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King James 1769 Version

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**Chapter 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.

**Chapter 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 Bethlehem-Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.<sup>a</sup>

(2) And the name of the man *was* Elimelech {My God is King},<sup>b</sup> and the name of his wife Naomi {pleasant},<sup>c</sup> and the name of his two sons Mahlon {sickly}<sup>d</sup> and Chilion {pining; whiner},<sup>e</sup> Ephrathites of Bethlehem-Judah. And they came into the country of Moab, and stayed there.

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

(4) And they took for themselves 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) And Mahlon and Chilion both also died; and the woman was without her two sons and her husband.

(6) Then she arose with her daughter-in-laws, that she might return from the country of Moab: because she had heard in the country of Moab how that the LORD {Jehovah} had visited His people in giving them bread.

(7) Therefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughter-in-laws with her; and they went on the road to return to the land of Judah.

1:1a – the name of Jesus {ישוע} is spelled out in the ELS Bible Codes – see [Examples of ELS Bible Codes](#) at [www.TheWordNotes.com](http://www.TheWordNotes.com) - verse 1, word 2, letter 4, skip 5 - Ruth is an ancestor of Jesus – see Matthew 1.

1:2b - Elimelech {אלימלך} – My God is King

1:2c - Naomi {נעמי} - pleasant - see 1:20

1:2d – Mahlon {מחלון} – sickly

1:2e – Chilion {כליון} – pining; whiner; consumption

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(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.

(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:

(8) And Naomi said to her two daughter-in-laws, Go, return each to her mother's house: the LORD {Jehovah} deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead, and with me.

(9) The LORD {Jehovah} 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) And they said to her, Surely we will return with you to your people.

(11) And Naomi said, Return {home}, my daughters: why will you go with me? *are* there yet *any more* sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?

(12) Return {home} my daughters, go *your way*; because I am too old to have an husband. If I should say, I have hope, *if* I should have an husband also tonight, and should also bear sons;

(13) Would you wait for them until they were grown? would you stay for them from having husbands? No, my daughters; because it grieves me much for your sakes that the hand of the LORD {Jehovah} has gone out against me.

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

(15) And she said, Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people, and to her gods: you return after your sister-in-law.

(16) And Ruth said, Do not ask me to leave you, *or* to return from following after you: because where you go, I will go; and where you lodge, I will lodge: your people *shall be* my people, and your God my God:

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<p>(17) Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, <i>if ought</i> but death part thee and me.</p> <p>(18) When she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.</p> <p>(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, <i>Is this Naomi?</i></p> <p>(20) And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.</p> <p>(21) I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty: why <i>then</i> call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?</p> <p>(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.</p> <p><b>Chapter 2</b></p> <p>(1) And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name <i>was</i> Boaz.</p> <p>(2) And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after <i>him</i> in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.</p>	<p>(17) Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried: the LORD {Jehovah} do so to me, and more also, <i>if ought</i> but death parts you and me.</p> <p>(18) When she saw that she was determined to go with her, then she quit speaking to her.</p> <p>(19) So the two of them went until they came to Bethlehem. And it came to pass, when they had come to Bethlehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, <i>Is this Naomi?</i></p> <p>(20) And she said to them, Do not call me Naomi {pleasant},<sup>f</sup> call me Mara {bitter}:<sup>s</sup> because the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.</p> <p>(21) I went out full, and the LORD {Jehovah} has brought me home again empty: why <i>then</i> call me Naomi, since the LORD {Jehovah} has testified against me, and the Almighty has afflicted me?</p> <p>(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.</p> <p><b>Chapter 2</b></p> <p>(1) And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name <i>was</i> Boaz.</p> <p>(2) And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after <i>him</i> in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said to her, Go, my daughter.</p>
<p>1:20f - Naomi {נעמי} - pleasant</p> <p>1:20g - Mara {מרא} - bitter</p>	
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<p>(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 <i>belonging</i> unto Boaz, who <i>was</i> of the kindred of Elimelech.</p> <p>(4) And, behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said unto the reapers, The LORD <i>be</i> with you. And they answered him, The LORD bless thee.</p> <p>(5) Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel <i>is</i> this?</p> <p>(6) And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It <i>is</i> the Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab:</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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:</p> <p>(9) <i>Let</i> thine eyes <i>be</i> 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 <i>that</i> which the young men have drawn.</p> <p>(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 <i>am</i> a stranger?</p>	<p>(3) And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and it happened that she came to a part of the field <i>belonging</i> to Boaz, who <i>was</i> kin to Elimelech.</p> <p>(4) And, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said to the reapers, The LORD {Jehovah} <i>be</i> with you. And they answered him, The LORD {Jehovah} bless you.</p> <p>(5) Then Boaz said to his servant who was set over the reapers, Whose young woman <i>is</i> this?</p> <p>(6) And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It <i>is</i> the Moabite young woman who came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab:</p> <p>(7) And she said, I ask you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and has continued even from the morning until now, that she stayed a little in the house.</p> <p>(8) Then Boaz said to Ruth, Do you not hear, my daughter? Do not go to glean in another field, neither go from here, but stay here close by my maidens:</p> <p>(9) <i>Let</i> your eyes <i>be</i> on the field that they reap, and you follow after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch you? and when you are thirsty, go to the vessels, and drink of <i>that</i> which the young men have drawn.</p> <p>(10) Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said to him, Why have I found grace in your eyes, that you should take knowledge of me, since I <i>am</i> a stranger?</p>
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<p>(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 <i>how</i> 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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(14) And Boaz said unto her, At mealtime 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 <i>corn</i>, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left.</p> <p>(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:</p> <p>(16) And let fall also <i>some</i> of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave <i>them</i>, that she may glean <i>them</i>, and rebuke her not.</p> <p>(17) So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley.</p>	<p>(11) And Boaz answered and said to her, It has been fully shown to me, all that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband: and <i>how</i> 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 now.</p> <p>(12) May the LORD {Jehovah} repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, under Whose wings you have come to trust.</p> <p>(13) Then she said, Let me find favor in your sight, my lord; because you have comforted me, and because you have spoken friendly to your handmaid, though I am not like one of your handmaidens.</p> <p>(14) And Boaz said to her, At mealtime you come here, and eat of the bread, and dip your morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers: and he gave her parched <i>corn</i>, and she ate, and was satisfied, and left.</p> <p>(15) And when she had risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her:</p> <p>(16) And also let <i>some</i> of the handfuls fall for her on purpose, and leave <i>them</i>, that she may glean <i>them</i>, and do not rebuke her.</p> <p>(17) So she gleaned in the field until evening, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah {about 24 qts.; 6 gal.; 22.2 L.}<sup>a</sup> of barley.</p>
<p>2:17a - ephah = 24 quarts = 3 pecks = 6 gallons = 22.2 liters</p> <p>-See <a href="#">Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures</a></p>	
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<p>(18) And she took <i>it</i> 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.</p> <p>(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 <i>is</i> Boaz.</p> <p>(20) And Naomi said unto her daughter in law, Blessed <i>be</i> 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 <i>is</i> near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(22) And Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter in law, <i>It is</i> good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, that they meet thee not in any other field.</p> <p>(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.</p>	<p>(18) And she took <i>it</i> up, and went into the city: and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought it forth, and gave to her what she had reserved after she had enough.</p> <p>(19) And her mother-in-law said to her, Where have you gleaned today? and where did you work? blessed is he who has taken knowledge of you. And she showed her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, and said, The man's name with whom I worked today <i>is</i> Boaz.</p> <p>(20) And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, Blessed <i>is</i> he of the LORD {Jehovah}, who has not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said to her, The man <i>is</i> near of kin to us, one of our next kinsmen.</p> <p>(21) And Ruth the Moabite said, He said to me also, You shall keep close by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest.</p> <p>(22) And Naomi said to Ruth her daughter in law, <i>It is</i> good, my daughter, that you go out with his maidens, that they not meet you in any other field.</p> <p>(23) So she kept close by the maidens of Boaz to glean to the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and lived with her mother-in-law.</p>