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Ruth 1

Ruth 1:1

ULT	UST
Now it happened in the days of the ruling of the judges that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man from Bethlehem of Judah went to live in the fields of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons.	*During the time that judges ruled Israel, there was a famine in that country. A man from the town of Bethlehem in the region of Judah in the country of Israel left there and went to live for a while in the country of Moab. His wife and his two sons went with him.*

During what period of time in Jewish history did the story of Ruth occur?

It occurred in the days when the judges ruled.

Why did Elimelek move to Moab with his family?

He moved because there was a famine in the land of Judah.

Ruth 1:3

ULT	UST
Then Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died. And she was left, she and her two sons.	*Then Naomi's husband, Elimelech, died, and Naomi had only her two sons with her.*

What happened to Elimelek in Moab?

He died, leaving Naomi a widow.

Ruth 1:5

ULT	UST
And the two of them, Mahlon and Kilion, also died, and the woman was left without her two children or her husband.	*Mahlon and Kilion also died. So then Naomi was alone without her husband or her two sons.*

What happened to Naomi's children in Moab?

They died, leaving behind two daughters-in-law for Naomi.

Ruth 1:6

ULT	UST
Then she arose, she and her daughters-in-law, and she returned from the fields of Moab, for she had heard in a field of Moab that Yahweh had visited his people, giving them bread.	*One day while Naomi was in Moab, she heard someone say that Yahweh had helped his people in Israel and that now they had plenty of food. So she got ready to return to Bethlehem with her daughters-in-law.*

Why did Naomi decide to return to Judah?

She heard that Yahweh had given the people of Judah food.

Ruth 1:8

ULT	UST
Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return, each woman to the house of her mother. May Yahweh act with you in covenant faithfulness as you have acted with the dead and with me.	*Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Each of you should turn around and go back to live with your mother. I am asking Yahweh to be as faithful to you as you have been to your dead husbands and to me.*

Where did Naomi want her two daughters-in-law to go?

She wanted them to return to their mothers' houses.

Ruth 1:9

ULT	UST
May Yahweh grant to you that you shall find rest, each woman in the house of her husband.” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and cried.	*I am asking Yahweh to allow each of you to have another husband with whom you will have a secure home.” Then she kissed each of them, and they cried aloud.*

What did Naomi want her two daughters-in-law to find?

She wanted them to find other husbands.

Ruth 1:13

ULT	UST
would you therefore wait until the time when they are grown? Would you for this reason keep yourselves from belonging to a husband? No, my daughters! For it is exceedingly bitter for me, more than for you, that the hand of Yahweh has gone out against me.”	*you would not wait until they grew up! You could not remain unmarried until then! No, my daughters, Yahweh has done very bad things to me, causing me to grieve very much. But your lives do not need to be as bad as mine.”*

Who did Naomi believe was the source of her trouble?

She believed that Yahweh was against her.

Ruth 1:16

ULT	UST
But Ruth said, “Do not press me to forsake you, to turn back from behind you. For to where you go, I will go, and in where you stay, I will stay. Your people are my people, and your God is my God.	*But Ruth replied, “No! Please do not insist that I abandon you and stop taking care of you! Wherever you travel, I will travel too. Wherever you live, I will live too. Your relatives will be my relatives, and I will worship the God whom you worship.*

When Ruth stayed with Naomi, what promise did Ruth make to Naomi?

She said, “For I will go to the place where you go, and I will stay in the place where you stay. Your people are my people, and your God is my God.”

Ruth 1:17

ULT	UST
In the place where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May Yahweh do thus to me, and thus may he add, if death separates between me and between you."	*Wherever you die, there I will die, and they will bury me there. May Yahweh punish me severely if I leave you even after we die."*

How long did Ruth say she would remain with Naomi?

She said she would remain with Naomi until they died. She said, "In the place where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May Yahweh do thus to me, and thus may he add, if death separates between me and between you."

Ruth 1:19

ULT	UST
So the two of them traveled until they came to Bethlehem. And it happened, as they were entering Bethlehem, the entire town was agitated on account of them. And the women said, "Is this Naomi?"	*So the two women continued walking until they came to the town of Bethlehem. When they arrived in Bethlehem, many people in the town began talking loudly about them. Many women of the town exclaimed, "It is hard to believe that this is Naomi!"*

To which town did Naomi return?

