

MEGILAT RUT

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RUTH CHAPTER 1

וַיְהִּי בִּימֵי שְׁפִּט הַשֹּׁפְטִים וַיְהָי רָעָב בָּאָרֶץ וַיֵּלֶךְ אִישׁ מִבֵּיִת לֶחֶם יְהוּדְה לָגוּר בִּשְׂדֵי מוֹאָב הָוּא וְאִשְׁתֻּוֹ וּשְׁנִי בניו: AND IT came to pass in the days when the judges judged, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Beth-lehem in Judah went to sojourn in the field of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

וְשֵׁם הָאִישׁ אֱלִימֶּלֶךְ וְשֵׁם ٛאִשְׁתּוֹ נְעֲמִׁי וְשֵׁם שְׁנִי־בָנָיו ו מַחָלְוֹן וְכִלְיוֹן אֶפְרָתִּים מִבֵּית לֻחֶם יְהוּדָה וַיָּכְאוּ שִׁדֵי־מוֹאָב וַיָּהִיוּ־שֵׁם: And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Machlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Beth-lehem in Judah. And they came into the field of Moab, and continued there.

וַיָּמָת אֱלִימֶלֶך אִישׁ נְעֲמֶי וַתִּשְּׁאֵר הָיא זּשְׁנֵי בָנֵיהָ: And Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons.

וַיִּשְׂאָוּ לָהֶּׁם נָשִׁים מְאָבִיּוֹת שֵׁם הָאַחַת עַרְפָּה וָשֵׁם הַשֵּׁנִית רָוּת וַיֵּשָׁבוּ שֵׁם And they took them wives of the women of Moab: the name of the one was ּבָעֶשֶׂר שָׁנְים:

Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth; and they dwelt there about ten years.

וַיָּמְוּתוּ גַם־שְׁנֵיהֶם מַחְלְוֹן וְכִלְיֵוֹן וַתִּשָּׁאֵר ֹ הָאִשָּׁה מִשְׁנֵי יְלָדֶיהָ וּמֵאִישָׁה: And Machlon and Chilion died both of them; and the woman was left of her two children and of her husband.

וַתָּקֶם הִיא וְכַלּהֶּיהָ וַתָּשֶׁב מִשְּׂבִי 6 מוֹאָב כִּי שָׁמְעָה בִּשְׂבִה מוֹאָב כִּי־פָּקְד יְהוָה אֶת־עַמֹּוֹ לְתַת לְהֶם לְחֶם: Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the field of Moab; for she had heard in the field of Moab how that the Lord had remembered His people in giving them bread.

וַתֵּצֵא מִן־הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר הָיְתָה־שְּׁמָּה וּשְׁתִּי כַלֹּתָיהָ עִמָּה וַתַּלַכְנָה בַדֶּּרֶךְ לָשִׁוּב אֶל־אֶרֶץ יְהוּדָה: And she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters-inlaw with her; and they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah.

וַתְּאמֶר נָעֲמִי לִשְׁתֵּי כַלּמֶׁיהָ לֵכְנָה שֹׁבְנָה אִשָּה לְבִית אִמָּה יעשה [יַעַשׂ] יְהִוָה עִמָּכֶם חֶׁסֶד כַּאֲשֶׁר עֲשִׂיתֶם עם־המתִים וָעמֵּדִי: And Naomi said unto her two daughters-in-law: 'Go, return each of you to her mother's house; the Lord deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me.

יִתַּן יְהוָהֹ לָכֶּׁם וּמְצָאוָ מְנוּחָה אִשָּׁה פַ בֵּית אִישָׁה וַתִּשִּׁק לָהֶׁן וַתִּשָּׂאנָה קוֹלָן וַתִּבִּנִה: 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.

וַתֹּאמַרְנָה־לָּגָה כִּי־אָתָּך נָשׁוּב לְעַמֵּך:

And they said unto her:

'Nay, but we will return with thee unto thy people.'

וַתְּאמֶר נָעֲמִי שְׁבְנָה בְנֹתֵׁי לָמָה 11 תַלַכְנָה עִמָּי הַעְוֹד־לִי בָנִים בְּמֵעֵׁי וַהָיִּוּ לָכֵם לַאַנָשִׁים: And Naomi said: 'Turn back, my daughters; why will ye go with me? have I yet sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?

