

THE BOOK OF RUTH

Chapter 1

1. It came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a man of Beth-Lehem in Judah 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 Machlon and Kilion, Ephrathites of Beth-Lehem in Judah. And they came to the country of Moab, and remained there.

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

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

5. And both Machlon and Kilion died; and the woman was bereft of her two sons and her husband.

6. Then she arose with her daughters-in-law, to return from the country of Moab; for she had heard in the country of Moab that Adonai had visited his people and given them bread.

7. So 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 to the land of Judah.

8. And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, Go, return each of you to her mother's house; may Adonai deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead, and with me.

9. May Adonai grant that you 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 to her, No, we will return with you to your people.

11. And Naomi said, Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? are there yet any

more sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?

12. Turn back, my daughters, go your way; for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say, I have hope, even if I should have a husband tonight, and should bear sons;

13. Would you wait for them till they were grown? would you, for them, refrain from having husbands? no, my daughters; for it grieves me much for your sakes that the hand of Adonai is gone out against me.

14. And they lifted up their voice, and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law; but Ruth held fast to her.

15. And she said, Behold, your sister-in-law is gone back to her people, and to her gods; go back you after your sister-in-law.

16. And Ruth said, Do not entreat me to leave you, or to keep from following you; for where you go, I will go; and where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God;

17. Where you die, will I die, and there will I be buried; may Adonai do so to me, and more also, if even death parts me from you.

18. When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she stopped speaking to her.

19. So the two went until they came to Beth-Lehem. And it came to pass, when they came to Beth-Lehem, that all the city was stirred because of them, and they said, Is this Naomi?

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

21. I went out full, and Adonai has brought me back empty; why then do you call me Naomi, seeing Adonai has testified against me, and the Almighty has afflicted me?

22. So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, with her, who returned from the country of Moab; and they came to Beth-Lehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

Chapter 2

1. Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz.

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

3. And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers; and she happened to a part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was a relative of Elimelech.

4. And, behold, Boaz came from Beth-Lehem, and said to the reapers, Adonai be with you. And they answered him, Adonai bless you.

5. Then said Boaz to his servant who was set over the reapers, Whose maiden is this?

6. And the servant who was set over the reapers answered and said, It is the Moabite maiden who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab;

7. And she said, I beg you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves; so she came, and she has continued from morning until now, scarcely spending any time in the hut.

8. Then said Boaz to Ruth, Do you not hear, my daughter? Do not go to glean in another field, nor go away from here, but stay here close to my maidens;

9. Let your eyes be on the field that they reap, and go after them; have I not charged the young men not to touch you? and when you are thirsty, go to 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 to him, Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, seeing that I am a stranger?

11. And Boaz answered and said to her, It has been fully told to me, all that you have done for 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 birth, and have come to a people which you did not know before.

12. Adonai will recompense your work, and a

full reward shall be given to you by Adonai God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.

13. Then she said, Let me find favor in your sight, my lord; for you have comforted me, and spoken kindly to your maidservant, though I am not one of your maidservants.

14. And at the mealtime Boaz said to her Come here, and eat of the bread, and dip your morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers; and he passed to her parched grain, and she ate, and was satisfied, and left.

15. And when she rose 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 on purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke her not.

17. So she gleaned in the field until the evening, and she beat out what 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 out and gave to her what she had left over after being satisfied.

19. And her mother-in-law said to her, Where have you gleaned today? and where have you worked? blessed is he who took notice 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.

20. And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, Blessed be he by Adonai, who has not abandoned his loving kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said to her, The man is a relative of ours, one of our close relatives.

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

22. And Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his maidens, that you should not be molested in any other field.

23. So she kept close to the maidens of Boaz to glean to the end of the barley harvest and of the wheat harvest; and lived with her mother-in-law.