She returned to Bethlehem.

Ruth 1:20

ULT	UST
But she said to them, "Do not call me Naomi. Call me Mara, for the Almighty has acted exceedingly bitterly to me.	*Naomi said to them, "You should not call me Naomi anymore, since it means 'pleasant.' Instead, call me Mara, because it means 'bitter.' God Almighty has made my life very bitter.*

What name did Naomi want to be called and why?

She asked to be called "Mara" (which means "bitter"), because she believed that Yahweh had dealt bitterly with her.

Ruth 1:22

ULT	UST
So Naomi returned, with Ruth the Moabite woman her daughter-in-law, with her, the woman who returned from the fields of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the harvest of barley.	*So that is how Naomi returned home along with her daughter-in-law Ruth, the woman from Moab. When they arrived in Bethlehem, it was the season for people there to begin harvesting their crops of barley.*

What time of the year did Naomi and Ruth arrive in Bethlehem?

They arrived at the beginning of the barley harvest.

Ruth 2

Ruth 2:1

ULT	UST
Now Naomi had a relative of her husband, a man of great worth from the clan of Elimelech. And his name was Boaz.	*There was a man there who was a relative of Naomi's dead husband, Elimelech. He was rich and important, and a member of the same clan to which Elimelech belonged. The man's name was Boaz.*

What was the relationship between Boaz and Naomi's dead husband?

Boaz was a relative of Naomi's husband.

Ruth 2:2

ULT	UST
And Ruth, the Moabite woman, said to Naomi, "Please, I want to go to the field and glean heads of grain after the one in whose eyes I find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."	*Ruth (the woman from Moab) said to Naomi, "Let me go to the fields and pick up the grain that the harvesters leave behind. I will go behind any harvester who allows me to do so." Naomi replied, "Go ahead, my daughter."*

As Ruth went out to glean for the first time, who did Ruth say she would follow while gleaning grain?

She would follow anyone in whose eyes she found favor.

Ruth 2:4

ULT	UST
Then behold, Boaz coming from Bethlehem! And he said to the reapers, "Yahweh be with you." And they said to him, "May Yahweh bless you."	*Just then, Boaz arrived from Bethlehem! He greeted the harvesters, "May Yahweh be with you!" They replied, "May Yahweh bless you!"*

What greeting did Boaz give to his workers?

He said, "Yahweh be with you."

Ruth 2:5

ULT	UST
Then Boaz said to his servant who was set over the reapers, "Who does this young woman belong to?"	*Then Boaz saw Ruth, and asked his foreman, "Who is that young woman related to?"*

What did Boaz want to know about Ruth?

He wanted to know to whom she belonged.

Ruth 2:8

ULT	UST
Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Will you not listen, my daughter? Do not go to glean in another field, and do not even go away from here, but thusly stick closely to my young female workers.	*Then Boaz walked over to where Ruth was and said to Ruth, "Young lady, please listen to me. You do not need to go to any other field or anywhere else to gather grain. You should stay right here with my servant girls.*

What instructions did Boaz give Ruth concerning her gleaning?

He told Ruth not to leave his field, but to stay and work in his field with his female workers.

Ruth 2:10

ULT	UST
Then she fell on her face and bowed down to the ground and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"	*Then she knelt before him in respect with her forehead touching the ground. She exclaimed, "Why are you being so kind to me? I did not think that you would pay any attention to me, since I am a foreigner!"*

After receiving the favorable instructions, what question did Ruth ask Boaz?

She asked Boaz why she had found favor in his sight.

Ruth 2:11

ULT	UST
Then Boaz answered and said to her, "It has been fully reported to me everything that you have done with your mother-in-law after the death of your husband. You left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and you came to a people whom you did not know the day before yesterday.	*Boaz replied, "People have told me everything that you have done for your mother-in-law since your husband died. They told me that you left your parents and your homeland, and that you came here to live among people whom you did not know previously.*

What good report had Boaz heard about Ruth?

He had heard that Ruth had left her home to follow Naomi.