שְׁכְנָה כְנֹתֵי לֵּכְנָ כִּי זָקְנְתִּי מִהְיָוֹת 12 לְאִישׁ כִּי אָמַרְתִּי יָשׁ־לִי תִקְנָה גַּם הָיִיתִי הַלַּיִּלָה לְאִישׁ וְגַם יָלַדְתִּי בָנִים: Turn back, my daughters, go your way; for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say: I have hope, should I even have an husband to-night, and also bear sons;

הְלָהֵן וּ תְּשַׂבֵּרְנָה עַד אֲשֶׁר יִגְדָּלוּ הְלָהֵן הַּעָבֶנָה לְבִלְתִּי הֲיִוֹת לְאִישׁ אַל בּנֹתִי כִּי־מַר־לִי מְאֹד מִבֶּם כִּי־יָצְאָה בי יד־יִהוה: Would ye tarry for them till they were grown? Would ye shut yourselves off for them and have no husbands? Nay, my daughters; for it grieved me much for your sakes, for the hand of the Lord is gone forth against me.'

וַתִּשֶּׂנָה קוֹלֶן וַתִּבְכֶּינָה עֵוֹד וַתִּשַּׁק 14 עָרְפָּה לַחֲמוֹתָה וְרָוּת דָּבְקָה בָּה: And they lifted up their voice, and wept again; and Orpah kissed her motherin-law; but Ruth cleaved unto her.

ַוּאֹאמֶר הִנֵּה שָׁבָה יְבִמְתֵּׁךְ אֶל־עַמָּה 15 נְאֶל־אֱלֹהֶיהָ שָׁוּבִי אַחֲרָי יְבִמְתַּךְ: And she said: 'Behold, thy sister-in-law is gone back unto her people, and unto her god; return thou after thy sister-in-law.'

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And Ruth said: 'Entreat me not to leave thee, and to

לָשְׁוּב מֵאַחָרֵיִךְ כִּי אֶל־אֲשֶׁׁר תִּלְכִּי אֵלֵדְ וּבַאֲשֶׁר חָלִינִי אָלִין עַמֵּךְ עַמִּי וֵאלֹהַיִּךְ אֱלֹהָי: return from following after thee; for whither thou goes, I will go; and where thou lodges, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God;

בּאֲשֶׁר תִּמוּתִי אָמׁוּת וְשָׁם אָקּבֵר כּה 17 יַצְשֶּׁה יְהָוָה לִי וְכְה יֹסִיף כִּי הַמְּּנֶת יַפְרָיד בֵּינִי וּבֵינֵך: Where thou die, will I die, and there will I be buried; the Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me.'

וַתֵּּרָא כִּי־מִתְאַמֶּצֶת הָיא לָלֶכֶת אִתְּה וַתָּחְדַּל לְדַבֵּר אֵלֶיהָ: And when she saw that she was steadfastly minded to go with her, she left off speaking unto her.

וַתַּלַכְנָה שְׁתֵּיהֶּם עַד־בּאָנָה בִּית לָחֶם וַיְהִּי כְּבֹאָנָה בֵּית לֶחֶם וַתַּהָם 19 בָּל־הָעִיר עֲלֵיהֶּן וַתֹּאמַרְנָה הַּזֹאת נעמִי: So they two went until they came to Beth-lehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Beth-lehem, that the entire city was astir concerning them, and the women said: 'Is this Naomi?'

וַתְּאמֶר אֲלֵיהֶּן אַל־תִּקְרָאנָה לָי נָעֲמֵי 10 קָרָאנָ לִי מְרָא כִּי־הַמַר שַׁדַּי לָי מְאְׁד: And she said unto them: 'Call me not Naomi; call me Marah; for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.

אָנִי מְלֵאָה הָלֵּכְתִּי וְרֵיקָם הֶשִׁיבַנִי 21 יְהָוֶה לָמָה תִקְּרָאנָה לִי נָעֲמִי וִיהּנָה עַנַה לִי וִשַׁדֵּי הֵרָע לִי: I went out full, and the Lord hath brought me back home empty; why call ye me Naomi, seeing the Lord hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?' וַתְּשָׁב נְצְמִּי וְרֹוּת הַמּוֹאֲבִיָּהְ כַלְּתָהּ 22 עִפָּה הַשָּׁבָה מִשְּׂבִי מוֹאָב וְהַפָּה בָּאוּ בֵּית לֶחֶם בִּתִחָלַּת קְצִיר שְׁעֹרִים: So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, with her, who returned out of the field of Moab—and they came to Beth-lehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

RUTH CHAPTER 2

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וְלְנָעֲמִי מידע [מוֹדַע] לְאִישָּׁה אָישׁ גִּבְּוֹר חַיִל מִמִּשְׁפַּחַת אֶלִימֶלֶךְ וּשְׁמָוֹ בְּעַז: And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of valour, of the family of Elimelech, and his name was Boaz.

וַתֹּאמֶר ר הַמּוֹאֲבִיּה אֶל־נָעֲמִׁי אֵלְכָה־נָּא הַשָּׂדָה וַאֲלַקְפָּה בַשִּׁבְּלִים אַחֵּר אֲשֶׁר אֶמְצָא־חֵן בְּעֵינָיִו וַתִּאמֶר לָה לְכִי בִתִּי: בְּעֵינָיִו וַתִּאמֶר לָה לְכִי בִתִּי: And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi: 'Let me now go to the field, and glean among the ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find favour.' And she said unto her: 'Go, my daughter.'

וַתַּלֶךְ וַתָּבוֹא וַתְּלַקֵּט בַּשָּׁדֶּה אַחֲרֵי הַקּצְרֵים וַיִּקֶר מִקְרֶה חֶלְקַת הַשָּׁדָה לְבֹעַז אֲשֶׁר מִמִּשְׁפַּחַת אֱלִימֶלֶךְ: And she went, and came and gleaned in the field after the reapers; and her hap was to light on the portion of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.

וְהִנֵּה־בֹעַז בָּא מִבְּית לֶּחֶם וַיִּאמֶר

And, behold, Boaz came from Beth-lehem, and said

לַקּוֹצְרָים יְהָוָה עִּמָּכֶם וַיָּאמְרוּ לָוֹ יְבָרֶרְהָ יְהָוָה:

unto the reapers: 'The Lord be with you.' And they answered him: 'The Lord bless thee.'

וַיָּאמֶר בּעַז' לְנַעֲרוֹ הַנִּצָב עַל־הַקּוֹצְרֵים לְמִי הַנַּעֲרָה הַזְּאת: Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers: 'Whose damsel is this?'

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וַיַּעַן הַנְּעַר הַנִּצָּב עַל־הַקּוֹצְּרָים וַיֹּאמֵר נַעֲרָה מְוֹאֲבִיָּה הִיא הַשָּׁבָה עִם־נָעֲמִי מִשְּׂבִה מוֹאָב: And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said: 'It is a Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the field of Moab;

וַתֹּאמֶר אֲלַקְטָה־נָּאֹ וְאָסַפְתִּי בָעֶמָרִים אַחֲרָי הַקּוֹצְרֵים וַתִּבְוֹא וְתַּעֲמֹוֹד מֵאָז הַבֹּקֶר וְעַד־עַּׁתָּה זֶהְ שִׁבְתָּה הַבַּיִת מְעָט: and she said: Let me glean, I pray you, and gather after the reapers among the sheaves; so she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, save that she tarried a little in the house.'

וַיֹאמֶר בּעז אֶל־רוּת הַלְוֹא שָׁמַעַהְ בִּתִּי אַל־תֵּלְכִי לִלְקֹטֹ בְּשָׂדָה אַחֵׁר וְגָם לָא תַעֲבוּרָי מָזֶּה וְכָה תִּדְבָּקִין עִם־נַעֵרֹתָי:

Then said Boaz unto Ruth: 'Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither pass from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens.

עֵינַיִּךְ בַּשָּׂדֶה אֲשֶׁר־יִקְצֹרוּן וְהָלַכְתִּ אַחֲרִיהֶּן הַלְוֹא צִנְּיתִי אֶת־הַנְּעָרִים לְבִלְתִּי נָגְעֵדְ וְצָמִת וְהָלַכְתְּ אֶל־הַכֵּלִים וְשָׁתִּית מֵאֲשֶׁר יִשְׁאֲבִוּן הַנְּעָרִים: Let thine eyes be 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 that which the young men have drawn.'

וַתִּפֹּל עַל־פָּנֶיהָ וַתִּשְׁתַּחוּ אָרְצָה

Then she fell on her face,

וַתְּאמֶר אֵלָיו מַדּוּעַ °מָצָאתִי חַן בְּעֵינֶידְ לְהַכִּירֵנִי וְאָנֹכִי נָכְרִיָּה: and bowed down to the ground, and said unto him: 'Why have I found favour in thy sight, that thou shouldest take cognizance of me, seeing I am a foreigner?' people.'

