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Ruth 1.

1 _____. Elimelech's Family Goes to Moab.

Ruth!_____

It happened in the days when the judges judged, that there was a famine in the land. A certain man of Bethlehem Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

2 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 Bethlehem Judah. They came into the country of Moab, and continued there.

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

4 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 lived there about ten years.

5 Mahlon and Chilion both died, and the woman was bereaved of her two children and of her husband.

6 _____. Naomi Returns with Ruth.

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 YHWH had visited his people in giving them bread.

7 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 Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house: YHWH deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead, and with me.

9 YHWH grant you 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 They said to her, "No, but we will return with you to your people."

11 Naomi said, "Go back, my daughters. Why do you want to go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?"

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

13 would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from having husbands? No, my daughters, for it grieves me much for your sakes, for the hand of YHWH has gone out against me."

14 They lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth joined with her.

15 She said, "Behold, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people, and to her god. Follow your sister-in-law."

16 Ruth said, "Don't entreat me to leave you, and to return from following after you, for where you go, I will go; and where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your ELOHIM my ELOHIM;

17 where you die, will I die, and there will I be buried. YHWH do so to me, and more also, if anything but death part you and me."

18 When she saw that she was steadfastly minded to go with her, she left off speaking to her.

19 So they two went until they came to Bethlehem. It happened, when they had come to Bethlehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they asked, "Is this Naomi?"

20 She said to them, "Don't call me Naomi. Call me Mara; for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.

21 I went out full, and YHWH has brought me home again empty; why do you call me

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Naomi, since YHWH has testified against me, and the Almighty has afflicted me?”
22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, with her, who returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Bethlehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

Ruth 2.

1 . Ruth Meets Boaz. .

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

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

3 She went, and came and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and she happened to come to the portion of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.

4 Behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said to the reapers, "YHWH be with you." They answered him, "YHWH bless you."

5 Then Boaz said to his servant who was set over the reapers, "Whose young lady is this?"

6 The servant who was set over the reapers answered, "It is the Moabite lady who came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab.

7 She said, 'Please 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 stayed a little in the house."

8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Listen, my daughter. Don't go to glean in another field, and don't go from here, but stay here close to my maidens.

9 Let your eyes be on the field that they reap, and go after them. Haven't I commanded the young men not to touch you? When you are thirsty, go to the vessels, and drink from 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 sight, that you should take knowledge of me, since I am a foreigner?"

11 Boaz answered her, "It has fully been shown me, all that you have done to 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 that you didn't know before.

12 May YHWH repay your work, and a full reward be given you from YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."

13 Then she said, "Let me find favor in your sight, my master, because you have comforted me, and because you have spoken kindly to your handmaid, though I am not as one of your handmaidens."

14 At meal time Boaz said to her, "Come here, and eat of the bread, and dip your morsel in the vinegar." She sat beside the reapers, and they reached her parched grain, and she ate, and was satisfied, and left some of it.

15 When she had risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and don't reproach her.

16 Also pull out some for her from the bundles, and leave it, and let her glean, and don't rebuke her."

17 So she gleaned in the field until evening; and she beat out that which she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.

18 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 that which she had left after she was

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sufficed.

19 Her mother-in-law said to her, "Where have you gleaned today? Where have you worked? Blessed be he who noticed you." She showed her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, and said, "The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz."

20 Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "Blessed be he of YHWH, who has not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead." Naomi said to her, "The man is a close relative to us, one of our near kinsmen."

21 Ruth the Moabitess said, "Yes, he said to me, 'You shall stay close to my young men, until they have ended all my harvest.'"

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

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

Psalms 47.

1 ____ . **To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah..** . ____

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by the sons of Korah. Oh clap your hands, all you nations. Shout to ELOHIM with the voice of triumph!

2 For YHWH Most High is awesome. He is a great King over all the earth.

3 He subdues nations under us, and peoples under our feet.

4 He chooses our inheritance for us, the glory of Jacob whom he loved. Selah.

5 ELOHIM has gone up with a shout, YHWH with the sound of a shofar.

6 Sing praise to ELOHIM, sing praises. Sing praises to our King, sing praises.

7 For ELOHIM is the King of all the earth. Sing praises with understanding.

8 ELOHIM reigns over the nations. ELOHIM sits on his holy throne.

9 The princes of the peoples are gathered together, the people of the ELOHIM of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to ELOHIM! He is greatly exalted!

Proverbs 4.

1 ____ . **Security in Wisdom.** . ____

Listen, sons, to a father's instruction. Pay attention and know understanding;

2 for I give you sound learning. Don't forsake my Torah (teaching and instruction).

3 For I was a son to my father, tender and an only child in the sight of my mother.

4 He taught me, and said to me: "Let your heart retain my words. Keep my commandments, and live.

5 Get wisdom. Get understanding. Don't forget, neither swerve from the words of my mouth.

6 Don't forsake her, and she will preserve you. Love her, and she will keep you.

7 Wisdom is supreme. Get wisdom. Yes, though it costs all your possessions, get understanding.

8 Esteem her, and she will exalt you. She will bring you to honor, when you embrace her.

9 She will give to your head a garland of grace. She will deliver a crown of splendor to you."

10 Listen, my son, and receive my sayings. The years of your life will be many.

11 I have taught you in the way of wisdom. I have led you in straight paths.

12 When you go, your steps will not be hampered. When you run, you will not stumble.

13 Take firm hold of instruction. Don't let her go. Keep her, for she is your life.

14 Don't enter into the path of the wicked. Don't walk in the way of evil men.

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- 15 Avoid it, and don't pass by it. Turn from it, and pass on.
16 For they don't sleep, unless they do evil. Their sleep is taken away, unless they make someone fall.
17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.
18 But the path of the righteous is like the dawning light, that shines more and more until the perfect day.
19 The way of the wicked is like darkness. They don't know what they stumble over.
20 My son, attend to my words. Turn your ear to my sayings.
21 Let them not depart from your eyes. Keep them in the midst of your heart.
22 For they are life to those who find them, and health to their whole body.
23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it is the wellspring of life.
24 Put away from yourself a perverse mouth. Put corrupt lips far from you.
25 Let your eyes look straight ahead. Fix your gaze directly before you.
26 Make the path of your feet level. Let all of your ways be established.
27 Don't turn to the right hand nor to the left. Remove your foot from evil.

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