Ruth 2:12

ULT	UST
May Yahweh reward your work, and may your full wages come from Yahweh, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge."	*I pray that Yahweh will fully repay you for what you have done. Yes, may Yahweh, the God of Israel, the one whom you are trusting to protect you, reward you in full."*

Under whose wings did Boaz say Ruth had found refuge?

He said that Ruth had found refuge under Yahweh's wings.

Ruth 2:15

ULT	UST
Then she got up to glean. Then Boaz commanded his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the bundles, and do not shame her.	*After she stood up to go back to work, Boaz ordered his workers, "Even if she gathers some grain near the bundles of grain that you have cut, do not tell her to stop doing that.*

What additional favor did Boaz show to Ruth when they returned to work after mealtime?

He allowed Ruth to glean among the bundles.

Ruth 2:16

ULT	UST
Even be sure to pull some out from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean, and do not rebuke her!”	*Even more than that, I want you to pull out some stalks of grain from the bundles and leave them on the ground for her to pick up—and do not scold her.”*

What did Boaz tell his workers to do for Ruth?

He commanded the reapers to pull out grain for Ruth from the bundles.

Ruth 2:19

ULT	UST
Then her mother-in-law said to her, “Where did you glean today and where did you work? May the one who noticed you be blessed.” Then she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked. And she said, “The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz.”	*Her mother-in-law asked her, “Where did you gather all this grain today? In whose field did you work? I pray that God will bless the man who was so kind to you.” Then Ruth told her about the person with whom she had worked. She said, “The name of the man who owns the field where I worked today is Boaz.”*

When Naomi saw the large amount of grain that Ruth brought back, what question did she ask Ruth?

She asked where Ruth had gleaned that day.

Ruth 2:20

ULT	UST
Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, “May he be blessed by Yahweh, who has not forsaken his covenant faithfulness with the living and with the dead.” Naomi also said to her, “That man is close to us. He is one of our kinsman-redeemers.”	*Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, “May Yahweh bless him! Yahweh has continued to act faithfully toward us who are still living, and to our husbands who have died.” Then Naomi said, “That man is a close relative of Elimelek. In fact, he is one of those responsible for taking care of our family.”*

What blessing did Naomi wish for Boaz when she heard that Boaz had helped Ruth?

She said, “May he be blessed by Yahweh.”

Ruth 2:22

ULT	UST
Then Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young female workers, so that they do not harm you in any other field."	*Naomi replied to her daughter-in-law Ruth, "My daughter, it will be good for you to go to his field with his servant girls, because if you go to someone else's field, someone might assault you."*

Why did Naomi think it was good for Ruth to work with Boaz's women workers?

By doing that, Ruth would not come to harm in any other field.

Ruth 2:23

ULT	UST
So she stayed close by the young female workers of Boaz to glean until the harvest of barley and the harvest of wheat were finished. And she lived with her mother-in-law.	*So Ruth worked alongside of Boaz's servant girls. She gathered heads of grain until the workers had finished harvesting both the barley and the wheat. During that time, she continued to live with Naomi.*

What did Ruth do during the rest of the barley harvest?

She gleaned with Boaz's workers and lived with her mother-in-law.

Ruth 3

Ruth 3:1

ULT	UST
Then Naomi, her mother-in-law, said to her, "My daughter, shall I not seek a resting place for you, that will be good for you?	*One day, Naomi said to Ruth, "My daughter, I want to arrange for you to have a secure home with a good husband.*

What did Naomi say her desire was for Ruth?

She desired that Ruth have a place of rest, meaning to have a person who would treat her well.

Ruth 3:3

ULT	UST
Now wash yourself and anoint yourself and put on your cloak, and go down to the threshing floor. Do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.	*Bathe yourself and put on some perfume. Put on your full outer cloak. Then go down to the place where they thresh the grain. But do not let him know that you are there until he has finished his evening meal.*

What did Naomi tell Ruth to do before going down to the threshing floor?

She told her to wash and anoint herself and to put on her cloak.

Ruth 3:4

ULT	UST
And let it be, when he lies down, know the exact place where he is lying. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down. Then he, himself, will tell you what you should do."	*When he lies down to sleep, pay attention to where he lies down. Then go over to him, uncover his feet, and lie down there. When he wakes up, he will be the one to tell you what to do next."*

What was Ruth to do when she went to where Boaz was sleeping?