וַיּעֲן בּעַזֹ וַיִּאמֶר לָה הַגֵּּד הַגַּד לִי כָּל אֲשֶׁר־עֲשִׁית אֶת־חֲמוֹתֵׁךְ אַחֲרָי מְוֹת אִישֵׁךְ וַתְּעַזְבִי אָבִיךְ וְאִמֵּךְ וְאֶרֶץ מְוֹלַדְתֵּךְ וַתַּלְכִי אֶל־עַׂם אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יָדָעַתְּ תְּמִוֹל שִׁלְשִׁוֹם: And Boaz answered and said unto her: 'It hath fully been told me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother-in-law since the death of thy husband; and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people that thou knewest not heretofore.

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יְשַׁלֵּם יְהָוָה פָּעֲלֵךְ וּתְהִּי מַשְּׂכֵּרְתֵּׁךְ שְׁלֵמָה מֵעָם יְהוָה אֱלֹהַי יִשְּׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר־בָּאת לַחֲסִוֹת הַּחַת־כְּנָפָיו: The Lord recompense thy work, and Lord be thy reward complete from the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to take refuge.'

זַתֹּאמֶר אֶמְצָא־חֵׁן בְּעֵינֶיךּ אֲדֹנִי כִּי נְחַמְּתָּנִי וְכִי דְבַּרְתָּ עַל־לֵב שִׁפְחָתֶךְ וְאָנֹכִי לְא אֶהְלֶּה כְּאַחַת שִׁפְחֹתָיךִ: שִׁפְחֹתָיך: Then she said: 'Let me find favour in thy sight, my Lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken to the heart of thy handmaid, though I be not as one of thy handmaidens.'

וַיֹּאמֶר ٛלָה בֹעֵז לְעֵת הָאֹכֶל גְּשִׁי הַלֹם וְאָכַלְהְ מִן־הַלֶּחֶם וְטָבַלְהְ פִּתֵּךְ בַּחָמֶץ וַתִּשֶׁב מִצֵּד הַקּוֹצְרִים וַיִּצְבָּט־לָה קָלִי וַתִּאכַל וַתִּשְׂבַּע ותֹתר: And Boaz said unto her at meal-time: 'Come hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar.' And she sat beside the reapers; and they reached her parched corn, and she did eat and was satisfied, and left thereof.

וַהָּקָם לְלַקֵּט וַיְצַו [°] בּּׁעַז אֶת־נְעָרָיו לֵאמֹר גִּם בִּין הָעֲמָרֶים הְּלַקֵּט וְלָא תַכְלִימְוּהָ:	15	And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying: 'Let her glean even among the sheaves, and put her not to shame.
וְגַם שׁל־תָּשְׁלּוּ לָה מִן־הַאְּבָתִים וַעֲזַבְתָּם וְלִקְּטָה וְלָא תִגְעֲרוּ־בָה:	16	And also pull out some for her of purpose from the bundles, and leave it, and let her glean, and rebuke her not.'
וַתְּלַקֵּט בַּשָּׂדָה עַד־הָעָרֶב וַתַּחְבּטׁ אַת אֲשֶׁר־לִלֵּטָה וַיְהָי כְּאֵיפָּה שְׂעֹרִים:	17	So she gleaned in the field until even; and she beat out that which she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.
וַתִּשָּׁא וַתִּבְוֹא הָלִּיר וַתַּרֶא חֲמוֹתָה אַת אֲשֶׁר־לִּמֵּטָה וַתּוֹצֵא וַתִּתֶּן־לָה אַת אֲשֶׁר־הוֹתָרָה מִשְּׂבְעָהּ:	18	And she took it 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 which she had left after she was satisfied.
וַתּאמֶר ۚ לָה חֲמוֹתָה אֵיפּׂה לִקּטְתְּ הַיּוֹם וְאָנָה עָשִּׁית יְהִי מַכִּירָךְ בָּרוּךְ וַתַּגִּד לַחֲמוֹתָה אַת אֲשֶׁר־עָשְׂתָה עִמּוֹ וַתִּאמֶר שֵׁם הָאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתִי עִמֶּוֹ הַיָּוֹם הְעַז:	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 told her mother-in-law with whom she had wrought, and said: 'The man's name with whom I wrought to-day is Boaz.'
וַתֹּאמֶר נָעֲמִׁי לְכַלְּחָה בָּרִוּךְ הוּא לַיהנָה אֲשֶׁר לֹא־עָזַב חַסְדּׁוֹ אֶת־הַחַיָּיִם וְאֶת־הַמֵּתִים וַתְּאמֶר	20	And Naomi said unto her daughter-in-law: 'Blessed be he of the Lord, who hath not left off His kindness to

לָה נָעֲמִׁי קָרָוֹב לָנוּ הָאִׁישׁ מְגּאֲלֵנוּ הְוּא: the living and to the dead.'
And Naomi said unto her:
'The man is nigh of kin unto
us, one of our near
kinsmen.'