Chapter 3

1. Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, My daughter, shall I not seek a home for you, that it may be well with you?
2. Now is not Boaz, with whose maidens you were, our relative? Behold, he winnows barley tonight in the threshing floor.
3. Wash yourself therefore, and anoint yourself, and put your garment upon you, and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man, until he has finished eating and drinking.
4. 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 lie down; and he will tell you what to do.
5. And she said to her, All that you say to me I will do.
6. And she went down to the threshing floor, and did according to all that her mother-in-law had told 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 grain; and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid herself down.
8. And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was startled, and turned over; and, behold, a woman lay at his feet.
9. And he said, Who are you? And she answered, I am Ruth your maidservant; spread your skirt over your maidservant; for you are next of kin.
10. And he said, Blessed be you to Adonai, my

daughter; for your last loyal kindness is greater than the first one, because you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich.

11. And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to you all that you ask, for the whole city of my people knows that you are a worthy woman.
12. Although it is true that I am your close relative, there is a relative closer than I am.
13. Remain this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will do the duty of the next of kin (*go'el*) for you, well; let him do the kinsman's duty; but if he will not do the duty of a kinsman to you, then I will do the duty of a kinsman for you, as Adonai lives; lie down until the morning.
14. And she lay at his feet until the morning; and she rose up before one could recognize another. And he said, Let it not be known that a woman came into the threshing floor.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. And she said, He gave me these six measures of barley; for he said to me, Do not go empty to your mother-in-law.
18. Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will fall; for the man will not rest, until he settles the matter this day.

Chapter 4

1. Then Boaz went up to the gate, and sat down there; and, behold, the next of kin of whom Boaz had spoken came by; to whom he said, Hey there, such and 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 down here. And they sat down.

3. And he said to the next of kin; Naomi, who has returned from the country of Moab, is selling a parcel of land, which was our brother Elimelech's;

4. And I thought I would tell you of it, and say, Buy it in the presence of the inhabitants, and in the presence of 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 besides you; and I come after you. And he said, I will redeem it.

5. Then said Boaz, on the day that you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must buy it also from Ruth the Moabite, the wife of the dead, to restore the name of the dead to his inheritance.

6. And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I harm my own inheritance; take my right of redemption for yourself; for I cannot redeem it.

7. Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning exchanging; to confirm a transaction a man took off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbor; and this was the manner of attesting in Israel.

8. Therefore the kinsman said to Boaz, Buy it for yourself. And he took off his shoe.

9. And Boaz said to the elders, and to all the people, You are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Kilion's and Machlon's, from the hand of Naomi.

10. And also Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Machlon, have I bought to be my wife, to restore the name of the dead to his inheritance, so that the name of the dead shall not be cut off from among his brothers, and from the gate of his place; you are witnesses this day.

11. And all the people that were in the gate, and the elders, said, We are witnesses. May Adonai make the woman that has come into your house like Rachel and like Leah, who both built the house of Israel. May you prosper in Ephratah, and be famous in Beth-Lehem;

12. And may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, of the seed which Adonai shall give you of this young woman.

13. So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife; and when he went in to her, Adonai gave her conception, and she bore a son.

14. And the women said to Naomi, Blessed be Adonai, which has not left you this day without a redeemer, that his name may be famous in Israel!

15. And he shall be to you a restorer of your life, and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has born him.

16. And Naomi took the child, and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse.

17. And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, A son has been born to Naomi; and they called his name Oved; he is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

18. Now these are the generations of Perez; Perez fathered Hezron,

19. And Hezron fathered Ram, and Ram fathered Amminadab,

20. And Amminadab fathered Nahshon, and Nahshon fathered Salmon,

21. And Salmon fathered Boaz, and Boaz fathered Oved,

22. And Oved fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David.

רות

פרק א

א ויהי בימי שפט השפטים ויהי רעב בארץ וילך איש מבית לחם יהודה לגור בשדי מואב הוא ואשתו ושני בניו:

ב ושם האיש אלימלך ושם אשתו נעמי ושם שני-בניו | מחלון וכליון אפרתים מבית לחם יהודה ויבאו שדי-מואב ויהיו-שם:

ג וימת אלימלך איש נעמי ותשאר היא ושני בניה:

