RUTH

In the days when the chieftains ruled, there was a famine in the land; and a man of Bethlehem in Judah, with his wife and two sons, went to reside in the country of Moab. ²The man's name was Elimelech, his wife's name was Naomi, and his two sons were named Mahlon and Chilion—Ephrathites of Bethlehem in Judah. They came to the country of Moab and remained there.

³Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left with her two sons. ⁴They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth, and they lived there about ten years. ⁵Then those two—Mahlon and Chilion—also died; so the woman was left without her two sons and without her husband.

⁶She started out with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab; for in the country of Moab she had heard that the LORD had taken note of His people and given them food. ⁷Accompanied by her two daughters-in-law, she left the place where she had been living; and they set out on the road back to the land of Judah.

*But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Turn back, each of you to her mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me! May the Lord grant that each of you find security in the house of a husband!" And she kissed them farewell. They broke into weeping 10 and said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people."

11But Naomi replied, "Turn back, my daugh-

נְיְהִי בִּיבֵיל שְׁפְּט הַשּׁפְטִיֵם וְיְּהְי רְעֶב בּשְׁבֵי מוֹאָב חִוּא וְאִשְׁחָוֹ וּשְׁנֵּי בְּנֵיו: יְשֵׁם הָאִישׁ אֱלִימֶׁלֶך וְשֵׁם אְשְׁרֹּוֹ נְצְמִי וְשֵׁם הָאִישׁ אֱלִימֶׁלֶך וְשֵׁם אְשְׁרֹּוֹ נְצְמִי וְשֵׁם שְׁנִי־בָנֵיו וּ מַחְלָּוֹן וְפִלְיוֹן אֶפְּרָתִים מבֵּית לֶחֶם יְהוּדֶה וַיִּבְאוּ שְׁרֵי־מוֹאֶב מבִּית לֶחֶם:

נְיָּמֶת אֱלִימֶלֶךְ אִישׁ נְעֲלֵי וַתִּשְׁאֵר הָיא שְׁם הָאֲחַת עָרְפָּׁה וְשֵׁם הַשֵּׁגִית רְוּת שֵׁם הַאֲחַת עָרְפָּׁה וְשֵׁם הַשְּׁגִית רְוּת שְׁנִיהֶם מַחְלִּוֹן וְכִלְיוֹן וַתִּשְׁאֵר הָאִשְּׁה שְׁנִיהָם מַחְלִוֹן וְכִלְיוֹן וַתִּשְׁאֵר הָאִשְׁה

ינתּקֶם היא וְכַלּהְיהָ וַתָּשָׁב מִשְּׁדֵי מוֹאֶב בְּישְׁבֵי מוֹאֶב בְּישְׁבֵי מוֹאֶב בְּישְׁבֵי מוֹאֶב בְּישְׁבֵי מוֹאֶב בְּיבְּקָד יְהֹוֶה בְּיִּתְה־שְׁמָה וּשְׁתֵּי כַלּתָיחָ הַפְּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר הִיְתָה־שְׁמָה וּשְׁתֵּי כַלּתָיחָ הַפְּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר הִיְתָה־שֶׁמְה וּשְׁתֵּי כַלּתָיחָ עִמֶּה וַתְּלַכְנָח בַּדֶּירֶךְ לְשִׁוּב אֶל־אֶרֶץ יְהוּדה;

ינתאמר נְעֲמִי לְשְׁתֵּי כַלּטֶׁיחָ לֵכְנְה שִׁבְנָה אִשֶּׁה לְבֵית אִמֵּה יעשׁה יַעֲשׁ יְהֹנֶה עְמָּבֶׁם חָטֶר כַּאֲשֶׁר עֲשִׁיתֵם עִם־הַמֵּתִים וְעִמְּדִי: יִּיתֵּן יְהֹנָה לְּכֶּם וּמְצֵאוֹ מְנוּחָה אָשֶׁה בִּית אִישֵׁה וַתִּשְּׁק לְּטֶׁן וַתִּשְּׁאנָה אָשֶׁה בִּית אִישֵׁה וַתִּאמֻרְּנָה: מּ וַתִּאמֻרְּנָה: לֶּעְמֵּך: יָשִׁיּב לְעַמֵּך:

וּ וַתְּאמֶר נָעֲמִל שִּׂבְנָה בְנֹלֵי לֶפְּה תֵלֻּבְנָה

a I.e., the leaders who arose in the period before the monarchy; others "judges."

your house be like the house of Perez whom Tamar bore to Judah—through the offspring which the LORD will give you by this young woman."

13So Boaz married Ruth; she became his wife, and he cohabited with her. The Lord let her conceive, and she bore a son. 14And the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not withheld a redeemer from you today! May his name be perpetuated in Israel! 15He will renew your life and sustain your old age; for he is born of your daughter-in-law, who loves you and is better to you than seven sons."

bosom. She became its foster mother, ¹⁷ and the women neighbors gave him a name, saying, "A son is born to Naomi!" They named him Obed; he was the father of Jesse, father of David.

¹⁸This is the line of Perez: Perez begot Hezron, ¹⁹Hezron begot Ram, Ram begot Amminadab, ²⁰Amminadab begot Nahshon, Nahshon begot Salmon, ^f ²¹Salmon begot Boaz, Boaz begot Obed, ²²Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David.

בְּבֵית. פֶּׁרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־יָלְדֵה תָמֶר לְיהוֹדֶה מִן־הַנָּׁרֵע אֲשֶׁר יִתֵּן יְהוָה לְךְּ מִן־הַנַּעֲרֶה הואת:

נּוֹנִיּלֵּח בְּעֵז אֶת־רוּוֹת נַתְּהִי־לְּוֹ לְאִשְּׁה נִיְּבָא אֵלֶיהָ נִיּהֵׁן יְהנָה לֶה הַנְיֻיוֹן נַתַּלֶּד בְּן: 14 נִתִּאמַיְרְנָה הַנְּשִׁים אֶל־נְעֲמִי בְּנָיְהְ יְהַנְה אֲשֶׁר לְא הִשְׁבִּית לֶךְ גֹאֵל הַיְּיִם יְהַלָּה שְׁמִי בְּיִשְׂרָאלי 15 וְהָיָה לְּךְ לְמֵשִׁיב נְפָשׁ וּלְכַלְכֵּל אֶת־שִׁיבְתְּךְ כִּי כַלְתֵּךְ גְשָׁר־הִיא טִוֹבְה לָךְ משבעה בּנִים:

10 וַתִּלֶּח נְעֲמִי אֶת־הַיֶּלֶד וַתְּשִׁתְּחוּ לוּ הַשְּׁבֵנוּת שֵׁם לֵאמֹר יֻלַּדבֶן לְנָעְמֵי לוֹ הַשְּׁבֵנוּת שֵׁם לֵאמֹר יֻלַּדבֶן לְנָעְמֵי דְּנִד: פּ

18 וְאֵלֶּהֹ תּוֹלְדִוֹת פְּׁרֶץ פֶּרֶץ הוֹלִיד אֶת־ הַצְּרְוֹן: 19 וְהֶצְרוֹן הוֹלִיד אֶת־נֶּם וְנָים הוֹלִיד אֶת־נַחְשׁוֹן וְנַחְשִׁוֹן הוֹלִיד אֶת־שַּׁלְמֵה: 12 וְשֵּׁלְמִוֹן הוֹלִיד אֶת־שַׁלְמֵה: 14 וְשֵּׁלְמִוֹן הוֹלִיד אֶת־שַׁלְמֵה: 15 אֶת־עוֹבֶד: 22 וְעֹבֵד הוֹלִיד אֶת־יִשְׁי וְיָשֵי 16 הוֹלִיד אֶתּיּדְּוֹר:

תם ונשלם תהילה לאל בורא עולם