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- 3) Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, the Lord and Savior of all mankind

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**KJV** SPV CHAPTER 1

1 Now it happened in the days when the judges judged, that there was a famine in the land. And a man of Bethlehem of Judah went to sojourn in the countryside of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons.

**CHAPTER 1** 

- 2 And the name of the man [was] Elimelech, and the name of his wife [was] Naomi, and the names of his two sons [were] Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites from Bethlehem of Judah. And they came [to] the countryside of Moab and remained there.
- 3 Then Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died. And she and her two sons were left.
- 4 And they took for themselves Moabite women: the name of the first [was] Orpah, and the name of the second [was] Ruth. And they dwelled there about ten years.
- 5 Then the two of them, Mahlon and Chilion, also died. And the woman was left without1 her two children and without2 her husband.
- 6 Then she and her daughters-in-law arose and returned from the countryside of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had visited his people by giving bread to
- 7 Therefore she went out from the place where she had been, and her two daughters-in-law with her. And they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.
- 8 Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return, each woman to the house of her mother. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me
- 9 "May the LORD grant you that you may find rest, each woman [in] the house of her husband." Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept.
- 10 And they said to her, "We will certainly return with you to 3 or, "No, we will" your people.'
- 11 But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters. Why should you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb, that they may become your husbands?
- 12 "Turn back, my daughters, go, for I am too old to have4 a 4) lit, "be to" husband. If I should say I have hope, [if] I should even have 5 a husband this night, and [if] I should even bear sons,
- 13 "would you therefore wait until they grew up? Would you therefore let yourselves be locked in, in order not to have a husband? No, my daughters, for it is much more bitter for me than for you, for the hand of the LORD has gone forth against me
- 14 Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.
- 15 And she said, "Behold, your sister-in-law has returned to her people and to her gods7; return after your sister-in-law."
- 16 But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you, to turn back from [following] after you, for to [the place] where you go I will go, and in [the place] where you spend the night I will spend the night. Your people [will be] my people, and your God [will be] my God.
- 17 "In [the place] where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD do thus to me, and may he add thus: only death will separate between me and you."
- 18 When she saw that she was strongly insisting to go with her, she ceased speaking to her.
- 19 So the two of them went until they came [to] Bethlehem. And it happened as soon as they came [to] Bethlehem, that the whole city was in a stir on account of them. And they said, "Is this Naomi?'
- 20 And she said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has greatly caused bitterness for me.
- 21 "I went out [as] a full woman, and the LORD has brought me back emptily. Why do you call me Naomi, when the LORD has testified against me and the Almighty has done evil to me?"
- 22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-inlaw, with her, who had returned from the countryside of Moab. Now they had come [to] Bethlehem at the beginning of [the] harvest of barley.

1 Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehemjudah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

**CHAPTER 1** 

- 2 And the name of the man [was] Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehemjudah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there.
- 3 And Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons.
- 4 And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one [was] Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years.
- 5 And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband.
- 6 Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the LORD had visited his people in giving them bread.
- 7 Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her; and they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah.
- 8 And Naomi said unto her two daughters in law, Go, return each to her mother's house: the LORD deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me.
- 9 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.
- 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 ve 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]; for I am too old to have an husband. If I should say, I have hope, [if] I should have an husband also to night, and should also bear sons;
- 13 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 in law; but Ruth clave unto her.
- 15 And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: 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 thee and me.
- 18 When she saw that she was stedfastly 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 home 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 2** 

1) lit, "man, a mighty

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1 Now Naomi had a relative of her husband, a mighty man<sup>1</sup> of wealth, of the family of Elimelech, and his name [was] Boaz.

1 And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name [was] Boaz.

5) lit, "be to"

1) or, "by"

6) lit. "be to"

7) or, "god"