ד וישאו להם נשים מאביות שם האחת ערפה ושם השנית רות וישבו שם כעשר שנים:

ה וימותו גם-שניהם מחלון וכליון ותשאר האשה משני ילדיה ומאישה:

ו ותקם היא וכלתיה ותשב משדי מואב כי שמעה בשדה מואב כי-פקד יהוה את-עמו לתת להם לחם:

ז ותצא מן-המקום אשר היתה-שמה ושתי כלתיה עמה ותלכנה בדרך לשוב אל-ארץ יהודה:

ח ותאמר נעמי לשתי כלתיה לכנה שבנה אשה לבית אמה יעשה [יעש] יהוה עמכם חסד כאשר עשיתם עם-המתים ועמדי:

ט יתן יהוה לכם ומצאן מנוחה אשה בית אישה ותשק להן ותשאנה קולן ותבכינה:

י ותאמרנה-לה כי-אתך נשוב לעמך:

יא ותאמר נעמי שבנה בנתי למה תלכנה עמי העוד-לי בנים במעי והיו לכם לאנשים:

יב שבנה בנתי לכן כי זקנתי מהיות לאיש כי אמרתי יש-לי תקוה גם הייתי הלילה לאיש וגם ילדתי בנים:

יג הלחן | תשבבנה עד אשר יגדלו הלחן תעגנה לבלתי היות לאיש אל בנתי כי-מר-לי מאד מכם כי-נצאה בי יד-יהוה:

יד ותשנה קולן ותבכינה עוד ותשק ערפה לחמותה ורות דבקה בה:

טו ותאמר הנה שבה ובמתך אל-עמה ואל-אלהיה שובי אחרי ובמתך:

טז ותאמר רות אל-תפגעני-בי לעזבך לשוב מאחריך כי אל-אשר תלכי אלך ובאשר תליני אליו עמך עמי ואלהיה אלהי:

יז באשר תמותי אמות ושם אקבר כה יעשה יי לי וכה יסוף כי המות יפריד ביני ובינך:

יח ותרא כי-מתאמצת היא ללכת אתה ותחזל לדבר אליה:

יט ותלכנה שתיהם עד-באנה בית לחם ויהי כבאנה בית לחם ותהם כל-העיר עליהן ותאמרנה הזאת נעמי:

כ ותאמר אליהן אל-תקראנה לי נעמי קראן לי מרא כי-המר שדי לי מאד:

כא אני מלאה הלכתי וריקם השיבני יהוה למה תקראנה לי נעמי ויי ענה בי ושדי הרע לי:

כב ותשב נעמי ורות המואבית כלתה עמה השבה משדי מואב והמה באו בית לחם בתחלת קציר

שְׁעָרִים:

פ ר ק ב

א וּלְנַעֲמֵי מִידַע [מוֹדַע] לְאִישָׁה אִישׁ גְּבוּר חֵיל מִמִּשְׁפַּחַת אֱלִימֶלֶךְ וּשְׁמוֹ בְּעֵז:

ב וּתְאֹמֶר רוּת הַמּוֹאָבִיָּה אֶל-נַעֲמֵי אִלְכָה-נָּא הַשָּׂדֶה וְאֶלְקָטָה בְּשִׂבְלִים אַחַר אֲשֶׁר אֶמְצָא-חֵן בְּעֵינָיו וּתְאֹמֶר לָהּ לְכִי בְּתִי:

ג וּתְלַךְ וּתְבוֹא וּתִלְקָט בַּשָּׂדֶה אַחֲרֵי הַקְּצָרִים וַיִּקֶּר מִקֶּרֶה חִלְקַת הַשָּׂדֶה לְבַעֲזֵי אֲשֶׁר מִמִּשְׁפַּחַת אֱלִימֶלֶךְ:

ד וְהִנֵּה-בְעֵז בָּא מִבֵּית לָחֵם וַיֹּאמֶר לְקוֹצְרִים יְהוָה עִמָּכֶם וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ יְבָרְכֶךָ יְהוָה:

ה וַיֹּאמֶר בְּעֵז לְנַעֲרוֹ הַנֹּצֵב עַל-הַקְּוֹצְרִים לְמִי הַנַּעֲרָה הַזֹּאת:

ו וַיַּעַן הַנַּעֲרָה הַנֹּצֵב עַל-הַקְּוֹצְרִים וַיֹּאמֶר נַעֲרָה מוֹאָבִיָּה הִיא הַשִּׁבָּה עִם-נַעֲמֵי מִשָּׂדֶה מוֹאָב:

ז וּתְאֹמֶר אֶלְקָטָה-נָּא וְאֶסְפְּתִי בְּעַמְרִים אַחֲרֵי הַקְּוֹצְרִים וּתְבוֹא וּתַעֲמוּד מֵאֲזֵי הַבֶּקֶר וְעַד-עֵתָה זֶה שְׂבֵתָהּ הַבַּיִת מֵעַט:

ח וַיֹּאמֶר בְּעֵז אֶל-רוּת הַלֹּוא שְׁמַעְתְּ בְּתִי אֶל-תְּלַכִּי לְלָקֵט בַּשָּׂדֶה אַחַר וְגַם לֹא תַעֲבוּרִי מִזֶּה וְכֹה תִדְבָּקִין עִם-נַעֲרֹתַי:

ט עֵינֶיךָ בַּשָּׂדֶה אֲשֶׁר-יִקְצְרוּן וְהִלַּכְתְּ אַחֲרֵיהֶן הַלֹּוא צוּיִתִּי אֶת-הַנַּעֲרִים לְבִלְתִּי נִגְעֶךָ וְצִמְתְּ וְהִלַּכְתְּ אֶל-הַכְּלָיִם וְשִׁתִּית מֵאֲשֶׁר יִשְׁאַבוּן הַנַּעֲרִים:

י וּתְפֹל עַל-פְּנֵיהָ וּתִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה אַרְצָה וּתְאֹמֶר אֱלֹוִי מַדּוּעַ מִצָּאתִי חֵן בְּעֵינֶיךָ לְהַכִּירֵנִי וְאַנְכִי נִכְרִיָּה:

יא וַיַּעַן בְּעֵז וַיֹּאמֶר לָהּ הֲגַד הַגִּד לִי כָל אֲשֶׁר-עָשִׂית אֶת-חַמּוּתֶךָ אַחֲרֵי מוֹת אִישֶׁךָ וּתַעֲזָבִי אָבִיךָ וְאִמֶּךָ וְאָרֶץ מוֹלֶדְתֶּךָ וּתְלַכִּי אֶל-עַם אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יִדְעֶתָ תְמוֹל שְׁלֹשׁוֹם:

יב יִשְׁלַם יְהוָה פְּעֻלָּתְךָ וּתְהִי מִשְׁכַּרְתֶּךָ שְׁלָמָה מֵעַם יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר-בָּאת לְחַסוֹת תַּחַת-כְּנָפָיו:

יג וּתְאֹמֶר אֶמְצָא-חֵן בְּעֵינֶיךָ אֲדֹנָי כִּי נַחֲמַתְנִי וְכִי דִבַּרְתָּ עַל-לֵב שְׂפָתֶךָ וְאַנְכִי לֹא אֶהְיֶה כְּאַחַת שְׂפֹחֹתֶיךָ:

יד וַיֹּאמֶר לָהּ בְּעֵז לָעַת הָאֶכֶל גִּשֵׁי הַלֵּם וְאֶכְלַת מִן-הַלֶּחֶם וְטַבְלַת פֶּתַךְ בְּחֹמֶץ וּתִשָּׁב מִצַּד הַקְּוֹצְרִים וַיִּצְבֹּט-לָהּ קָלִי וּתֹאכַל וּתִשְׂבַּע וּתִתֵּר:

טו וּתְקַם לְלָקֵט וַיֵּצֵא אֶת-נַעֲרָיו לְאֹמֶר גַּם בֵּין הַעַמְרִים תִּלְקָט וְלֹא תִכְלִימוּהָ:

טז וְגַם שֵׁל-תִשְׁלֹו לָהּ מִן-הַצִּבְתִּים וַעֲזַבְתֶּם וְלָקָטָה וְלֹא תִגְעְרוּ-בָהּ:

יז וּתִלְקָט בַּשָּׂדֶה עַד-הָעֶרֶב וּתַחֲבֹט אֶת אֲשֶׁר-לָקָטָה וַיְהִי כַּאֲיֶפֶה שְׁעָרִים:

יח וּתִשָּׂא וּתְבוֹא הָעִיר וּתִרָא חַמּוּתָהּ אֶת אֲשֶׁר-לָקָטָה וּתִוצֵא וּתִתֵּן-לָהּ אֶת אֲשֶׁר-הוֹתֵרָה מִשְׂבָּעָה:

יט וּתְאֹמֶר לָהּ חַמּוּתָהּ אֲיִפֶה לְקָטָת הַיּוֹם וְאַנָּה עָשִׂית יְהִי מִכִּירֶךָ בְּרוּךְ וּתִגַּד לְחַמּוּתָהּ אֶת אֲשֶׁר-עָשִׂתָה עִמּוֹ וּתְאֹמֶר שֵׁם הָאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתִי עִמּוֹ הַיּוֹם בְּעֵז:

כ וּתְאֹמֶר נַעֲמֵי לְכֻלְתָּהּ בְּרוּךְ הוּא לִּי אֲשֶׁר לֹא-עֲזַב חֶסְדּוֹ אֶת-הַחַיִּים וְאֶת-הַמֵּתִים וּתְאֹמֶר לָהּ

נַעֲמִי קָרוֹב לָנוּ הָאִישׁ מִגְּאֻלָּנוּ הוּא:

כא ותאמר רות המואביה גם | כי-אמר אלי עם-הנערים אשר-לי תדבקין עד אם-כלו את כל-הקציר אשר-לי:

כב ותאמר נעמי אל-רות פלטה טוב בתי כי תצאי עם-נערותי ולא יפגעו-בך בשדה אחר: כג ותדבק בנערות בעז ללקט עד-כלות קציר-השערים וקציר החטים ותשב את-חמותה:

פרק ג

א ותאמר לה נעמי חמותה בתי הלא אבקש-לך מנוח אשר ייטב-לך:

ב ועתה הלא בעז מדעתנו אשר היית את-נערותי הנה-הוא זרה את-גרון השערים הלילה:

ג ורחצת | וסכת ושמת שמלת | [שמלתך] עליך | וירדת | וירדת | הגרון אל-תודעי לאיש עד פלתו לאכל ולשתות:

ד ויהי בשכבו וידעת את-המקום אשר ישכב-שם ובאת וגלית מרגלותי ושכבתי [ושכבת] והוא יגיד לך את אשר תעשין:

ה ותאמר אליה כל אשר-תאמרי... [אלי] אעשה:

ו ותרד הגרון ותעש ככל אשר-צויתה חמותה:

ז ויאכל בעז וישת וייטב לבו ויבא לשכב בקצה הערמה ותבא בלט ותגל מרגלותי ותשכב:

ח ויהי בחצי הלילה ויחרד האיש וילפת והנה אשה שכבת מרגלותי:

ט ויאמר מי-את ותאמר אנכי רות אמתך ופרשת כנףך על-אמתך כי גאל אתה:

י ויאמר ברוכה את ליי בתי היטבת חסדך האחרון מן-הראשון לבלתי-לכת אחרי הבחורים אם-דל ואם-עשיר:

יא ועתה בתי אל-תיראי כל אשר-תאמרי אעשה-לך כי יודע כל-שער עמי כי אשת חיל את:

יב ועתה כי אמנם כי (כתיב ולא קרי:) אם גאל אנכי וגם יש גאל קרוב ממני:

יג ליני | הלילה והיה בבקר אם-יגאלך טוב יגאל ואם-לא יחפץ לגאלך וגאלתיך אנכי חי-יהנה שכבי עד-הבקר:

יד ותשכב מרגלותו [מרגלותיו] עד-הבקר ותקם בטרם [בטרם] יפיר איש את-רעהו ויאמר אל-יודע כי-באה האשה הגרון:

טו ויאמר הבי המטפחת אשר-עליך ואחזי-בה ותאחזי בה וימד שש-שערים וישת עליה ויבא העיר:

טז ותבוא אל-חמותה ותאמר מי-את בתי ותגד-לה את כל-אשר עשה-לה האיש:

יז ותאמר שש-השערים האלה נתן לי כי אמר... [אלי] אל-תבואי ריקם אל-חמותך:

יח ותאמר שבי בתי עד אשר תדעין איך יפל דבר כי לא ישקט האיש כי-אם-כלה הדבר היום:

פרק ד

א ובעז עֲלֵה הַשָּׁעַר וַיֵּשֶׁב שָׁם וְהָיָה הַגָּאֵל עֲבֵר אֲשֶׁר דָּבַר-בְּעֵז וַיֹּאמֶר סוּרָה שְׁבָה-פֹּה פְּלִנִי אֶלְמָנִי וַיֹּסֶר וַיֵּשֶׁב:

ב וַיִּקַּח עֲשָׂרָה אֲנָשִׁים מִזִּקְנֵי הָעִיר וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁבוּ-פֹה וַיֵּשֶׁבוּ:

ג וַיֹּאמֶר לַגָּאֵל חֲלַקְתָּ הַשָּׂדֶה אֲשֶׁר לְאַחֵינוּ לְאֵלִימֶלֶךְ מִכְרָה נַעְמִי הַשְּׁבָה מִשָּׂדֶה מוֹאֵב:

ד וַאֲנִי אֶמְרָתִי אֶגְלֶה אֲזַנֶּךָ לְאָמֹר קָנָה נֶגֶד הַיֹּשְׁבִים וְנֶגֶד זִקְנֵי עַמִּי אִם-תִּגְאָל גְּאָל וְאִם-לֹא יִגְאָל הַגִּידָה לִּי וְאִדַּע [וְאִדְעָה] כִּי אֵין זִילְתָּךְ לַגָּאוֹל וְאִנְכִי אֲחַרֶיךָ וַיֹּאמֶר אֲנֹכִי אֶגְאָל:

ה וַיֹּאמֶר בְּעֵז בְּיוֹם-קִנּוּתְךָ הַשָּׂדֶה מִיַּד נַעְמִי וּמֵאֵת רוּת הַמוֹאֲבִיָּה אִשְׁתְּ-הַמֶּת קִנִּיתִי [קִנִּיתָהּ] לְהַקִּים שָׁם-הַמֶּת עַל-נַחֲלָתוֹ:

ו וַיֹּאמֶר הַגָּאֵל לֹא אוֹכַל לַגָּאוֹל- [לַגְּאָל]- לִי פֶן-אֲשַׁחִית אֶת-נַחֲלָתִי גְאֹל-לְךָ אֶתָּה אֶת-גְּאֻלָּתִי כִּי לֹא-אוֹכַל לַגְּאֹל:

ז וְזֹאת לְפָנַי בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל עַל-הַגָּאוֹלָה וְעַל-הַתְּמוּרָה לְקַיֵּם כָּל-דְּבַר שְׁלֹף אִישׁ נַעְלוּ וְנָתַן לְרַעְהוּ וְזֹאת הַתְּעוּדָה בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל:

ח וַיֹּאמֶר הַגָּאֵל לְבַעֲז קָנָה-לְךָ וַיִּשְׁלַף נַעְלוֹ:

ט וַיֹּאמֶר בְּעֵז לְזִקְנֵים וְכָל-הָעָם עֲדִים אַתֶּם הַיּוֹם כִּי קִנִּיתִי אֶת-כָּל-אֲשֶׁר לְאֵלִימֶלֶךְ וְאֵת כָּל-אֲשֶׁר לְכַלְיוֹן וּמַחֲלוֹן מִיַּד נַעְמִי:

י וְגַם אֶת-רוּת הַמוֹאֲבִיָּה אִשְׁתְּ מַחֲלוֹן קִנִּיתִי לִי לְאִשָּׁה לְהַקִּים שָׁם-הַמֶּת עַל-נַחֲלָתוֹ וְלֹא-יִכָּרֵת שָׁם-הַמֶּת מֵעַם אָחִיו וּמִשְׁעַר מִקוֹמוֹ עֲדִים אַתֶּם הַיּוֹם:

יא וַיֹּאמְרוּ כָּל-הָעָם אֲשֶׁר-בְּשַׁעַר וְהַזִּקְנִים עֲדִים יִתְּנוּ יְהוָה אֶת-הָאִשָּׁה הַבָּאָה אֵל-בֵּיתְךָ כְּרַחֵל וְכַלְאָה אֲשֶׁר בָּנוּ שְׁתֵּיהֶם אֶת-בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל וַעֲשֵׂה-חֵיל בְּאַפְרָתָה וּקְרֵא-שֵׁם בְּבֵית לְחָם:

יב וַיְהִי בֵיתְךָ כְּבֵית פֶּרֶץ אֲשֶׁר-יִלְדָה תִּמָּר לַיהוּדָה מִן-הַזֶּרַע אֲשֶׁר יִתְּנוּ יְהוָה לְךָ מִן-הַנְּעָרָה הַזֹּאת:

יג וַיִּקַּח בְּעֵז אֶת-רוּת וַתְּהִי-לוֹ לְאִשָּׁה וַיֵּבֵא אֵלֶיהָ וַיִּתְּנוּ יְהוָה לָהּ הָרִיוֹן וַתֵּלֶד בֶּן:

יד וַתֹּאמְרָנָה הַנָּשִׁים אֶל-נַעְמִי בְרוּךְ יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר לֹא הִשְׁבִּית לְךָ גְּאֹל הַיּוֹם וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל:

טו וְהָיָה לְךָ לְמֹשִׁיב נַפֶּשׁ וּלְכַלְכַּל אֶת-שִׁיבְתְּךָ כִּי כָלְתָךְ אֲשֶׁר-אַהַבְתְּךָ יִלְדָתוּ אֲשֶׁר-הִיא טוֹבָה לְךָ מִשְׁבַּעַה בָּנִים:

טז וַתִּקַּח נַעְמִי אֶת-הַיֶּלֶד וַתִּשְׁתַּחֲוֶהוּ בַחִיקָה וַתְּהִי-לוֹ לְאִמָּנֹת: יז וַתִּקְרָאנָהּ לוֹ הַשְּׁכָנוֹת שֵׁם לְאָמֹר יֶלֶד-בֶּן לְנַעְמִי וַתִּקְרָאנָהּ שְׁמוֹ עוֹבֵד הוּא אָבִי-יֵשִׁי אָבִי דָּוִד:

יח וְאֵלֶּה תּוֹלְדוֹת פֶּרֶץ פֶּרֶץ הוֹלִיד אֶת-חֲצִרוֹן:

יט וְחֲצִרוֹן הוֹלִיד אֶת-רָם וְרָם הוֹלִיד אֶת-עַמִּינָדָב:

כ וְעַמִּינָדָב הוֹלִיד אֶת-נַחֲשׁוֹן וְנַחֲשׁוֹן הוֹלִיד אֶת-שַׁלְמָה:

כא וְשַׁלְמוֹן הוֹלִיד אֶת-בְּעֵז וּבְעֵז הוֹלִיד אֶת-עוֹבֵד:

כב וְעוֹבֵד הוֹלִיד אֶת-יֵשִׁי וַיֵּשִׁי הוֹלִיד אֶת-דָּוִד: