

Ruth

[1] and it **was** (1:1)
 [2-3] in days of, **to judge**, the, **judging**
 [4] and (there) **was** a famine in land
 [5-6] and (there) **went**, a man from **Bethlehem, Judah**, **to dwell** in fields of Moab –
 [7-10] **he** and his **wife** and **two** of his sons
 [1] and name of the man (**was**) Elimelech
 [2] and name of his wife (**was**) Naomi
 [3-4] and name of two of his sons (**were**) **Mahlon** and **Chilion**
 [5-6] Ephrathites (they **were**), from **Bethlehem, Judah**
 [7-8] and they **went** (to) fields of Moab and **remained** there
 [9-10] and (there) **died**, **Elimelech**, **husband** of Naomi
 [1-3] and (there) **remained**, **she** and **two** of her sons
 [4-5] and she **took** for them **wives**, **Moabites**
 [6] name of the one (**was**) Orpah
 [7] and name of the second (**was**) Ruth
 [8] and they **lived** there, like, **ten** of years [10]
 [9-10] and (there) **died**, also, **two** of them:
 [1-2] **Mahlon** and **Chilion**

[1] וַיְהִי
 [2-3] בִּימֵי שְׁפָט הַשְּׁפָטִים
 [4] וַיְהִי רָעָב בְּאֶרֶץ
 [5-6] וַיֵּלֶךְ אִישׁ מִבֵּית לָחֶם יְהוּדָה לָגוּר בְּשָׂדֵי מוֹאָב
 [7-10] הוּא וְאִשְׁתּוֹ וּשְׁנֵי בָנָיו:
 [1-2] וְשֵׁם הָאִישׁ אֱלִימֶלֶךְ וְשֵׁם אִשְׁתּוֹ נָעֳמִי
 [3-4] וְשֵׁם שְׁנֵי-בָנָיו מַחְלֹן וְכִלְיוֹן
 [5-6] אֶפְרַתִּים מִבֵּית לָחֶם יְהוּדָה
 [7-8] וַיָּבֹאוּ שְׁדֵי-מוֹאָב וַיְהִיו-שָׁם:
 [9-10] וַיָּמָת אֱלִימֶלֶךְ אִישׁ נָעֳמִי
 [1-3] וַתִּשְׁאָר הִיא וּשְׁנֵי בָנֶיהָ:
 [4-5] וַיִּשְׂאוּ לָהֶם נָשִׁים מֹאָבִיּוֹת
 [6] שֵׁם הָאֶחָת עֹרְפָּה
 [7] וְשֵׁם הַשֵּׁנִית רֹוּת
 [8] וַיָּשְׁבוּ שָׁם כְּעֶשֶׂר שָׁנִים:
 [9-10] וַיָּמָוּתוּ גַם-שְׁנֵיהֶם
 [1-2] מַחְלֹן וְכִלְיוֹן

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[3-5] and (there) **remained**, the woman, from **two** of her sons and from her **husband**

[6-7] and (there) **arose**, **she** and her **daughters-in-law**, and **returned** from fields of Moab

[8] because she **had heard** in fields of Moab:

[1] that (there) **had visited**, YHWH, His people

[2]* **to give** to them bread

[9-10] and she **departed** from the place which, she **had been** there

[1-2] and **two** of her daughters-in-law (**were**) with her

[3-4] and they **went** in way, **to return** to land of Judah

[5-6] and (there) **said**, Naomi, to **two** of her daughters-in-law,

[7-8] **go**, **return**, woman to house of her mother

[3] **let do**, YHWH, with you, lovingkindness

[9-10] as which, you **have done** with, the **having died**, and with **me**

[4] **let give**, YHWH, to you:

[1] and you **find** rest, woman (in) house of her husband

[2] and she **kissed** to them

[3-4] and they **lifted** their voices and **wept**

[5-6] and they **said** to her, that, “with you, we **will return** to your people”

[7] and (there) **said**, Naomi

[8-9] **return**, my daughters; to what, you **should come** with me?

[10] **are** there still, to me, sons in my womb?

[1-2] and **they will become**, for you, for **husbands**?

[3-5] וַתֵּשָׂאֵר הָאִשָּׁה מִשְׁנֵי יְלָדֶיהָ וּמֵאִשָּׁה:

[6-7] וַתָּקָם הֵיאֵ וְכָל־תֵּיהָ וַתָּשָׁב מִשְׂדֵּי מוֹאָב

[8] כִּי שָׁמְעָה בְּשִׂדָּה מוֹאָב

[1] כִּי־פָקַד יְהוָה אֶת־עַמּוֹ

*[2] לָתֵת לָהֶם לֶחֶם:

[9-10] וַתֵּצֵא מִן־הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר הָיְתָה־שָׁמָּה

[1-2] וּשְׁתֵּי כָל־תֵּיהָ עִמָּה

[3-4] וַתֵּלַכְנָה בְּדֶרֶךְ לָשׁוּב אֶל־אֶרֶץ יְהוּדָה:

[5-6] וַתֹּאמֶר נַעֲמִי לְשְׁתֵּי כָל־תֵּיהָ

[7-8] לֵכְנָה שְׁבֹנָה אִשָּׁה לְבֵית אִמָּה

[3] יַעֲשֶׂה יְהוָה עִמָּכֶם חֶסֶד

[9-10] כַּאֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתֶם עִם־הַמֵּתִים וְעִמָּדִי:

[4] יִתֵּן יְהוָה לָכֶם

[1] וּמִצָּאָן מְנוּחָה אִשָּׁה בֵּית אִישָׁה

[2] וַתִּשָּׁק לָהֶן

[3-4] וַתֵּשָׂאנָה קוֹלָן וַתִּבְכִּינָה:

[5-6] וַתֹּאמְרֶנָּה לָהּ כִּי־אַתָּה נָשׁוּב לְעַמֶּךָ:

[7] וַתֹּאמֶר נַעֲמִי

[8-9] שְׁבֹנָה בְנֹתִי לָמָּה תֵלַכְנָה עִמִּי

[10] הָעוֹד־לִי בָנִים בְּיָמַי

[1-2] וְהָיוּ לָכֶם לְאִנָּשִׁים:

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[3-4] **return**, my daughters, **go**

[5-6] because I **have become older**, than, **to be** to a man

[7-8] because, (if) I **had said**, there **is** to me hope

[9-10] also, **had I been**, this night, to a man, and also, **had I born** sons –

[1-2] **would**, therefore, you **wait** until which, they **grew up**?

[3-4] **would**, therefore, you **refrain**, except, **to be** to a man?

[5] **no**, my daughters!

[6-7] because it **has become bitter** to me, **very**, for your sake

[5]* that (there) **has gone out** against me, hand of YHWH

[8-10] and they **lifted** their voices and **wept**, **longer**

[1-2] and (there) **kissed**, Orpah, to her mother-in-law; and Ruth **clung** to her

[3] and she [*Naomi*] **said**,

[4-5] behold, (there) **has turned back**, your sister-in-law, to her **people** and to her **gods**

[6] **return** after your sister-in-law

[7] and (there) **said**, Ruth

[8-10] **do not urge** me **to forsake** you, **to return** from after you!

[1-2] because, to which you **go**, I **will go**

[3-4] and in which you **lodge**, I **will lodge**

[5] your people (**will be**) my people

[1] and your God (**will be**) my God

[6-8] in which, you **die**, I **will die**, and there I **will be buried**!

[3-4] **שָׁבְנָה בְּנֹתַי לָכֵן**

[5-6] **כִּי זָקַנְתִּי מִהַיּוֹת לְאִישׁ**

[7-8] **כִּי אָמַרְתִּי יֵשׁ-לִי תִקְוָה**

[9-10] **וְגַם הָיִיתִי תֵלִילָה לְאִישׁ וְגַם יִלְדָּתִי בָנִים:**

[1-2] **הָלָתִן | תִּשְׁבְּרָנָה עַד אֲשֶׁר יִגְדְּלוּ**

[3-4] **הָלָתִן תִּעֲנֶנָּה לְבִלְתִּי הָיוֹת לְאִישׁ**

[5] **אַל בְּנֹתַי**

[6-7] **כִּי-מָר-לִי מְאֹד מִכֶּם**

[5]* **כִּי-יֵצְאָה בִּי יַד-יְהוָה:**

[8-10] **וַתִּשְׁנָה קוֹלָן וַתִּבְכֶּינָה עוֹד**

[1-2] **וַתִּשָּׁק עֲרֶפֶהָ לַחֲמוּטָתָהּ וְרוּת הִבָּקָה בָּהּ:**

[3] **וַתֹּאמֶר**

[4-5] **הִנֵּה שָׁבָה יְבִמְתִּי אֶל-עַמָּהּ וְאֶל-אֱלֹהֶיהָ**

[6] **שׁוּבִי אַחֲרַי יְבִמְתִּי:**

[7] **וַתֹּאמֶר רוּת**

[8-10] **אֶל-תִּפְנְעִי-בִּי לְעִזְבֶּךָ לָשׁוּב מֵאַחֲרַיִךְ**

[1-2] **כִּי אֶל-אֲשֶׁר תִּלְכִּי אֵלַי**

[3-4] **וּבְאֲשֶׁר תָּלִינִי אֵלַיִן**

[5] **עַמִּיךָ עָמִי**

[1] **וְאֵלֹהֶיךָ אֱלֹהֵי:**

[6-8] **בְּאֲשֶׁר תָּמוּתִי אָמוּת וְשֵׁם אָקִבֶּר**

Ruth

[2-3] thus **let do**, YHWH, to me, and thus, **let Him do again**

[9-10] except, the death **should separate** between **me** and between **you**!

[1-3] and she [*Naomi*] **saw** that (there) **was being determined**, she [*Ruth*], **to go** with her

[4-5] and she **ceased**, **to speak** toward her

[1-2] and they **went**, **two** of them, as far as their, **to come** (to) Bethlehem

[3-4] and it **was**, as their, **to come** (to) Bethlehem

[5] and (there) **was disquieted**, all the city, over them

[6-7] and (the) women **said**, “**is** this Naomi?”

[8] and she **said** to them

[9-10] **do not call** to me, “Naomi”; **call** to me, “Mara”

[4-5] because (there) **has made bitter**, the Almighty [*Shaddai*], to me, **very**

[1-2] **I**, **full**, **had gone away**

[3] and **empty** –

[6] (there) **made** me **return**, YHWH

[4] to what **do** you **call** to me, “Naomi”?

[7] and YHWH **has answered** against me

[8] and the Almighty [*Shaddai*] **has brought evil** to me?

[5-8] and (there) **returned**, **Naomi** and **Ruth**, the **Moabitess**, her **daughter-in-law**, with her –

[9] the, she **had returned** from fields of Moab

[10] and they **came** (to) Bethlehem at beginning of harvest of barleys

[2-3] כֹּה יַעֲשֶׂה יְהוָה לִי וְכֹה יַסִּיף [2-3]

[9-10] כִּי הַמָּוֶת יַפְרִיד בֵּינִי וּבֵינְךָ:

[1-3] וַתֵּרָא כִּי־מִתְאַמֶּצֶת הִיא לָלֶכֶת אַתָּה

[4-5] וַתַּחֲדֹל לְדַבֵּר אֵלֶיהָ:

[1-2] וַתֵּלַכְנָה שְׁתֵּיָהֶם עַד־בֶּאֱנָה בֵּית לָחֶם

[3-4] וַיְהִי כִבְאֶנָה בֵּית לָחֶם

[5] וַיִּתְּחַם כָּל־הָעִיר עֲלֵיהֶן

[6-7] וַתֹּאמְרֶנָּה הֲזֹאת נַעֲמִי:

[8] וַתֹּאמֶר אֵלֶיהֶן

[9-10] אַל־תִּקְרְאֶנָּה לִי נַעֲמִי קְרָאנִי לִי מָרָא

[4-5] כִּי־הִמָּר שָׂדֵי לִי מָאֵד:

[1-2] אֲנִי מֵלֶאָה הָלַכְתִּי

[3] וְרִיקָם

[6] יְשִׁיבֵנִי יְהוָה

[4] לָמָּה תִקְרְאֶנָּה לִי נַעֲמִי

[7] וַיַּהֲדֵה עֲנָה בִּי

[8] וְשָׂדֵי תִרַע לִי:

[5-8] וַתָּשָׁב נַעֲמִי וְרוּת הַמוֹאבִּיָּה כָלְתָה עִמָּה

[9] הַשָּׂבָה מִשָּׂדֵי מוֹאָב

[10] וַהֲמָה בָּאוּ בֵּית לָחֶם בְּתַחֲלִית קַצִּיר שְׁעָרִים:

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- [1] and to Naomi (**was**) a relative to her husband: (2:1)
- [2-3] a **man**, **mighty** of wealth, from family of Elimelech
- [4] and his name (**was**) Boaz
- [5-6] and (there) **said**, **Ruth**, the **Moabitess**, to Naomi
- [7] “**let** me **go** please (to) the field
- [8-9] and **let** me **glean** among ears-of-grain, after whom, I **may find** **favor** in his eyes (**two**)”
- [10] and she **said** to her
- [1] **go**, my daughter
- [2-3] and she **went**, and she **came**
- [4-5] and she **gleaned** in a field after those **reaping**
- [1] and (there) **happened**, her fortune:
- [2] a portion of the field (**was**) to Boaz
- [3] who (**was**) from family of Elimelech
- [4] and behold, Boaz **was coming** from Bethlehem
- [5-6] and he **said** to those **reaping**
- [9] YHWH (**be**) with you!
- [7] and they **said** to him
- [10] **let** (there) **bless** you, YHWH!
- [8]* and (there) **said**, Boaz,
- [9-10] to his young-man, the, **standing** over those **reaping**:

- [1] וְלִנְעָמִי מִיְדַע לְאִשָּׁה [1]
- [2-3] אִישׁ גִּבּוֹר חֵיל מִמִּשְׁפַּחַת אֱלִימֶלֶךְ [2-3]
- [4] וּשְׁמוֹ בּוֹאֵז [4]
- [5-6] וַתֹּאמֶר רוּת הַמּוֹאֲבִיָּה אֶל-נְעָמִי [5-6]
- [7] אֵלַיךָ-נָּא הִשָּׁדָה [7]
- [8-9] וְאֶלְקָטָה בְּשֹׂבְלִים אַחֲרָי אֲשֶׁר אֲמָצֵא-חֵן בְּעֵינָיו [8-9]
- [10] וַתֹּאמֶר לָהּ [10]
- [1] לָכִי בָתִּי [1]
- [2-3] וַתֵּלֶךְ וַתָּבוֹא [2-3]
- [4-5] וַתִּלְקֹט בַּשָּׂדֶה אַחֲרֵי הַקֹּצְרִים [4-5]
- [1] וַיָּקֶר מִקְלָהָ [1]
- [2] חֲלָקֶת הַשָּׂדֶה לְבַעַז [2]
- [3] אֲשֶׁר מִמִּשְׁפַּחַת אֱלִימֶלֶךְ [3]
- [4] וַתֵּהֵא-בַעַז בָּא מִבֵּית לָחֶם [4]
- [5-6] וַיֹּאמֶר לַקֹּצְרִים [5-6]
- [9] יְהוָה עִמָּכֶם [9]
- [7] וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ [7]
- [10] יְבָרְכֶךָ יְהוָה [10]
- [8]* וַיֹּאמֶר בַּעַז [8]
- [9-10] לְנַעֲרוֹ הַנֹּצֵב עַל-הַקֹּצְרִים [9-10]

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[1-2] to whom (is) the young-woman, the this?

[3-6] and (there) answered – the young-man, the, standing over those reaping – and said

[7] young-woman (is) a Moabitess

[8-9] she (is) the, she had returned with Naomi, from fields of Moab

[10] and she said

[1-2] let me glean, please, and I let me gather among sheaves

[3] after those reaping

[4] and she came

[5-7] and she stood from then – the morning – and unto now

[8-9] this (is), her, to rest (at) the house, a little

[10] and (there) said, Boaz, to Ruth

[1-2] will not you listen, my daughter?

[3-4] do not go, to glean in a field, other

[5] and also, do not pass over from this

[6] and thus cling with my young-women

[7-8] (let be) your eyes (two), in field

[9] which they reap

[10] and go after them

[1-2] have not I commanded the young-men to, except [not], to touch you?

[1-2] לְמִי הַנַּעֲרָה הַזֹּאת:

[3-6] וַיַּעַן הַנַּעַר הַנֹּצֵב עַל-הַקּוֹצְרִים וַיֹּאמֶר

[7] נַעֲרָה מוֹאֲבִיָּה

[8-9] הִיא הַשָּׁבָה עִם-נַעֲמִי מִשָּׂדֵה מוֹאָב:

[10] וַתֹּאמֶר

[1-2] אֶלְקָטָה-נָּא וְאֶסְפְּתִי בַעֲמָרִים

[3] אַחֲרֵי הַקּוֹצְרִים

[4] וַתָּבוֹא

[5-7] וַתַּעֲמֹד מֵאִזְ הַבֶּקֶר וְעַד-עֶתָּה

[8-9] זֶה שְׁבֻתָּה הַבַּיִת מְעֻט:

[10] וַיֹּאמֶר בְּעִז אֶל-רוּת

[1-2] הֲלוֹא שָׁמַעַתְ בָּתִּי

[3-4] אֶל-תֵּלְכִי לְלָקֵט בְּשָׂדֶה אֲחֵר

[5] וְגַם לֹא תַעֲבוּרִי מִזֶּה

[6] וְכֹה תִדְבָּקִין עִם-נַעֲרָתִי:

[7-8] עֵינֶיךָ בְּשָׂדֶה

[9] אֲשֶׁר-יִקְצְרוּן

[10] וְהִלַּכְתְּ אַחֲרֵיהֶן

[1-2] הֲלוֹא צִוִּיתִי אֶת-הַנַּעֲרִים לְבִלְתִּי נִגְעֹךְ

Ruth

[3-5] and when you **become thirsty**, **go** to the vessels and **drink**

[6] from which, (there) **draw**, the young-men

[7-9] and she **fell** upon her faces, and she **worshiped**, **groundward**

[10] and she **said** to him

[1-2] why **have** I **found favor** in your eyes (**two**), **to regard** me?

[3] and I (**am**) a foreigner?

[4-5] and (there) **answered**, Boaz, and **said** to her

[1-2] **to tell**, (there) **has been told** to me

[3] all which you **have done** with your mother-in-law after death of her husband

[4-6] and you **left** your **father** and your **mother** and **land** of your kindred

[7]* and you **came** to a people

[8-10] whom you **did not know** as previously, **three-days-ago**

[1] **let** (there) **make complete**, YHWH, your work

[1-2] and **let be**, your wage, whole, from with **YHWH**, **God** of Israel

[3-4] which, you **have come**, **to take refuge**, under His wings

[3-5] וּצְמֵת וְהִלַּכְתָּ אֶל-הַכֵּלִים וְשָׁתִית

[6] מֵאֲשֶׁר יִשְׁאָבוּן הַנְּעָרִים:

[7-9] וַתִּפֹּל עַל-פָּנֶיהָ וַתִּשְׁתָּחוּ אֶרֶצָה

[10] וַתֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו

[1-2] מִדּוּעַ מְצָאתִי חֵן בְּעֵינֶיךָ לְהַכִּירָנִי

[3] וְאֲנֹכִי נִכְרִיָּה:

[4-5] וַיַּעַן בָּעוֹ וַיֹּאמֶר לָהּ

[1-2] הַיָּד הַזֶּה לִי

[3] כָּל אֲשֶׁר-עָשִׂיתָ אֶת-חַמּוֹתַי אַחֲרֵי מוֹת אִישִׁיךָ

[4-6] וַתַּעֲזָבִי אֲבִיךָ וְאִמְךָ וְאֶרֶץ מוֹלֶדְתְּךָ

[7]* וַתֵּלְכִי אֶל-עַם

[8-10] אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יָדַעְתָּ תְּמוֹל שְׁלֹשֹׁם:

[1] יִשְׁלָם יְהוָה פְּעֻלָּךְ

[1-2] וַתְּהִי מִשְׁכְּרְתְּךָ שְׁלֵמָה מֵעַם יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי

יִשְׂרָאֵל

[3-4] אֲשֶׁר-בָּאת לְחֹסוֹת תַּחַת-כְּנָפָיו:

“as previously, three-days-ago” | although this figure of speech may simply be rendered “formerly” or “yesterday and the day before,” it is counted here similarly to the way it may be counted for Genesis 31:2: as three literary elements.

Ruth

[5] and she said

[1-2] let me find favor in your eyes (two), my lord

[3] because you have comforted me

[4] and because you have spoken upon heart of your maidservant

[5] and I am not as one of your maidservants

[6] and (there) said to her, Boaz

[7] (it is) to time of the food

[8-9] come here and eat from the bread

[10] and dip your piece in vinegar

[1-2] and she sat beside those reaping

[3] and he held out to her roasted-grain

[4-6] and she ate and was satisfied, and she kept-the-leftovers

[7-8] and she rose, to glean

[9-10] and (there) commanded, Boaz, his young-men, saying

[1-2] also between the sheaves, she will glean, and do not reproach her

[3-4] and also, to pull out, you will pull out for her from the bundles

[5-6] and leave them, and she will glean

[7] and do not rebuke at her

[8] and she gleaned in field until the evening

[9-10] and she beat out that which she had gleaned

[5] וַתֹּאמֶר

[1-2] אֲמַצָּא-חֵן בְּעֵינֶיךָ אֲדֹנָי

[3] כִּי נְחַמְתָּנִי

[4] וְכִי דִבַּרְתָּ עָלַי לֵב שְׂפָתֶיךָ

[5] וְאֲנֹכִי לֹא אֶהְיֶה כְּאַחַת שֹׁפְחֹתֶיךָ:

[6] וַיֹּאמֶר לָהּ בָּעֶז

[7] לֵעֵת הָאֵכֶל

[8-9] נָשִׂי הָלֶם וְאָכַלְתָּ מִן-הַלֶּחֶם

[10] וְטָבַלְתָּ פִּתְּךָ בַחֲמֹץ

[1-2] וַתָּשֶׁב מִצֵּד הַקּוֹצְרִים

[3] וַיִּצָּבֶט-לָהּ קָלִי

[4-6] וַתֹּאכַל וַתִּשְׂבַּע וַתִּתֵּר:

[7-8] וַתִּקֶּם לְלֶקֶט

[9-10] וַיִּצֹּ בָּעֶז אֶת-נְעָרָיו לֵאמֹר

[1-2] גַּם בֵּין הָעֹמְרִים תִּלְקֹט וְלֹא תְכַלִּימוּהָ:

[3-4] וְגַם שֶׁל-תִּשְׁלֹו לָהּ מִן-הַצִּבָּתִּים

[5-6] וְעֹזְבֵתָם וְלֶקֶטָהּ

[7] וְלֹא תִנְעֲרוּ-בָהּ:

[8] וַתִּלְקֹט בַּשָּׂדֶה עַד-הָעֶרֶב

[9-10] וַתַּחבֹּט אֶת אֲשֶׁר-לֶקֶטָהּ

Ruth

[1-2] and it **was**, like, an **ephah**, **barleys**
 [3-4] and she **lifted** (it) and **went** (to) the city
 [5-6] and (there) **saw**, her mother-in-law, that which she **had gleaned**
 [7-9] and she **brought out** and **gave** to her, that which **was left over**
 after her satisfaction
 [10] and (there) **said** to her, her mother-in-law
 [1-2] where **have** you **gleaned today**? and where **have** you **worked**?
 [3-4]* **let be** – him **regarding** you – **being blessed**!
 [5-6] and she **told** to her mother-in-law that which she **had done**
 with him
 [7] and she **said**
 [8-9] name of the man which, I **have worked** with him **today**, (is)
 Boaz
 [10] and (there) **said**, Naomi, to her daughter-in-law
 [1] **being blessed**, **is** he, in regard to YHWH!
 [2-3] who **has not forsaken** his lovingkindness with the **alive** and
 with the **dying**
 [4] and (there) **said** to her, Naomi
 [5] near to us (**is**) the man
 [6-7] from those **redeeming** us, (**is**) he
 [8-9] and (there) **said**, **Ruth**, the **Moabite**, also
 [10] that he **said** to me

[1-2] וַיְהִי כַאֲפָה שְׁעָרִים:
 [3-4] וַתִּשָּׂא וַתֵּבֹא הָעִיר
 [5-6] וַתֵּרָא חֲמוּתָהּ אֵת אֲשֶׁר-לִקְטָהּ
 [7-9] וַתּוֹצֵא וַתִּתֵּן-לָהּ אֵת אֲשֶׁר-הוֹתֵרָה מִשְׁבְּעָה:
 [10] וַתֹּאמֶר לָהּ חֲמוּתָהּ
 [1-2] אֵיפֹה לִקְטֹתָ הַיּוֹם וְאַנָּה עָשִׂית
 [3-4]* יְהִי מִכִּירוֹךְ בָּרוּךְ
 [5-6] וַתִּגַּד לַחֲמוּתָהּ אֵת אֲשֶׁר-עָשְׂתָה עִמּוֹ
 [7] וַתֹּאמֶר
 [8-9] שֵׁם הָאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתִי עִמּוֹ הַיּוֹם בְּעֹז:
 [10] וַתֹּאמֶר נַעֲמִי לְכֻלָּתָהּ
 [1] בָּרוּךְ הוּא לַיהוָה
 [2-3] אֲשֶׁר לֹא-עָזַב חֲסִדּוֹ אֶת-הַחַיִּים וְאֶת-
 הַמֵּתִים
 [4] וַתֹּאמֶר לָהּ נַעֲמִי
 [5] קָרוֹב לָנוּ הָאִישׁ
 [6-7] מִנֹּאֲלָנוּ הוּא:
 [8-9] וַתֹּאמֶר רוּת הַמֹּאֲבִיטָה גַם |
 [10] כִּי-אָמַר אֵלַי