וַתִּאמֶר רָוּת הַמּוֹאֲבִיֶּה גַּם ו פִּי־אָמַר אֵלֵי עִם־הַנְּעָרִים אֲשֶׁר־לִי תִּדְבָּלִּין עַד אִם־כִּלֹוּ אָת בָּל־הַקָּצִיר אֲשֶׁר־לִי:

And Ruth the Moabitess said: 'Yea, he said unto me: Thou shall keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest.'

וַתִּאמֶר נָעֲמִי אֶל־רָוּת כַּלְּתָהּ טְוֹב בִּתִּי כִּי תִּצְאִי עִם־נַעֲרוֹתִּיו וְלָא יִפְגְעוּ־בָךְ בְּשָׂגָה אַחָר: And Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter-in-law: 'It is good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, and that thou be not met in any other field.'

וַתִּדְבַּק בְּנַעֲרָוֹת בּעַז' לְלַלֵּט 23 עד־כְּלָוֹת קְצִיר־הַשְּׂעֹרָים וּקְצִיר הַחטִים ותִּשֵׁב אֵת־חַמוֹתָה: So she kept fast by the maidens of Boaz to glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and she dwelt with her mother-in-law.

RUTH CHAPTER 3

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וַתִּאמֶר לָה נָעֲמִי חַמוֹתָה בִּתִּׁי הַלָּא אֲבַקּשׁ־לָרְ מָנִוֹחַ אֲצֶׁר יִיטַב־לָךְ: And Naomi her mother-inlaw said unto her: 'My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee that it may be well with thee?

וְעַהָּה הָלָא בּעַז מְדַעְהָּנוּ אֲשֶׁר הָיֻית אֶת־נַעֲרוֹתָיו הִנֵּה־הוֹא זֶּרֶה אֶת־גָּרָן הַשְּׂעֹרִים הַלָּיְלָה:

And now is there not Boaz our kinsman, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to-

night in the threshing-floor.

וְרָחַצְהְּ וּ וָסַּׁכְהְּ וְשַּׂמְהְּ שמלתך [שִּׁמְלֹתֵּיִרְּ] עָלַיִרְ וירדתי [וְיַרְדְהְּ] הַגִֹּרֶן אַל־תִּנְּדְעִי לָאִישׁ עַד כַּלֹתָוֹ לָאֱכָל וְלִשְׁתִּוֹת: Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the threshing-floor; but make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking.

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וִיהָי בְשָׁכְבוֹ וְיָדַעַּהְּ אֶת־הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁכַּב־שָׁם וּבָאת וְגִּלְיִת מַרְגְּלֹתָיו ושכבתי [וְשָׁכָבְהְּ] וְהוּא יַגִּיד לָךְ אֵת אֲשֶׁר תַּעַשִּׂין: And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shall 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 shall do.'

וַהָּאמֶר אֵלֶיהָ כֶּל אֲשֶׁר־תּאמְרִי אֵצֶשֶׂה: [אֵלַי] אֶצֶשֶׂה: And she said unto her: 'All that thou sayest unto me I will do.'

וַתַּרֶד הַגְּרֶן וַתִּּעֵשׁ כְּכְּל אֲשֶׁר־צִוַּתָה חֲמוֹתָה: And she went down unto the threshing-floor, and did according to all that her mother-in-law bade her.

וַיּאכַל בּעז וַיֵּשְׁתְּ וַיִּיטַב לִבּוֹ וַיָּבֿא 7 לִשְׁכַּב בִּקְצָה הָעֲרָמָה וַתִּבְא בַלָּט וַהְגַל מַרְגְּלֹתָיו וַתִּשְׁכָּב: 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.

וַיְהִי^י בַּחֲצִי הַלַּיְלָה וַיֶּחֲרָד הָאִישׁ וַיִּלָפֵת וְהִגַּה אִשֶּׁה שֹׁכֶבֶת מַרְגָּלֹתָיו: And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was startled, and turned himself; and, behold, a woman lay at his feet.