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- **2** And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Please let me go [to] the field and glean among the ears of grain after [him] in whose eyes I will find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."
- **3** And she went and came and gleaned in the field after the reapers. And by chance she came to<sup>2</sup> the portion of the field belonging to Boaz, who [was] of the clan of Elimelech.
- **4** And behold, Boaz had come from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, "The LORD [be] with you." And they said to him, "May the LORD bless you."
- **5** Then Boaz said to his servant who was appointed over the reapers, "To whom does this girl belong?"
- **6** And the servant who was appointed over the reapers answered and said, "She [is] a Moabite girl who returned with Naomi from the countryside of Moab.
- **7** "And she said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the small heaps after the reapers.' So she came and has remained from the morning even until now; she sat<sup>3</sup> [in] the house [for] a short [time]."
- **8** Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Have you not heard, my daughter? Do not go to glean in another field, and also do not pass on from this [place], but stay here close to my girls.
- **9** "[Let] your eyes [be] on the field where they reap, and go after them. Have I not commanded the young men not to touch you? When you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men draw."
- **10** Then she fell upon her face and prostrated herself to [the] ground and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that [you] should take notice of me, when I [am] a foreigner?"
- **11** And Boaz answered and said to her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law after the death of your husband has been fully reported to me, how you left your father and your mother and the land of your birth and came to a people whom you had not known <u>previously</u>4.
- **12** "May the LORD reward your deed, and may your wages be full from the LORD the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."
- **13** And she said, "I find favor in your eyes, my lord, because you have comforted me and because you have spoken kindly to your maidservant, even though I am not as one of your maidservants."
- **14** And Boaz said to her at <a href="mailto:mealtime">mealtime</a><sup>6</sup>, "Come near here and eat of the bread and dip your piece in the vinegar." So she sat beside the reapers, and he picked up and offered roasted grain to her. And she ate and was filled, and she had [some] left over.
- **15** Then she rose up to glean. And Boaz commanded his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the small heaps, and do not <u>put her to shame</u>7.
- 16 "And also purposely pull out [some stocks] for her from the sheaves and leave [them] behind in order that she may glean [them], and do not rebuke her."
- 17 And she gleaned in the field until the evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah [of] barlev.
- **18** And she took [them] up and went [to] the city. And her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. And she brought forth and gave her what she had left over after she was filled.
- 19 And her mother-in-law said to her, "Where did you glean today and where did you work? May he who took notice of you be blessed." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, "The name of the man with whom I worked today [is] Boaz."
- **20** And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "[May] he [be] blessed by the LORD, whose lovingkindness has not forsaken the living or the dead." Naomi also said to her, "The man [is] close to us; he [is] one of our redeemers."
- **21** And Ruth the Moabite said, "He also said to me, 'Stay close to my young men<sup>9</sup> until they finish all my harvest<sup>10</sup>."
- **22** And Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "[It is] good, my daughter, that you go out with his girls in order that they may not fall upon you in another field."
- 23 So she stayed close to the girls of Boaz to glean until the harvest of barley and the harvest of wheat came to an end. And she dwelled with her mother-in-law.

CHAPTER 2

2) lit, "her chance

3) lit, "her sitting"

- **2** And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn 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 [belonging] unto Boaz, who [was] of the kindred of Elimelech.
- **4** And, behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, 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 Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab:
- 7 And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and hath 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** [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.
- **10** Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I [am] a stranger?
- 11 And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and [how] thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore.
- 12 The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.
- 13 Then she said, Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidens.
- **14** And Boaz said unto her, At mealtime come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched [corn], and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left.
- **15** And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not:
- **16** And let fall also [some] of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave [them], that she may glean [them], and rebuke her not.
- 17 So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley.
- **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 she had reserved after she was sufficed.
- 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 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, [It is] good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, that they meet thee not in any other field.
- 23 So 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.

4) lit, "yesterday, three days ago"

5) lit, "upon the heart of"

6) lit, "the time of the food"

7) or, "harm her"

8) lit, "her satiation"

9) lit, "the young men who belong to me" 10) lit, "the harvest which belongs to me" KJV

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### **CHAPTER 3**

- 1 Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, will I not seek rest for you, in order that it may be well with you?
- 2 "Now therefore is not Boaz our relative, with whose girls you were? Behold, he is going to winnow the threshing floor of barley
- tonight.