Ruth

[1-2] with the young-men who (are) to me, **cling**
 [3-4] until, if they **have completed** all the harvest which **is** to me
 [5-6] and (there) **said**, Naomi, to **Ruth**, her **daughter-in-law**
 [7-8] good (it **is**), my **daughter**, that **you go out** with his young-
 women

[9] and they **not fall upon** you in a field, other
 [10] and she **clung** with young-women of Boaz –

[1-2] **to glean** until, **to finish**, **harvest** of the barleys and **harvest** of
 the wheats
 [3] and she **lived** with her mother-in-law (3:1)
 [4-5] and (there) **said** to her, **Naomi**, her **mother-in-law**
 [6-8] my **daughter**, shall I **not seek** for **you** rest, which, it **will be well**
 for **you**?

[9] and now, **is not** Boaz our relative?
 [10] which, you **have been** with his young-women?

[1] behold, he **is scattering** threshing-floor of the barleys tonight
 [2-3] and **bathe** and **anoint**
 [4-5] and (you) **put** your outer-garment upon **yourself**
 [6] and **go down** (to) the threshing-floor
 [7-8] **do not be known** to a man until his, **to finish**,
 [9-10] **to eat** and **to drink**

[1-2] עִם־הַנְּעָרִים אֲשֶׁר־לִי תִדְבְּקִין
 [3-4] עַד אִם־כָּלוּ אֶת כָּל־הַקְצִיר אֲשֶׁר־לִי:
 [5-6] וַתֹּאמֶר נַעֲמִי אֶל־רוּת כַּלְתָּהּ
 [7-8] טוֹב בְּתִי כִי תֵצֵא עִם־נַעֲרוֹתָיו
 [9] וְלֹא יִפְנְעוּ־בָךְ בַּשָּׂדֶה אַחֵר:
 [10] וַתִּדְבֹּק בַּנְּעָרוֹת בְּעֵז
 [1-2] לְלֶקֶט עַד־כָּלוֹת קְצִיר־הַשְּׂעִרִים וְקִצִּיר
 הַחֲטִיִּם
 [3] וַתֵּשֶׁב אֶת־תַּמּוּתָהּ:
 [4-5] וַתֹּאמֶר לָהּ נַעֲמִי תַמּוּתָהּ
 [6-8] בְּתִי הֲלֹא אֶבְקֶשׁ־לָךְ מְנוּחָ אֲשֶׁר יֵיטֵב־לָךְ:
 [9] וַעֲתָה הֲלֹא בְעֵז מִדַּעְתָּנוּ
 [10] אֲשֶׁר הִיִּית אֶת־נַעֲרוֹתָיו
 [1] הֲיִנֵּה־הוּא זֶרָה אֶת־גֶּרֶן הַשְּׂעִרִים הַלַּיְלָה:
 [2-3] וְרַתְצָתְ | וְסָכַתְ
 [4-5] וְשָׁמַתְ שְׂמֹלֶתְךָ עָלֶיךָ
 [6] וַיִּבְרַדְתִּי הַגֶּרֶן
 [7-8] אֶל־תַּנְדְּעִי לְאִישׁ עַד כָּלֹתוֹ
 [9-10] לֶאֱכֹל וְלִשְׁתּוֹת:

Ruth

[1-2] and **let it be**, in his, **to lie down**

[3-4] and **observe** the place which, he **lies down** there

[5-7]* and **come** and **uncover** his feet and **lie down**

[8-9] and he **will tell** to you, that which you **will do**

[10] and she **said** to her

[1-2] all which you **say**, I **will do**

[3] and she **went down** (to) the threshing-floor

[4-5] and she **did** according to all which, (there) **had commanded** her, her mother-in-law

[6-8] and (there) **ate**, Boaz, and he **drank**; and **was glad**, his heart

[9-10] and he **came**, **to lie down** at end of the grain-heap

[1] and she **came** in secrecy

[2-3] and she **uncovered** his feet and **lay down**

[4-5] and it **was**, at **half** of the night, and (there) **was startled**, the man!

[6-7] and he **turned**, and behold, a woman **was lying down** at his feet!

[8-9] and he **said**, who (**are**) you?

[10] and she **said**

[1-2] וַיְהִי בְשָׁכְבוֹ

[3-4] וַיֵּדַעַתְּ אֶת־הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁכַּב־שָׁם

[5-7] וּבָאת וּנְלִית מִרְגְּלֹתָיו וּשְׁכַבְתִּי

[8-9] וְהוּא יַגִּיד לָךְ אֶת אֲשֶׁר תַּעֲשִׂין:

[10] וַתֹּאמֶר אֵלֶיהָ

[1-2] כָּל אֲשֶׁר־תֹּאמְרִי אֶעֱשֶׂה:

[3] וַתֵּרֶד הַגֶּרֶן

[4-5] וַתַּעַשׂ כְּכֹל אֲשֶׁר־צִוְתָהּ חֲמוּתָהּ:

[6-8] וַיֹּאכַל בָּעֵז וַיִּשְׁתַּ וַיִּיטַב לָבּוֹ

[9-10] וַיָּבֹא לִשְׁכַּב בְּקֵצֶה הָעֶרְמָה

[1] וַתָּבֹא בַלַּיִט

[2-3] וַתִּגַּל מִרְגְּלֹתָיו וַתִּשְׁכַּב:

[4-5] וַיְהִי בַּחֲצִי הַלַּיְלָה וַיִּתְּרֶר הָאִישׁ

[6-7] וַיִּלְפַּת וַהֲנִיחָהּ אִשָּׁה שֹׁכֶבֶת מִרְגְּלֹתָיו:

[8-9] וַיֹּאמֶר מִי־אַתְּ

[10] וַתֹּאמֶר

Ruth

[1-2] I (am) Ruth, your handmaid

[3]* and spread out your wing over your handmaid

[4] because, redeeming, are you!

[5] and he said

[1-2] being blessed, are you, in regard to YHWH, my daughter!

[3-5] you have made greater, your lovingkindness, the last, than the first!

[1-3] to, except, to go after the young-men, if poor, and if rich

[4] and now, my daughter, do not fear

[5-6] all which you have said, I will do for you

[7-8] because (there) is knowing, all gate of my people, that a woman of strength (are) you!