וַיָּאמֶר מִי־אָתּ וַתֹּאמֶר אָנֹכִי רְוּת אֲמֶתֶּדְ וּפָרַשְׂתָּ כְנָפֶּרְ עַל־אָמָתְדְּ כִּי גֹאֵל אָתָּה:	9	And he said: 'Who art thou?' And she answered: 'I am Ruth thine handmaid; spread therefore thy skirt over thy handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman.'
וַיֹּאמֶר בְּרוּכָּה אַתְּ לִיהנָה בִּתִּי הִיטַבְתְּ חַסְדֵּךְ הָאַחֲרָוֹן מִן־הָרִאשָׁוֹן לְבִלְתִּי־לֶּכֶת אַחֲרֵי הַבַּחוּרִים אִם־דַּל וְאִם־עָּשִׁיר:	10	And he said: 'Blessed be thou of the Lord, my daughter; thou hast shown more kindness in the end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou didst not follow the young men, whether poor or rich.
וְעַתָּה בִּתִּי אַל־תִּירְאִּי כְּל אֲשֶׁר־תֹּאמְרָי אָעֶשֶׂה־לֶּךְ כִּי יוֹדֵעַ כָּל־שַׁעַר עַמִּי כִּי אַשֶׁת חַיִל אָתְּ:	11	And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou sayest; for all the men in the gate of my people do know that thou art a virtuous woman.
וְעַתָּהֹ כִּי אָמְנָּם כִּי אם גֹאֵל אָנְכִי וְגַם יֵשׁ גֹאֵל קָרָוֹב מִמֶּנִּי:	12	And now it is true that I am a near kinsman; howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I.
לִינִי ו הַלַּיְלָה וְהָיָה בַבּלֶּקר אִם־יִגְאָלֵךְ טוֹב יִגְאָל וְאִם־לֹא יַחְפָּץ לְגָאָלֶךְ וּגְאַלְתִּיךְ אָנַכִי חַי־יְהָוֶה שִׁכְבִי עַד־הַבְּלֶּקר:	13	Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part; but if he be not willing to do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, as the Lord liveth; lie down until the morning.'
[מַרְגְּלוֹתָיוֹ] מרגלתו	14	And she lay at his feet until

עַד־הַבּּקֶר וַהָּקָם בטרום [בְּטֶרֶם] יַבִּיר אָישׁ אֶת־רֵעֵהוּ וַיּאמֶר אַל־יִנְּלַע כִּי־בָאָה הָאִשָּׁה הַגְּרָן: the morning; and she rose up before one could discern another. For he said: 'Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing-floor.'

וַיֹּאמֶר ״הָבִי הַמִּטְפַּחַת אֲשֶׁר־עַלַיֶּךְ וְאֶחֲזִי־בָה וַתִּאחֶז בָּה וַיִּמֶד שֵׁשׁ־שְׂעֹרִים וַיִּשֶׁת עָלֶיהָ וַיָּבֹא הָאָיר:

And he said: 'Bring the mantle that is upon thee, and hold it'; and she held it; and he measured six measures of barley, and laid it on her; and he went into the city.

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וַתָּבוֹא אֶל־חֲמוֹתָה וַתִּאמֶר מִי־אַתְּ בִּתִּי וַתַּגֶּד־לָה אֵת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר עַשַׂה־לָה הַאָּישׁ: And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said: 'Who art thou, my daughter?' And she told her all that the man had done to her.

וַתְּאמֶר שֵׁשׁ־הַשְּׁעֹּרִים הָאֵלֶּה נָתַן לִי כִּי אָמַר [אַלַי] אַל־תָּבָוֹאִי רֵיקָם אֵל־חַמוֹתָך: And she said: 'These six measures of barley gave he me; for he said to me: Go not empty unto thy mother-in-law.'

וַתֹּאמֶר שָׁבִי בִּהִּי עַד אֲשֶׁר הַּדְּעִּין אֵיךְ יִפְּל דָּבָר כִּי לְא יִשְׁקֹט הָאִישׁ כִּי־אִם־כִּלָּה הַדָּבָר הַיְּוֹם: Then said she: 'Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall; for the man will not rest, until he have finished the thing this day.'

RUTH CHAPTER 4

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וּבַּעַז עָלָה הַשַּעַר וַיֵּישֶׁב שָׁם וְהִנֵּה הַגֹּאֵל עֹבֵר אֲשֶׁר דְּבֶּר־בַּעַז וַיָּאמֶר סְוּרָה שְׁבָה־פָּה פְּלֹנִי אַלְמֹנִי וַיָּסַר וַיֵּשֵׁב: Now Boaz went up to the gate, and sat him down there; and, behold, the near kinsman of whom Boaz spoke came by; unto whom he said: 'Ho, such a one! Turn aside, sit down here.' And he turned aside, and sat down.

