

# The Book of Ruth



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1 In the days when the judges judged there, there was a famine in the land of Bethlehem Judah. A certain man of Bethlehem to live in the country of Moab with his wife and two sons. 2 The name of the man was Elimelech, and his wife Naomi. The names of his two sons were Mahlon and Ephrathites of Bethlehem Judah. They came into the country of Moab and lived there. 3 Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left with two sons. 4 They took wives of the women of Moab. The name of the one was Orpah, and the other was Ruth. They lived there about ten years. 5 Mahlon and

both|strong = "H8147" died|strong = "H4191", and|strong = "H0376" the|strong = "H1571" woman|strong = "H0802" was|strong = "H0376" bereaved of|strong = "H0376" her|strong = "H0802" two|strong = "H8147" children|strong = "H3206" and|strong = "H0376" of|strong = "H0376" her|strong = "H0802" husband|strong = "H0376". <sup>6</sup> Then|strong = "H6965" she|strong = "H1931" arose|strong = "H6965" with|strong = "H3068" her|strong = "H5414" daughters-in-law|strong = "H3618", that|strong = "H3588" she|strong = "H1931" might|strong = "H3068" return|strong = "H7725" from|strong = "H7725" the|strong = "H0853" country|strong = "H7704" of|strong = "H3068" Moab|strong = "H4124"; for|strong = "H3588" she|strong = "H1931" had|strong = "H3068" heard|strong = "H8085" in|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H0853" country|strong = "H7704" of|strong = "H3068" Moab|strong = "H4124" how|strong = "H3588" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" <sup>1</sup> had|strong = "H3068" visited|strong = "H6485" his|strong = "H5414" people|strong = "H5971" in|strong = "H3068" giving|strong = "H5414" them|strong = "H5414" bread|strong = "H3899". <sup>7</sup> She|strong = "H0834" went|strong = "H3318" out|strong = "H3318" of|strong = "H0776" the|strong = "H0834" place|strong = "H4725" where|strong = "H0834" she|strong = "H0834" was|strong = "H1961", and|strong = "H3063" her|strong = "H0413" two|strong = "H8147" daughters-in-law|strong = "H3618" with|strong = "H5973" her|strong = "H0413". They|strong = "H0834" went|strong = "H3318" on|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H0834" way|strong = "H1870" to|strong = "H0413" return|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H0834" land|strong = "H0776" of|strong = "H0776" Judah|strong = "H3063". <sup>8</sup> Naomi|strong = "H5281" said|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H0559" her|strong = "H0802" two|strong = "H8147" daughters-in-law|strong = "H3618", "Go|strong = "H7725", return|strong = "H7725" each|strong = "H0802" of|strong = "H1004" you|strong = "H0834" to|strong = "H0559" her|strong = "H0802" mother's|strong = "H0517" house|strong = "H1004". May|strong = "H3068" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" deal|strong = "H6213" kindly with|strong = "H5973" you|strong = "H0834", as|strong = "H0834" you|strong = "H0834" have|strong = "H0834" dealt with|strong = "H5973" the|strong = "H0559" dead|strong = "H4191" and|strong = "H3068" with|strong = "H5973" me|strong = "H7725". <sup>9</sup> May|strong = "H0376" Yahweh|strong = "H3068" grant|strong = "H5414" you|strong = "H5414" that|strong = "H3068" you|strong = "H5414" may|strong = "H0376" find|strong = "H4672" rest|strong = "H4496", each|strong = "H0376" of|strong = "H1004" you|strong = "H5414" in|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H5414" house|strong = "H1004" of|strong = "H1004" her|strong = "H0802" husband|strong = "H0376"."

<sup>1</sup>+ 1:6 "Yahweh" is God's proper Name, sometimes rendered "LORD" (all caps) in other translations.

T hen|strong = "H5375" she kissed|strong = "H5401" them|strong = "H5414", and|strong = "H3068" they|strong = "H0376" lifted|strong = "H5375" up|strong = "H5375" their|strong = "H3068" voices|strong = "H6963", and|strong = "H3068" wept|strong = "H1058". <sup>10</sup>  
 They|strong = "H3588" said|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H0559" her|strong = "H7725", "No, but|strong = "H3588" we|strong = "H3588" will|strong = "H7725" return|strong = "H7725" with|strong = "H0854" you|strong = "H3588" to|strong = "H0559" your|strong = "H7725" people|strong = "H5971"."

