

RUTH CHAPTER 4

¹ And Boaz went up to the gate, and sat there. And behold, the relative passed by, of whom Boaz spoke. And Boaz said to him, "Turn aside, *and* sit down here." And he turned aside and sat down. ² And Boaz took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, "Sit here"; and they sat down. ³ And Boaz said to the relative, "*The matter regards* the portion of the field which was our brother Elimelech's which was given to Naomi, who has now returned out of the land of Moab. ⁴ And I said, 'I will inform you, saying, Buy it before those that sit, and before the elders of my people: if you will redeem it, redeem it, but if you will not redeem it, *then* tell me, and I shall know; for there is no one beside you to redeem *it*, and I am after you.'" And he said, "I am *here*, I will redeem it." ⁵ And Boaz said, "On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi and of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the deceased, you must also buy her, so as to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance." ⁶ And the kinsman said, I shall not be able to redeem it for myself, lest I ruin my own inheritance; you redeem my right for yourself, for I shall not be able to redeem *it*." ⁷ And this *was* the ordinance in former times in Israel for redemption, and for a bargain, to confirm every word: A man loosed his shoe, and gave it to his neighbor that redeemed his right; and this was *for* a testimony in Israel. ⁸ And the kinsman said to Boaz, "Buy my right for yourself." And he took off his shoe and gave it to him. ⁹ And Boaz said to the elders and to all the people, "You *are* witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon, from the hand of Naomi. ¹⁰ Moreover I have bought for myself for a wife Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance; so the name of the dead shall not be destroyed from among his brothers, and from the tribe of his people: you *are* witnesses this day." ¹¹ And all the people who were in the gate said, "*We are* witnesses"; and the elders said, "The Lord make your wife who goes into your house, as Rachel and as Leah, who both *together* built the house of Israel, and wrought mightily in Ephratha, and there shall be a name *to you* in Bethlehem. ¹² And let your house be as the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, of the seed which the Lord shall give you of this maidservant."

¹³ And Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife, and he went in to her; and the Lord gave her conception, and she bore a son. ¹⁴ And the woman said to Naomi, "Blessed *is* the Lord, who has not allowed a redeemer to fail you this day, even to make your name famous in Israel. ¹⁵ And he shall be to you a restorer of your soul, and one to cherish *in* your old age; for your daughter-in-law who has loved you, who is better to you than seven sons, has born him." ¹⁶ And Naomi took the child and laid it in her bosom, and became a nurse to it. ¹⁷ And the neighbors gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi"; and they called his name Obed; this *is* the father of Jesse, the father of David.

¹⁸ And these *are* the generations of Perez: Perez fathered Hezron; ¹⁹ Hezron fathered Ram; and Ram fathered Amminadab. ²⁰ And Aminadab fathered Nahshon; and Nahshon fathered Salmon. ²¹ And Salmon fathered Boaz; and Boaz fathered Obed. ²² And Obed fathered Jesse; and Jesse fathered David.