וַיָּפַּׂח עֲשָׂרָה אֲנָשִׁים מִזּקְנֵי הָאַיר וַיָּאמֶר שְׁבוּ־פָּה וַיֵּשֵׁבוּ: And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said: 'Sit ye down here.' And they sat down.

וַיּאמֶר לַגּאֵל חֶלְקַת הַשְּׂדֶּה אֲעֶׁר הַלְּאָחִינוּ לָאֶלִימֶלֶךּ מְכְרָה נָעֲמִי הַשַּׁבַה משִּׁדָה מוֹאָב: And he said unto the near kinsman: 'Naomi, that is come back out of the field of Moab, selleth the parcel of land, which was our brother Elimelech's:

ַוְאַנִּי אָמַרְתִּי אֶנְלֶה אָזְנְךְּ לֵאמֹר קְנֵה נָגֶד הִישְׁכִים וְנָגֶד זִקְנִי עַמִּי אִם־תִּגְאַל נְאִם־לֹא יִגְאַל הַגִּידָה לִּי ואדע [וְאֵדְעָה] כִּי אַין זוּלָתְךּ לִגְאוֹל וְאָנֹכִי אַחָגִיךּ וַיָּאמֶר אָנֹכִי אֶנְאָל: And I thought to disclose it unto thee, saying: Buy it before them that sit here, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem it, redeem it; but if it will not be redeemed, then tell me, that I may know; for there is none to redeem it beside thee; and I am after thee.' And he said: 'I will redeem it.'

וַיָּאמֶר בּֿעַז בְּיוֹם־קְנוֹתְדָּ הַשָּׂדָה

Then said Boaz: 'What day thou buyest the field of

מִיַּד נָעֲמִי וּמֵאֵת רַוּת הַמּוֹאֲבִיָּה אֵשֶׁת־הַמֵּת קניתי [קָנִּיתָה] לְהָקִים שֵׁם־הַמֵּת עַל־נַחֲלָתְוֹ:		the hand of Naomi—hast thou also bought of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance?'
וַיִּאמֶר הַגּאֵׁל לָא אוּכַל לגאול־[לִגְאָל־] לִּי פֶּן־אַשְׁחָית אֶת־נַחֲלָתֻי גְאַל־לְךָּ אַתָּה אֶת־גְאַלְתִי כִּי לֹא־אוּכַל לִגְאִל: אֶת־גְאַלְתִי כִּי לֹא־אוּכַל לִגְאִל:	6	And the near kinsman said: 'I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance; take thou my right of redemption on thee; for I cannot redeem it.'—
וְזֹאת ٛלְפָנִּים בְּיִשְׂרָאֵׁל עַל־הַגְּאוּלָה וְעַל־הַמְּמוּרָה לְקַיֵּם כָּל־דָּבָר שָׁלַף אָישׁ נַעֲלוּ וְנָתַן לְרֵעֵהוּ וְזָאת הַמְּעוּדָה בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל:	7	Now this was the custom in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning exchanging, to confirm all things: a man drew off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbor; and this was the attestation in Israel.—
וַיְּאמֶר הַגּאֵל לְבַעַז קְנֵה־לָרְ וַיִּשְׁלָף נַעֲלְוֹ:	8	So the near kinsman said unto Boaz: 'Buy it for thyself.' And he drew off his shoe.
וַיֹּאמֶר בּׁעַז לַזְּקֵנִים וְכָל־הָעָם עֵדִים אַתֶּם הַיּּוֹם כִּי קָנִיתִי אֶת־כָּל־אֲשֶׁר לֶאֱלִימֶּלֶךְ וְאֶת כּל־אשׁר לכליוו וּמחלוו מיד	9	And Boaz said unto the elders, and unto all the people: 'Ye are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that

Moreover Ruth the וְגַם אֶת־רָוּת הַמֹּאֲבִיָּה אֵשֶׁת 10 Moabitess, the wife of

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בָּל־אֲצֶער לְכִלְיָוֹן וּמַחְלֵוֹן מִיַּיֻד

מַחְלוֹן קָנְיתִי לִּי לְאִשָּׁה לְהָקִים שֵׁם־הַמֵּת עַל־נַחֲלָתוֹ וְלֹא־יִכָּרָת שֵׁם־הַמֵּת מֵעָם אֶחָיו וּמִשַּׁעַר מְקוֹמֵוֹ עֵדִים אַתָּם הַיְּוֹם: Machlon, have I acquired 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 are witnesses this day.'