[9-10] and now, because truly (it is), that, if, redeeming, am I

[1-3] and also, there is a, redeeming, nearer than I

[4] stay tonight

[5] and it will be in morning

[6-8] if he will redeem you – (it is) good – let him redeem

[9-10] and if he does not delight, to redeem you –

[1-2] and I will redeem you – I, (by) life (of) YHWH!

[3] lie down until the morning

[4] and she lay down (at) his feet until the morning

[1-2] אֲנִכִּי רוּת אֲמָתְךָ

[3]* וּפָרַשְׁתָּ כְּנָפְךָ עַל-אֲמָתְךָ

[4] כִּי גֹאֵל אַתָּה:

[5] וַיֹּאמֶר

[1-2] בְּרוּכָה אַתָּה לִיהוָה בְּתִי

[3-5] הֵיטִבְתָּ תַסְדִּיךָ הָאֲחֵרוֹן מִן-הָרִאשׁוֹן

[1-3] לְבִלְתִּי-לָכֶת אַחֲרֵי הַבְּחוּרִים אִם-נָלַ

וְאִם-עָשִׂיר:

[4] וַעֲתָה בְתִי אֶל-תִּירְאִי

[5-6] כָּל אֲשֶׁר-תֹאמְרִי אֶעֱשֶׂה-לָּךְ

[7-8] כִּי יוֹדֵעַ כָּל-שֹׁעַר עָמִי כִּי אִשְׁתְּ חֵיל אַתָּה:

[9-10] וַעֲתָה כִּי אֲמַנָם כִּי אִם גֹּאֵל אֲנִכִּי

[1-3] וְגַם יֵשׁ גֹּאֵל קָרוֹב מִמֶּנִּי:

[4] לִינִי | הַלַּיְלָה

[5] וְהָיָה בִבְקָרִי

[6-8] אִם-יִגְאָלְךָ טוֹב יִגְאָל

[9-10] וְאִם-לֹא יַחַפֵּץ לִגְאָלְךָ

[1-2] וַיִּגְאָלְתִּיךָ אֲנִכִּי חֵי-יְהוָה

[3] שֹׁכְבִי עַד-הַבֹּקֶר:

[4] וְתִשְׁכַּב מִרגְלֹתָי עַד-הַבֹּקֶר

Ruth

[5-6] and she **arose** before (there) **could recognize**, a man his friend

[7-9] and he **said**, **let it not be known**, that (there) **came**, the woman, (to) the threshing-floor

[10] and he **said**

[1-3] **bring** the cloak which (is) upon you and **hold** it

[4] and she **held** it

[5-10] and he **measured** **six** of barleys and **put** (them) upon her

[1] and she **went** to the city

[2] and she **came** to her mother-in-law

[3] and she **said**

[4-5]* who (are) **you**, my **daughter**?!

[1-2] and she **told** her all which, (there) **had done** for her, the man

[3] and she **said**

[4-10] **six** of the barleys, the **these**, he **gave** to me

[1] because he **said**

[2] **do not go** emptily, to your mother-in-law

[3-5] and she **said**, **remain**, my daughter, until which, you **learn**

[6] how (there) **will fall** a matter

[7] because (there) **will not be quiet**, the man

[8] until (there) **is completed**, the matter, **today**

[9-10] and Boaz **went up** (to) the gate and **sat** there

(4:1)

[5-6] וַתָּקָם בְּטָרוֹם יָכִיר אִישׁ אֶת־רַעְהוּ [5-6]

[7-9] וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־יֹדֹעַ כִּי־בָאָה הָאִשָּׁה הַזֶּה [7-9]

וַיֹּאמֶר [10]

[1-3] הִבִּי הַמִּטְפָּחַת אֲשֶׁר־עָלֶיךָ וְאַחֲזִי־בָהּ [1-3]

וַתֹּאחֲזֵ בָהּ [4]

[5-10] וַיִּמְדַּ שֵׁשׁ־שְׁעָרִים וַיִּנְשֹׂת עָלֶיהָ [5-10]

[1] וַיָּבֹא הָעִיר [1]

[2] וַתָּבוֹא אֶל־חֲמוּתָהּ [2]

וַתֹּאמֶר [3]

[4-5] מִי־אַתָּה בְּתִי [4-5]

[1-2] וַתִּגְדַּלָּהּ אֵת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה־לָּהּ הָאִישׁ [1-2]

וַתֹּאמֶר [3]

[4-10] שֵׁשׁ־הַשְּׁעָרִים הָאֵלֶּה נָתַן לִי [4-10]

[1] כִּי אָמַר [1]

[2] אֶל־תָּבוֹאִי רִיקָם אֶל־חֲמוּתֶךָ [2]

[3-5] וַתֹּאמֶר שְׁבִי בְּתִי עַד אֲשֶׁר תִּדְעִין [3-5]

[6] אִיךָ יִפֹּל דָּבָר [6]

[7] כִּי לֹא יִשְׁקֹט הָאִישׁ [7]

[8] כִּי־אִם־כָּלָה הַדָּבָר הַיּוֹם [8]

[9-10] וּבָעַז עָלָה הַשַּׁעַר וַיֵּשֶׁב שָׁם [9-10]

Ruth

[1-2] and behold, the, **redeeming, passing by**

[3] of whom (there) **had spoken**, Boaz

[4] and he **said**

[5-6] **turn aside, sit** here, such a one

[7-8] and he **turned aside** and **sat**

[9-10] and he **took ten** men from elders of the city and **said** [10]

[1] **sit** here

[2] and they **sat**

[3-4] and he **said** to, **redeeming**

[5-6] a portion of the field which (**was**) to our **brother**, to Elimelech,
(there) **has sold**, Naomi

[7] the, she **has returned** from fields of Moab

[8] and I **had said**

[9-10] I **will uncover** your ear, **saying**

[1-2] **buy**, in front of those **sitting** and in front of **elders** of my people

[3-4] if you **will redeem, redeem**

[5-6] and if you **will not redeem, tell** to me

[7] and I **will know**

[8] because there **is not** – except you – **to redeem**

[9] and I (**am**) after you

[10] and he **said**

[1-2] וַהֲנִיָּה הַנֶּאֱלָל עֹבֵר

[3] אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר-בְּעֵי

[4] וַיֹּאמֶר

[5-6] סוּרָה שְׂבִיחַ-פֶּה פָּלְנִי אֶלְמִנִי

[7-8] וַיֵּסֶר וַיֵּשֶׁב:

[9-10] וַיִּקַּח עֲשָׂרָה אַנְשִׁים מִזִּקְנֵי הָעִיר וַיֹּאמֶר [10]

[1] שְׂבִיחַ-פֶּה

[2] וַיֵּשֶׁבוּ:

[3-4] וַיֹּאמֶר לַנֶּאֱלָל

[5-6] חֶלְקֵת הַשָּׂדֶה אֲשֶׁר לְאַחֵינוּ לְאֵלִימֶלֶךְ

מִכְרָה נַעֲמִי

[7] הַשְּׂבִיחַ מִשְׁרָה מוֹאָב:

[8] וְאֲנִי אֹמְרָתִי

[9-10] אֶנְלָה אֶזְנִי לְאֹמֶר

[1-2] קָנָה נִגְדַּר הַיֹּשְׁבִים וְנִגְדַּר זִקְנֵי עַמִּי

[3-4] אִם-תִּנְאָל נֶאֱלָל

[5-6] וְאִם-לֹא יִנְאָל תִּנְיָדָה לִי

[7] וְאִדַּעַ

[8] כִּי אֵין זִלְתָּךְ לַנֶּאֱוֹל

[9] וְאַנְכִי אַחֲרֶיךָ

[10] וַיֹּאמֶר

Ruth

[1] I **will redeem**

[2] and (there) **said**, Boaz

[3] in **day** you, **to buy** the field from hand of **Naomi**

[4-6] and from with **Ruth**, the **Moabitess** – **widow** of the, **having died** – you **have bought**

[7-8] **to raise up** name of the, **having died**, upon his inheritance

[9-10] and (there) **said**, the, **redeeming**

[1-2] I **am not able**, **to redeem** for **myself**

[3] lest I **spoil** my inheritance

[4-6] (you) **redeem** for **yourself** – **you!** – my redemption

[7-8] because I **am not able**, **to redeem**

[9-10] and this (**was**) before, in Israel, upon the **redemption** and upon the **exchange**, **to confirm** every matter:

[1-2] (there) **took off**, a man, his sandal, and **gave** to his fellow

[3] and this (**was**) the testimony in Israel

[4-5] and (there) **said**, the, **redeeming**, to Boaz

[6-7] (you) **buy** for **yourself**

[8] and he **took off** his sandal

[9-10] and (there) **said**, Boaz, to **elders** and all the **people**

[1] witnesses, you (**are**), **today**:

[2-3] that I **have bought** all which (**was**) to Elimelech

[4-5] and all which (**was**) to **Chilion** and **Mahlon**, from hand of Naomi

[1] אֲנֹכִי אֶגְאָל:

[2] וַיֹּאמֶר בְּעִז

[3] בַּיּוֹם-קְנוֹתְךָ הַשָּׂדֶה מִיַּד נַעֲמִי

[4-6] וַיָּמָאֵת רוּת הַמוֹאבִּיָּה אִשְׁת־הַמֵּת קְנִיתִי

[7-8] לְהַקִּים שֵׁם-הַמֵּת עַל-נַחֲלָתוֹ:

[9-10] וַיֹּאמֶר הַגָּאֵל

[1-2] לֹא אוֹכֵל לְגֹאֹל-לִי

[3] פֶּן-אַשְׁחִית אֶת-נַחֲלָתִי

[4-6] גָּאֵל-לְךָ אֶתָּה אֶת-גֹּאֲלָתִי

[7-8] כִּי לֹא-אוֹכֵל לְגָאֵל:

[9-10] וְזֹאת לְפָנִים בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל עַל-הַגָּאֻלָּה וְעַל-

הַתְּמוּנָה לְקִנְיָם כָּל-דָּבָר

[1-2] שֶׁלָּךְ אִישׁ נִעְלָו וְנָתַן לְרַעְהוּ

[3] וְזֹאת הַתְּעוּדָה בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל:

[4-5] וַיֹּאמֶר הַגָּאֵל לְבָעִז

[6-7] קִנְה-לְךָ

[8] וַיִּשְׁלַף נַעֲלָו:

[9-10] וַיֹּאמֶר בְּעִז לְזִקְנִים וְכָל-הָעָם

[1] עֵדִים אַתֶּם הַיּוֹם

[2-3] כִּי קְנִיתִי אֶת-כָּל-אֲשֶׁר לְאֶלְיָמֶלֶךְ

[4-5] וְאֵת כָּל-אֲשֶׁר לְכִלְיוֹן וּמַחֲלֹן מִיַּד נַעֲמִי:

Ruth

[1-5] and also, **Ruth**, the **Moabitess**, **widow** of Mahlon, I **have**
bought for **myself**, for a **wife**

[6-7] **to make stand**, name of the, **having died**, upon his inheritance

[8-9] and (there) **will not be cut off**, name of the, **having died**, from
among his **brothers**

[10] and from **gate** of his place

[1] witnesses, you (**are**), **today**!

[2-3] and (there) **said**, all the **people** who (**were**) in gate, and the **elders**

[4] witnesses (we **are**)

[2] let **make**, YHWH:

[5-6] the woman, the, **coming** into your house, like **Rachel** and like
Leah –

[7-8] who **built**, **two** of them, house of Israel

[9] and **may** you **act** (in) strength in Ephrathah

[10] and **be renowned** (of) name in Bethlehem

[1] and **let** (there) **be**, your house, like house of Perez

[2] whom (there) **bore**, Tamar, to Judah

[3] from the seed which (there) **will give**, YHWH, to you:

[3-4] from the **young-woman**, the **this**!

[5] and (there) **took**, Boaz, Ruth

[6-7] and **she became**, to him, for a **wife**

[8] and he **went in** to her

[1-5] וְגַם אֶת־רוּת הַמֹּאבִּיָּה אִשְׁתִּי מַחֲלוֹן קָנִיתִי
לִי לְאִשָּׁה

[6-7] לְהָקִים שֵׁם־הַמֵּת עַל־נַחֲלָתוֹ

[8-9] וְלֹא־יִכָּרֵת שֵׁם־הַמֵּת מֵעַם אָחִיו

[10] וּמִשַּׁעַר מְקוֹמוֹ

[1] עֵדִים אַתֶּם הַיּוֹם:

[2-3] וַיֹּאמְרוּ כָּל־הָעָם אֲשֶׁר־בַּשַּׁעַר וְהַזְקֵנִים

[4] עֵדִים

[2] יִתֵּן יְהוָה

[5-6] אֶת־הָאִשָּׁה הַבָּאָה אֶל־בֵּיתְךָ כְּרָחֵל | וּכְלֵאָה

[7-8] אֲשֶׁר בָּנוּ שְׁתֵּיהֶם אֶת־בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל

[9] וַעֲשֵׂה־חֵיל בְּאַפְרָתָה

[10] וּקְרָא־שֵׁם בְּבֵית לָחֶם:

[1] וַיְהִי בֵּיתְךָ כְּבֵית פֶּרֶץ

[2] אֲשֶׁר־יָלְדָה תָמָר לַיהוּדָה

[3] מִן־הַזֶּרַע אֲשֶׁר יִתֵּן יְהוָה לְךָ

[3-4] מִן־הַנְּעֻרָה הַזֹּאת:

[5] וַיִּקַּח בָּעִז אֶת־רוּת

[6-7] וַתְּהִי־לוֹ לְאִשָּׁה

[8] וַיָּבֹא אֵלֶיהָ

Ruth

[4] and (there) **gave**, YHWH, to her, conception

[9] and she **bore** a son

[10] and (there) **said**, the women, to Naomi

[5] **being blessed**, is YHWH

[6] who **has not made cease**, to you:

[1] **redeeming**, **today**

[7] and **let be renowned**, His name, in Israel

[8-10]* and He **has become**, to you, for **restoring** soul and for **sustaining** your gray-hair

[2-3] because your daughter-in-law, who **loves** you, has **given birth** (to) him:

[4-10] which, she (**is**) better to you than **seven** sons!

[1] and (there) **took**, Naomi, the child

[2-3] and **she set** him on her lap and **became**, to him, for a **nurse**

[4-5] and **called** to him, the neighbor-women, a **name**, **saying**

[6] (there) **has been born**, a son, to Naomi

[7-8] and they **called** his **name**, "Obed"

[9-10] he (**was**) father of **Jesse**, **father** of David

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[4] וַיֵּלֶן יְהוָה לָהּ הַרְיוֹן

[9] וַתֵּלֶד בֶּן:

[10] וַתֹּאמְרָנָה הַנָּשִׁים אֶל-נַעֲמִי

[5] בְּרוּךְ יְהוָה

[6] אֲשֶׁר לֹא הִשְׁבִּית לָךְ

[1] נֶאֱלַל הַיּוֹם

[7] וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל:

*[8-10] וַהֲיָה לָךְ לְמַשִּׁיב נָפֶשׁ וּלְכָלֶּךָ אֶת-שִׁיבֹתֶךָ

[2-3] כִּי כָלֹתְךָ אֲשֶׁר-אַהֲבֶתְךָ יְלֻדָּתוֹ

[4-10] אֲשֶׁר-הִיא טוֹבָה לָךְ מִשִּׁבְעָה בָּנִים:

[1] וַתִּקַּח נַעֲמִי אֶת-הַיֶּלֶד

[2-3] וַתִּשְׁתָּהוּ בְּחִיקָהּ וַתְּהִי-לּוֹ לְאִמָּנָה:

[4-5] וַתִּקְרָאנָה לּוֹ הַשְּׂכֵנֹת שֵׁם לֵאמֹר

[6] יֶלֶד-בֶּן לְנַעֲמִי

[7-8] וַתִּקְרָאנָה שְׁמוֹ עוֹבֵד

[9-10] הוּא אָבִי-יֵשׁוּ אָבִי דָּוִד: פ

"He has become, to you, for restoring... for sustaining..." | Judging by the completeness and flow of literary sets, this line pertains to YHWH as the Subject, not to the child Obed, who is referenced in the next line ("given birth to him").

Ruth

- [1] and these (are) generations of Perez
 [2] Perez fathered Hezron
 [3] and Hezron fathered Ram
 [4] and Ram fathered Amminadab
 [5] and Amminadab fathered Nahshon
 [6] and Nahshon fathered Salmon
 [7] and Salmon fathered Boaz
 [8] and Boaz fathered Obed
 [9] and Obed fathered Jesse
 [10] and Jesse fathered David

- [1] וְאֵלֶּה הַדּוֹלֵרוֹת פֶּרֶץ
 [2] פֶּרֶץ הוֹלִיד אֶת-הֶצְרוֹן:
 [3] וְהֶצְרוֹן הוֹלִיד אֶת-רָם
 [4] וְרָם הוֹלִיד אֶת-עַמִּינָדָב:
 [5] וְעַמִּינָדָב הוֹלִיד אֶת-נַחֲשֹׁן
 [6] וְנַחֲשֹׁן הוֹלִיד אֶת-שְׁלֹמֹה:
 [7] וְשְׁלֹמֹה הוֹלִיד אֶת-בֹּעַז
 [8] וּבֹעַז הוֹלִיד אֶת-עוֹבֵד:
 [9] וְעוֹבֵד הוֹלִיד אֶת-יֵשׁוּ
 [10] וְיֵשׁוּ הוֹלִיד אֶת-דָּוִד:

Literary Counts (Ruth)

- (25x) God
- (530x) His People
- (555x) Subtotal
- (10x) years
- (10x) elders
- (575x) Total

The literary count for the Book of Ruth, 575, may be a composite number:

- 500. The divine literary count includes two complete tenfold literary sets. These are complemented by the use of exactly two names for the Divine in His subject column: *YHWH* and *Shaddai*. This literary device allows the twofold names of God to rise with the literary force of $(10) \times (10) = 100$ -fold. The value is augmented by the fivefold literary half-set that makes up the balance of the divine subject column. This half-set is the first five elements in the divine subject column, concluding with the activity of God's hand: "that, has gone out against me, hand of YHWH." This fivefold literary device may parallel the fivefold impact felt by Naomi: five family members dear to her, whose lives have been permanently affected by adversity. These five family members were her husband Elimelech, her son and daughter-in-law Mahlon and Ruth, and her son and daughter-in-law Chilion and Orpah. Three had died, and her two daughters-in-law, as of this moment, were to return to their Moabite mothers and people. Thus: $(YHWH) \times (Shaddai) \times (5\text{-fold}) = 500$.
- 70. The book is named for Ruth. Ruth is presented in tenfold literary identity in the tenfold literary sets of God's people. She is honored as being "better to [Naomi] than seven sons." Ruth's stature may be composed as: $(Ruth) \times (\text{sevenfold}) = (10) \times (7) = 70$.
- 5. This number reflects something received. The fivefold value may be reflected at the end of the book via genealogy. Naomi, via her daughter-in-law Ruth, is credited with receiving a son: "has been born, a son, to Naomi." The genealogy in this next-to-last literary set is Naomi → Ruth → Obed → Jesse → David = 5-fold generations of God's People. This instance of five may also carry an overtone of divinely clever providence, as the incorporation of a Moabite into God's People (much less, the Messianic lineage) was explicitly forbidden (Deut. 23:3).
- Thus: $500 + 70 + 5 = 575$.