She was to uncover his feet and to lie down there.

Ruth 3:5

ULT	UST
And she said to her, "Everything that you say, I will do."	*Ruth replied, "I will do everything that you have told me to do."*

What was Ruth's attitude toward Naomi's instructions?

She said she would do everything Naomi told her to do.

Ruth 3:8

ULT	UST
Then it happened in the middle of the night that the man was startled and turned over. And behold, a woman was lying at his feet!	*In the middle of the night, he woke up suddenly. He sat up and was amazed to find a woman lying at his feet!*

At midnight, what was Boaz startled to find?

He was startled to find that a woman lay at his feet!

Ruth 3:9

ULT	UST
And he said, "Who are you?" Then she said, "I am Ruth, your female servant. So spread the edge of your cloak over your female servant, for you are a kinsman-redeemer."	*He asked her, "Who are you?" She replied, "I am your servant, Ruth. Since you are the one responsible for my dead husband's family, please make me secure by marrying me."*

What was Ruth's request to Boaz?

She asked Boaz to spread his cloak over her, for he was a kinsman-redeemer.

Ruth 3:10

ULT	UST
Then he said, "Blessed be you by Yahweh, my daughter! You have made your covenant faithfulness better at the end than at the beginning by not going after the young men, either poor or rich.	*Boaz replied, "May Yahweh bless you, my dear! Previously, you were very faithful to your mother-in-law, but you are acting even more faithfully now by not chasing after a young man to marry, whether rich or poor.*

Why did Boaz ask a blessing from Yahweh for Ruth?

Boaz blessed Ruth because she had come to Boaz, her kinsman-redeemer, rather than pursuing younger men.

Ruth 3:11

ULT	UST
So now, my daughter, do not be afraid! Everything that you say, I will do for you; for the whole gate of my people knows that you are a woman of worth.	*Now, my dear, I will do everything that you asked. Do not be afraid, because everyone in this town knows that you are an honorable woman.*

What did Boaz say he would do about Ruth's request?

He said that he would do all that she asked.

Ruth 3:12

ULT	UST
And now, it is indeed true that I am a kinsman-redeemer, but there is also a kinsman-redeemer nearer than I.	*However, while it is true that I am one of Elimelek's close relatives and, therefore, could be responsible for you and Naomi, there is another man who is a closer relative than I am. He is the one who is actually responsible for you.*

What obstacle prevented Boaz from immediately performing the part of a kinsman for Ruth?

There was another kinsman-redeemer nearer in relationship than Boaz.

Ruth 3:13

ULT	UST
Stay here tonight. And when it is morning, if he will redeem you, good, let him redeem. But if he does not want to redeem you, then I will redeem you myself, as Yahweh lives. Lie down until morning."	*You stay here for the rest of the night. Tomorrow morning I will tell this man about you. If he says that he will take care of you, fine, he can marry you. But if he is unwilling to take care of you, I solemnly promise that, as surely as Yahweh lives, I will marry you and take care of you myself. So stay here until it is morning."*

How was Boaz going to determine who would act as kinsman for Ruth?

If the nearest kinsman-redeemer was willing to redeem Ruth, then Boaz would let him do that. But if he was not willing, then Boaz would be the kinsman-redeemer.

Ruth 3:14

ULT	UST
So she lay at his feet until the morning, but she got up before a man could recognize his friend. And he said, "Do not let it be known that the woman came to the threshing floor."	*Then Boaz added, "It would be best if no one knew that a woman came here." So she lay at his feet until early morning and got up to leave before it was light enough that people would be able to recognize her.*

Why did Ruth leave the threshing floor early before anyone could recognize her?

Boaz did not want people to know that she had been with him overnight at the threshing floor.

Ruth 3:15

ULT	UST
Then he said, "Bring the cloak that is on you and hold it." So she held it. And he measured six of barley and put it on her. Then he went into the city.	*Then Boaz said to her, "Bring your shawl over here and hold it out." When she did that, he poured a generous amount of barley into it and put it on her back. Then he went into town.*

What gift did Boaz give Ruth before she left the threshing floor?

