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RUTH II.

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; as to the young men, they give thee husbands, even Jordan.
13 And Naomi said, 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; but Ruth clave unto her.
15 And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her tribe; 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.
17 Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part you hence.
18 When she saw that she was steadfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.
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, Is this Naomi?
20 And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.
21 I went out full, and the Lord hath brought me again empty: why then call ye me Naomi, seeing the Lord hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?
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.

CHAPTER II.

AND Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz.
2 And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean after him in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.
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 of Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech.
4 ¶ And behold, Boaz came from Beth-lehem, and said unto the reapers, The Lord be with you. And they answered him, The Lord bless thee.
5 Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel is this?
6 And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It is the Moabish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab:
7 And she said, I pray thee, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and did glean in the field until evening. And he continued even from the morning until now, that she tarried a little in the house.
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:
9 For it shall be, when she shall fall asleep, that I will give the commandment to my servant who is set over this field, and he shall let down at thy feet a sheaf of barley or wheat.
10 And let it be known throughout all the house of Loew, and among the reapers, of what thou hast done. And she shall make thee a token, that thou hast shewed kindness unto thine old. And she shall make thee a token, and let the young men make thee tokens.
11 ¶ And she said, All that thou hast said unto thy servant, I will do.
12 And she went and did gather barley about an ephah. And when she had filled the lap of her garment, she went again into the field, and gathered a lap. And when she had made an end of gathering, she put the barley into her lord's lap, and that which she had gathered he laid at her feet.
13 And he said unto her, Let not thy dress trouble thee, and abide in my house, and eat of me, and be thou护栏, to eat on the other side of me:
14 And she said, I pray thee, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: and let it be a commandment unto the reapers of the field, that they spare me.
15 And he answered her, And thou shalt eat, and be satisfied; whence thou art come, go thence.
16 And she said, Wherefore should I go unto thine house, and be received? 17 And she said unto her, Therefore, let me not eat with thine household, neither let me tarry in thy house.
18 ¶ And he said unto her, Wherefore wickedness with me? For, lo, thou hast just now wholly cleansed my heart of sorrow, and the Lord hath repaid thy kindness.

Numbers 11:14.
RUTH. III.

19 And her mother in law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned to day? and wherewith shall I bestow thee? 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 is Boaz.

20 And Naomi said unto her daughter in law, Blessed be 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 is near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen.

21 And Ruth the Moabitess said, He said unto me also, Thou shalt keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest.

22 And Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter in law, Go, my daughter, until thou find rest. And she went, and went into a field, and gathered grapes. And she said unto her, Let me find rest under thine shoulder: for where thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodest, I will lodge.

23 And 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.

CHAPTER III.

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 threshing floor.

3 Wash thou 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 beheld, 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.

10 And he said, Blessed be thou of the Lord, my daughter: for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning. Inasmuch as thou wouldest not that young men should eat and drink.

11 ¶ And now, my daughter, fear not; I will shew kindness unto thee, and will give thee a portion of bread, and will give thee an inheritance among my kinsmen.

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will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman.

12 And now it is true that I am thy near kinsman; howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I.

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 will not 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.

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.

15 Also he said, Bring the vail that thou hast on thy face, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured, six measures of barley, and laid it on her; and she went into the city.

16 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. And she said, These six measures of barley gave he me; for he said to me, Go not empty unto thy mother in law.

17 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.

CHAPTER IV.

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.

2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit ye down here. And they sat down.

3 And he said unto the kinsman, Naomi, that is come again out of the country of Moab, selieth a parcel of land, which was our brother Elimelech's:

4 And I thought to advertise thee, saying, Buy it before the inhabitants, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem it, redeem it: but if thou wilt not redeem it, 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.

5 Then said Boaz, What day thou buyest the field of the hand of Naomi, thou must buy it also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance.

6 ¶ And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem.

7 Now this was the manner in former time in Israel concerning redeeming.
and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbour: and this was a testimony in Israel.

8 Therefore the kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy it for thee. So he drew off his shoe.

9 ¶ And Boaz said unto the elders, and unto all the people, Ye are witnesses this day, that I have purchased all that was Elimelech’s, and all that was Chilion’s and Mahlon’s, of the hand of Naomi.

10 Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead above his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye are witnesses this day.

11 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 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 Beth-lehem:

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.

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.

14 And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be the Lord, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel.

15 And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy 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.

16 And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it.

17 And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; he is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

18 ¶ Now these are the generations of Perez: Perez begat Hezron,

19 And Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab,

20 And Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon,

21 And Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed,

22 And Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.

23 And it came to pass all the days of Perez were forty and three years.

24 Now Perez begat Judah; and Judah begat Phares and Zerubbabel;

25 And Phares begat Esrael; and Esrael begat Basedeel;

26 And Basedeel begat Joktan; and Joktan begat Media.

27 And Media begat Ismahel; and Ismahel begat Eber and Eber begat Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon.

28 And the sons of Haman the king’s son were Lotach and Tobach and Johanan.

29 And the sons of Johanan were Peleth; and the sons of Pelet were Ziphion and Riechah and Hashabiah.

30 And the sons of Zerah were Jeush and Joab and Eliab.