  3 "Therefore wash yourself and anoint yourself, and put your garments upon yourself and go down [to] the threshing floor. Do not make yourself known to the man until he finishes eating and drinking.
- 4 "And it will be when he lies down, that you shall observe the place where he lies, and you shall go and uncover his feet and lie down. Then he will tell you what you shall do.'
- 5 And she said to her, "All that you say to me I will do."
- 6 So she went down [to] the threshing floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law had commanded her.
- 7 And Boaz ate and drank, and his heart was glad. And he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came in secret and uncovered his feet and lay down.
- 8 And it happened in the middle of the night, that the man trembled and touched himself1, and behold, a woman was lying [at] his feet.
- 9 And he said, "Who [are] you?" And she said, "I [am] Ruth your maidservant. Therefore spread out your skirt over your maidservant, for you [are] a redeemer."
- 10 Then he said, "[May] you [be] blessed by the LORD, my daughter. You have made this last loyalty of yours greater than the first by not going after young men, whether poor or whether
- 11 "Now therefore, my daughter, do not be afraid; all that you say I will do for you, for all my people at the gate2 know that you [are] a woman of excellence.
- 12 "And now indeed [it is] true that I [am] a redeemer. But also there is a redeemer closer than I.
- 13 "Spend the night tonight, and it will be in the morning, if he will redeem you, good; let him redeem. But if he does not desire to redeem you, then I myself will redeem you, as the LORD lives. Lie down until the morning."
- 14 So she lay [at] his feet until the morning. And she rose up before a man could recognize his neighbor. And he said, "Let it not be known that the woman came [to] the threshing floor.'
- 15 Then he said, "Bring the mantle which [is] upon you and So she held it, and he measured out six barley hold it." [measures] and laid [them] upon her. Then he went [to] the city.
- 16 And she came to her mother-in-law, and she said, "How [are] you, my daughter?" Then she told her all that the man had done for her.
- 17 And she said, "These six barley [measures] he gave to me, for he said to me, 'Do not go emptily to your mother-in-law."
- 18 Then she said, "Stay, my daughter, until you know how [the] matter turns out. For the man will not be quiet unless he settles the matter today.

## **CHAPTER 4**

- 1 Now Boaz had gone up [to] the gate and sat down there. And behold, the redeemer about whom Boaz had spoken was passing by. So he said, "Turn aside, friend1; 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 down here." And they sat down.
- 3 Then he said to the redeemer, "Naomi, who returned from the country of Moab, is going to sell<sup>2</sup> the portion of the field which belonged to our brother, to Elimelech.
- of those who are sitting and in front of the elders of my people. If you will redeem [it], redeem [it]. But if you4 will not redeem [it], tell me in order that I may know, for there is no one who is permitted to redeem [it] except you, and I [am] after you." And he said, "I will redeem [it]."
- of Naomi, you will have bought [it] also from Ruth the Moabite, the wife of the dead, in order to raise up the name of the dead
- 6 And the redeemer said, "I am not able to redeem [it] for myself, lest I ruin my own inheritance. You, redeem my right of redemption for yourself, for I am not able to redeem [it]."

CHAPTER 3

1) or, "bent himself forward"

2) lit, "the whole gate

of my people"

### **CHAPTER 3**

- 1 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 threshinafloor.
- 3 Wash thyself 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
- 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, behold, 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 followedst not young men, whether poor or rich.
- 11 And now, my daughter, fear not; I 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] upon thee, 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.
- 17 And she said, These six [measures] of barley gave he me; for he said to me, Go not empty unto thy mother in law.
- 18 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.

- 4 "Now I thought I would inform you3, saying, 'Buy [it] in front
- 5 Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the field from the hand upon his inheritance."

# CHAPTER 4

- 1) lit, "someone, a certain one'
- 2) or, "has sold"
- 3) lit, "uncover your
- 4) lit, "he"

## **CHAPTER 4**

- 1 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, selleth 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
- 6 And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem [it] for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem [it].

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- 7 Now this [took place] in former times in Israel concerning redemption and concerning exchange to confirm every matter: a man took off his sandal and gave [it] to his neighbor; and this [was] the confirmation in Israel.
- 8 Therefore the redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy [it] for yourself." And he took off his sandal.
- **9** Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You [are] witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon
- **10** "And also Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, I have bought as my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, in order that the name of the dead might not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his place. You [are] witnesses this day."
- 11 And all the people who [were] at the gate and the elders said, "[We are] witnesses. May the LORD make the woman who is going to come into your house like Rachel and like Leah, who, the two of them, built the house of Israel. And show strength in Ephrathah and proclaim a name in Bethlehem.
- **12** "And may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, on account of the seed which the LORD will give you by this girl."
- 13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and the LORD gave her conception, and she gave birth to a son.
- **14** Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed [is] the LORD, who has not caused a redeemer to cease from you this day, and let his name be proclaimed in Israel.
- **15** "And he will be to you as a restorer of life and as a sustainer of your old age, for your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who [is] better to you than seven sons, has given birth to him."
- **16** Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom and became his nurse.
- 17 And the female neighbors gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." And they called his name Obed. He [was] the father of Jesse, the father of David.
- 18 Now these [are] the generations of Perez: Perez begot Hezron.
- 19 and Hezron begot Ram, and Ram begot Amminadab,
- 20 and Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon,
- 21 and Salmon begot Boaz, and Boaz begot Obed,
- 22 and Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David.

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- **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 bought 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 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.
- 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 Bethlehem:
- **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; and they called his name Obed: he [is] the father of Jesse, the father of David.
- **18** Now these [are] the generations of Pharez: Pharez 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.