וַיּאמְרוּ כָּל־הָעָם אֲשֶׁר־בַּשַּׁעַר וְהַזְּקֵנִים עֵדֵים יִתֵּן יְהנָה אֶת־הָאִשָּׁה הַבָּאָה אֶל־בֵּיתָׁךּ כְּרָחַל ו וּכְלֵאָה אֲשֶׁר בָּנְוּ שְׁתֵּיהֶם אֶת־בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל וַעֲשֵׂה־חַיִל בָּאֶפְרָתָה וּקְרָא־שֵׁם בְּבֵית לָחֶם: בָּאֶפְרָתָה וּקְרָא־שֵׁם בְּבֵית לָחֶם: And all the people that were in the gate, and the elders, said: 'We are witnesses. The Lord make the woman that is come into thy house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel; and do thou worthily in Ephrata, and be famous in Beth-lehem;

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וִיהָי בֵיתְדּ כְּבֵית פֶּּרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־יָלְזָה תָמָר לִיהוּדֶה מִן־הַנָּרֵע אֲשֶׁר יִתַּן יְהוָה לְדְּ מִן־הַנַּעְרָה הַוֹּאת: And let thy house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore unto Judah, of the seed which the Lord shall give thee of this young woman.'

וַיָּלֵּח בְּעַז אֶת־רוּת וַתְּהִי־לְוֹ לְאִשֶּׁה וַיָּבָא אֵלֶיהָ וַיִּמֵּן יְהָוָה לָהְ הַרָיָוֹן וַתִּלֶּד בִּן: So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife; and he went in unto her, and the Lord gave her conception, and she bore a son.

וַתֹּאמֵּרְנָה הַנָּשִׁים אֶל־נָעֲמִׁי בָּרַוּדְ יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר לְא הִשְׁבִּית לָךְ גֹאֵל הַיָּוֹם וְיִקָּרָא שְׁמִוֹ בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל: And the women said unto Naomi: 'Blessed be the Lord, who hath not left thee this day without a near kinsman, and let his name be famous in Israel.

ְוָהָיָה לָךּ לְמֵּאִיב נֶּפֶשׁ וּלְכַלְכֵּל אֶת־שֵׁיבָתֶךְ כִּי כַלְתַּךְ אֲשֶׁר־אֲהַבַּתֶּךְ יְלָלַתּוּ אֲשֶׁר־הִיא טְוֹבָה לָךְ מִשִּׁבְעָה בָּנִים:	15	And he shall be unto thee a restorer of life, and a nourisher of thine old age; for thy daughter-in-law, who loveth thee, who is better to thee than seven sons, hath borne him.'
וַתִּלַּח נָעֲמָי אֶת־הַיֶּלֶד וַהְּשִׁתַּהוּ בְחֵילָה וַתְּהִי־לָוֹ לְאֹמֶנֶת:	16	And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it.
וַתִּקְרֶאנָה ゚לוֹ הַשְּׁכֵנְוֹת שֵׁם ׁ לֵאמֹׁר יֵלַד־בֵּן לְנָעֲמִי וַתִּקְרָאנָה שְׁמוֹ עוֹבֵד הָוּא אֲבִי־יִשֵׁי אֲבִי דָוְד: (פּ)	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 is the father of Jesse, the father of David.
וְאֵלֶהֹ תּוֹלְדָוֹת פָּׁרֶץ פֶּרֶץ הוֹלִיד אֶת־חֶצְרְוֹן:	18	Now these are the generations of Perez: Perez begot Hezron;
וְחֶצְרוֹן הוֹלִיד אֶת־רָם וְרָם הוֹלִיד אֶת־עַמִּינָדְב:	19	and Hezron begot Ram, and Ram begot Amminadab;
וְעַמִּינָדָב הוֹלְיד אֶת־נַחְשׁוֹן וְנַחְשָׁוֹן הוֹלִיד אֶת־שַׂלְמָה:	20	and Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon;
ְוְשַׂלְמוֹן הוֹלִיִד אֶת־בּׁעֵז וּבָעַז הוֹלִיד אֶת־עוֹבְד:	21	and Salmon begot Boaz, and Boaz begot Obed;
וְעֹבֵד הוֹלְיִד אֶת־יִשָּׁי וְיִשֵּׁי הוֹלְיִד	22	and Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David.

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