11Naomi|strong = "H5281" said|strong = "H0559", "Go|strong = "H7725" back|strong = "H7725", my|strong = "H1961" daughters|strong = "H1323". Why|strong = "H4100" do|strong = "H4100" you|strong = "H7725" want to|strong = "H0559" go|strong = "H7725" with|strong = "H5973" me|strong = "H7725"? Do|strong = "H4100" I|strong = "H0559" still|strong = "H5750" have|strong = "H1961" sons|strong = "H1121" in|strong = "H0376" my|strong = "H1961" womb|strong = "H4578", that|strong = "H0559" they|strong = "H0376" may|strong = "H1961" be|strong = "H1961" your|strong = "H7725" husbands|strong = "H0376"? <sup>12</sup>  
 Go|strong = "H7725" back|strong = "H7725", my|strong = "H1961" daughters|strong = "H1323", go|strong = "H7725" your|strong = "H7725" way; for|strong = "H3588" I|strong = "H3588" am|strong = "H1961" too|strong = "H1571" old|strong = "H1121" to|strong = "H0559" have|strong = "H1961" a|strong = "H1961" husband|strong = "H0376". If|strong = "H3588" I|strong = "H3588" should|strong = "H0376" say|strong = "H0559", 'I|strong = "H3588" have|strong = "H1961" hope|strong = "H8615", if|strong = "H3588" I|strong = "H3588" should|strong = "H0376" even|strong = "H1571" have|strong = "H1961" a|strong = "H1961" husband|strong = "H0376" tonight|strong = "H3915", and|strong = "H1121" should|strong = "H0376" also|strong = "H1571" bear|strong = "H3205" sons|strong = "H1121", <sup>13</sup> would|strong = "H3068" you|strong = "H0834" then|strong = "H1961" wait until|strong = "H5704" they|strong = "H0834" were|strong = "H0834" grown|strong = "H1431"? Would|strong = "H3068" you|strong = "H0834" then|strong = "H1961" refrain|strong = "H5702" from|strong = "H4480" having|strong = "H1961" husbands|strong = "H0376"? No|strong = "H0408", my|strong = "H3068" daughters|strong = "H1323", for|strong = "H3588" it|strong = "H3588" grieves me|strong = "H4480" seriously for|strong = "H3588" your|strong = "H3068" sakes, for|strong = "H3588" Yahweh's|strong = "H3068" hand|strong = "H3027" has|strong = "H3068" gone|strong = "H3318" out|strong = "H3318" against|strong = "H4480" me|strong = "H4480"."

14They|strong = "H5375" lifted|strong = "H5375" up|strong = "H5375" their|strong = "H5375" voices|strong = "H6963" and|strong = "H6963"

wept|strong="H1058" again|strong="H5750"; then|strong="H5375"  
 Orpah|strong="H6204" kissed|strong="H5401" her|strong="H5375"  
 mother-in-law|strong="H2545", but Ruth|strong="H7327"  
 stayed|strong="H5750" with|strong="H2545" her|strong="H5375". <sup>15</sup>  
 She|strong="H0310" said|strong="H0559", "Behold|strong="H2009", <sup>2</sup>  
 your|strong="H7725" sister-in-law|strong="H2994" has|strong="H0430"  
 gone|strong="H7725" back|strong="H7725" to|strong="H0413"  
 her|strong="H0413" people|strong="H5971" and|strong="H0430"  
 to|strong="H0413" her|strong="H0413" god|strong="H0430".  
 Follow|strong="H0310" your|strong="H7725"  
 sister-in-law|strong="H2994"."

16Ruth|strong="H7327" said|strong="H0559", "Don't|strong="H0408"  
 urge|strong="H6293" me|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413"  
 leave|strong="H5800" you|strong="H0834", and|strong="H0430"  
 to|strong="H0413" return|strong="H7725" from|strong="H7725"  
 following|strong="H0310" you|strong="H0834", for|strong="H3588"  
 where|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" go|strong="H7725",  
 I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0430" go|strong="H7725";  
 and|strong="H0430" where|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834"  
 stay|strong="H3885", I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H0430"  
 stay|strong="H3885". Your|strong="H0834" people|strong="H5971"  
 will|strong="H0430" be|strong="H0408" my|strong="H7725"  
 people|strong="H5971", and|strong="H0430" your|strong="H0834"  
 God|strong="H0430" <sup>3</sup> my|strong="H7725" God|strong="H0430". <sup>17</sup>  
 Where|strong="H0834" you|strong="H0834" die|strong="H4191",  
 I|strong="H0834" will|strong="H3068" die|strong="H4191",  
 and|strong="H3068" there|strong="H8033" I|strong="H0834"  
 will|strong="H3068" be|strong="H4191" buried|strong="H6912".  
 May|strong="H3068" Yahweh|strong="H3068" do|strong="H6213"  
 so|strong="H6213" to|strong="H4191" me|strong="H3254",  
 and|strong="H3068" more|strong="H3254" also|strong="H3068",  
 if|strong="H3588" anything but|strong="H3588" death|strong="H4191"  
 parts|strong="H6504" you|strong="H0834" and|strong="H3068"  
 me|strong="H3254"."

18When|strong="H3588" Naomi saw|strong="H7200"  
 that|strong="H3588" she|strong="H1931" was|strong="H1931"  
 determined|strong="H0553" to|strong="H0413" go with|strong="H0854"  
 her|strong="H0413", she|strong="H1931" stopped|strong="H2308" urging  
 her|strong="H0413".

<sup>2</sup> + 1:15 "Behold", from , "□□□□□□" means look at, take notice, observe, see, or gaze at. It is often used as an interjection.

<sup>3</sup> + 1:16 The Hebrew word rendered "God" is "□□□□□□□□" (Elohim).