give thee of this young woman.

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- ¹³ So **Boaz** took **Ruth**, and she was his wife: and when he *went in unto her*, the **LORD** gave her conception, and she bare a son.
- ¹⁴ And the women said unto **Naomi**, Blessed be the **LORD**, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in **Israel**.
- ¹⁵ And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter *in law*, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath born him.
- ¹⁶ And **Naomi** took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it.
- ¹⁷ 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**.
- ¹⁸ Now these are the generations of **Pharez**: **Pharez** begat **Hezron**,
- ¹⁹ And **Hezron** begat **Ram**, and **Ram** begat **Amminadab**,
- ²⁰ And **Amminadab** begat **Nahshon**, and **Nahshon** begat **Salmon**,
- ²¹ And **Salmon** begat **Boaz**, and **Boaz** begat **Obed**,
- ²² And **Obed** begat **Jesse**, and **Jesse** begat **David**.