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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.

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(1) Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you?
 (2) And now *is* not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens you were? Look, he winnows^a barley tonight in the threshing floor.
 (3) Wash yourself therefore, and anoint yourself, and put your clothes upon you, and go down to the 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 take note of the place where he shall lie, and you shall go in, and uncover his feet, and lay yourself down; and he will tell you what you shall do.
 (5) And she said to her, All that you say to me I will do.
 (6) And she went down to the floor, and did according to all that her mother-in-law told her.
 (7) And when Boaz had eaten and drank, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the pile 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 afraid, and turned himself: and, a woman lay at his feet.
 (9) And he said, Who *are* you? And she answered, I *am* Ruth your handmaid: therefore spread your skirt over your handmaid; because you *are* a near kinsman.

3:2a – winnows – after the grain is harvested [in its shieves] it is taken to an area where there is a floor [threshing floor]. The grain is then repeatedly tossed into the air [winnowed] with some kind of shovel [usually called a winnowing fan]. The wind blows the husks [chaff] and dust away until all that is left is the clean grain.

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<p>(10) And he said, Blessed <i>be</i> thou of the LORD, my daughter: <i>for</i> thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich.</p> <p>(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 <i>art</i> a virtuous woman.</p> <p>(12) And now it is true that I <i>am thy</i> near kinsman: howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I.</p> <p>(13) Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, <i>that</i> 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, <i>as</i> the LORD liveth: lie down until the morning.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(15) Also he said, Bring the vail that <i>thou hast</i> upon thee, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six <i>measures</i> of barley, and laid <i>it</i> on her: and she went into the city.</p> <p>(16) And when she came to her mother in law, she said, Who <i>art</i> thou, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her.</p>	<p>(10) And he said, Blessed <i>are</i> you of the LORD {Jehovah}, my daughter: <i>because</i> you have shown more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, since you <i>did not</i> follow young men, whether poor or rich.</p> <p>(11) And now, my daughter, do not fear; I will do to you all that you require: because all the city of my people knows that you <i>are</i> a virtuous woman.</p> <p>(12) And now it is true that I <i>am your</i> near kinsman: nevertheless there is a kinsman nearer than I.</p> <p>(13) Stay this night, and in the morning, if he will perform to you 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 you, then I will do the part of a kinsman to you, <i>as</i> the LORD {Jehovah} lives: lie down until the morning.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(15) Also he said, Bring the veil that <i>you have</i> upon you, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six <i>measures</i> of barley, and laid <i>it</i> on her: and she went into the city.</p> <p>(16) And when she came to her mother-in-law, she asked, Who <i>are</i> you, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her.</p>

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<p>(17) And she said, These six <i>measures</i> of barley gave he me; for he said to me, Go not empty unto thy mother in law.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>Chapter 4</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(2) And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit ye down here. And they sat down.</p> <p>(3) And he said unto the kinsman, Naomi, that is come again out of the country of Moab, selleth a parcel of land, which <i>was</i> our brother Elimelech's:</p> <p>(4) And I thought to advertise thee, saying, Buy <i>it</i> before the inhabitants, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem <i>it</i>, redeem <i>it</i>: but if thou wilt not redeem <i>it</i>, <i>then</i> tell me, that I may know: for <i>there is</i> none to redeem <i>it</i> beside thee; and I <i>am</i> after thee. And he said, I will redeem <i>it</i>.</p> <p>(5) Then said Boaz, What day thou buyest the field of the hand of Naomi, thou must buy <i>it</i> also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance.</p>	<p>(17) And she said, He gave me these six <i>measures</i> of barley; because he said to me, Do not go empty to your mother-in-law.</p> <p>(18) Then she said, Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will turn out: because the man will not be in rest, until he has finished this matter today.</p> <p>Chapter 4</p> <p>(1) Then Boaz went up to the gate, and sat himself down there: and, the kinsman of whom Boaz spoke came by; to whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down.</p> <p>(2) And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, You sit down here. And they sat down.</p> <p>(3) And he said to the kinsman, Naomi, who has come again out of the country of Moab, sells a parcel of land, which <i>was</i> our brother Elimelech's:</p> <p>(4) And I thought to let you know, saying, Buy <i>it</i> before the {other} inhabitants {do}, and before the elders of my people. If you will redeem <i>it</i>, redeem <i>it</i>: but if you will not redeem <i>it</i>, <i>then</i> tell me, that I may know: because <i>there is</i> no one to redeem <i>it</i> besides you; and I <i>am</i> after you. And he said, I will redeem <i>it</i>.</p> <p>(5) Then Boaz said, The day you buy the field of the hand of Naomi, you must also buy <i>it</i> of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance.</p>

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<p>(6) And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem <i>it</i> for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem <i>it</i>.</p> <p>(7) Now this <i>was the manner</i> in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave <i>it</i> to his neighbour: and this <i>was</i> a testimony in Israel.</p> <p>(8) Therefore the kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy <i>it</i> for thee. So he drew off his shoe.</p> <p>(9) And Boaz said unto the elders, and <i>unto</i> all the people, Ye <i>are</i> witnesses this day, that I have bought all that <i>was</i> Elimelech's, and all that <i>was</i> Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi.</p> <p>(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 <i>are</i> witnesses this day.</p> <p>(11) And all the people that <i>were</i> in the gate, and the elders, said, <i>We are</i> 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 Ephratah, and be famous in Bethlehem:</p> <p>(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.</p>	<p>(6) And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem <i>it</i> for myself, lest I mar my own inheritance: you redeem my right to yourself; because I cannot redeem <i>it</i>.</p> <p>(7) Now this <i>was the manner</i> in earlier times in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave <i>it</i> to his neighbor: and this <i>was</i> a testimony in Israel.</p> <p>(8) Therefore the kinsman said to Boaz, Buy <i>it</i> for yourself. So he drew off his shoe.</p> <p>(9) And Boaz said to the elders, and <i>to</i> all the people, You <i>are</i> witnesses this day, that I have bought all that <i>was</i> Elimelech's, and all that <i>was</i> Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi.</p> <p>(10) Moreover Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, I have purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead not be cut off from among his brothers, and from the gate of his place: you <i>are</i> witnesses this day.</p> <p>(11) And all the people that <i>were</i> in the gate, and the elders, said, <i>We are</i> witnesses. The LORD {Jehovah} make the woman who has come into your house like Rachel and like Leah, the two who built the house of Israel: and may you live honorably in Ephratah, and may you be famous in Bethlehem:</p> <p>(12) And let your house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar gave birth to Judah,^a of the offspring which the LORD {Jehovah} shall give you of this young woman.</p>

4:12a - Gen. 38:29

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<p>(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.</p> <p>(14) And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed <i>be</i> the LORD, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel.</p> <p>(15) And he shall be unto thee a restorer of <i>thy</i> 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.</p> <p>(16) And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it.</p> <p>(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 <i>is</i> the father of Jesse, the father of David.</p> <p>(18) Now these <i>are</i> the generations of Pharez: Pharez begat Hezron,</p> <p>(19) And Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab,</p> <p>(20) And Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon,</p> <p>(21) And Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed,</p> <p>(22) And Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.</p>	<p>(13) So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in to her, the LORD {Jehovah} gave her conception, and she gave birth to a son.</p> <p>(14) And the women said to Naomi, Blessed <i>is</i> the LORD {Jehovah}, Who has not left you this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel.</p> <p>(15) And he shall be to you a restorer of <i>your</i> life, and your provider in your old age: because your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has given birth to him.</p> <p>(16) And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse to it.</p> <p>(17) And the women, her neighbors, gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed {serving}:^b he <i>is</i> the father of Jesse {stand out},^c the father of David {loving}.^d</p> <p>(18) Now these <i>are</i> the generations of Pharez: Pharez fathered Hezron,</p> <p>(19) And Hezron fathered Ram, and Ram fathered Amminadab,</p> <p>(20) And Amminadab fathered Nahshon, and Nahshon fathered Salmon,</p> <p>(21) And Salmon fathered Boaz, and Boaz fathered Obed,</p> <p>(22) And Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David.^e</p>

4:17b - Obed {עובד} - serving

4:17c - Jesse {ישׂי} - stand out

4:17d - David {דוד} - loving

- See Mat. 1:5-6

4:22e - Mat. 1:3-6