He gave her six large measures of barley.

Ruth 3:18

ULT	UST
Then she said, "Sit, my daughter, until the time when you know how the matter falls. For the man will not rest unless he has finished this matter today."	*Then Naomi said, "My daughter, just wait here until we see what happens. That man will work hard on this matter until he has resolved it today."*

Naomi was sure that Boaz would resolve the issue by what time?

He would resolve it by the end of that same day.

Ruth 4

Ruth 4:1

ULT	UST
Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the kinsman-redeemer was passing by, the same man about whom Boaz had spoken earlier. And he said, "Turn aside and sit down here, a certain person." So he turned aside and sat down.	*Meanwhile, Boaz went up to the place inside the town gate where people conducted their official business. He sat down there. Just as he had hoped, the man responsible for Naomi's family came along, the man whom Boaz had mentioned earlier. Boaz called out to him by name and said, "Come over here and sit down." So the man came over and sat down.*

Where did Boaz go to resolve the issue of who would be the kinsman-redeemer for Ruth?

He went to the gate of the city.

Ruth 4:2

ULT	UST
Then he took ten men from the elders of the city and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down.	*Boaz then gathered ten of the older, well-respected men from the town and said to them, "Please sit here so you can witness our business." So they sat down.*

Who did Boaz ask to sit as witnesses?

He asked ten men who were from the elders of the city.

Ruth 4:3

ULT	UST
Then he said to the kinsman-redeemer, "Naomi, the woman who has returned from the fields of Moab, is selling the portion of the field that belonged to our brother Elimelek.	*Then Boaz said to the man responsible for Naomi's family, "The part of the field that belonged to our relative Elimelek is for sale. Naomi, who recently returned from Moab, is selling it.*

What did Boaz first speak about to the other kinsman?

He told him that Naomi was selling the piece of land that had been owned by Elimelek.

Ruth 4:4

ULT	UST
Now as for me, I said that I should uncover your ear, saying, 'Buy!' in the presence of those who are sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you will not redeem it, then tell me so that I may know, for there is no one to redeem it besides you, and I am after you." Then he said, "I will redeem it myself."	*I thought that I should tell you about it and suggest that you buy the field while the people who are sitting here are listening, including these leaders of our people. If you want to buy it back into the family, then do so. But if you do not want to buy it back, then let me know, because you are the closest relative to Elimelek, and I am next after you." The man replied, "No, I will buy it!"*

What did Boaz suggest the other kinsman do about the parcel of land?

Boaz suggested that the other kinsman could redeem it.

What was the other kinsman's answer?

He said he would redeem it.

Ruth 4:5

ULT	UST
Then Boaz said, "On the day of your buying the field from the hand of Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite woman, the wife of the dead, in order to raise up the name of the dead over his inheritance."	*Then Boaz told him, "When you buy the land from Naomi, you will also need to marry Ruth, our deceased relative's widow from Moab, in order that she may have a son who will inherit the property and who will continue Elimelek's family line."*

About what additional requirement did Boaz then tell the other kinsman?

He told him that he would also have to marry Ruth in order to raise up the name of the dead man over his inheritance.

Ruth 4:6

ULT	UST
Then the kinsman-redeemer said, "I am not able to redeem it for myself lest I damage my own inheritance. You redeem for yourself my right of redemption, for I am not able to redeem it."	*Then the nearer relative said, "Then I cannot buy it back myself. If I did that, I would ruin my own son's inheritance. You may be responsible for the land and the woman instead of me. I cannot do it."*

What was the other kinsman's answer when he learned that he would have to marry Ruth?

He said he could not redeem the land.

Why did the other kinsman say he could not be the redeemer?

He said that it would damage his own inheritance.

Ruth 4:8

ULT	UST
So the kinsman-redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself," and he took off his sandal.	*So after the relative said to Boaz, "You buy the field yourself," he took off one of his sandals and gave it to Boaz.*

What did the other kinsman do to show that he agreed that Boaz should be the redeemer?

He took off his sandal and gave it to him in front of witnesses.

Ruth 4:9

ULT	UST
Then Boaz said to the elders and to all the people, "You are witnesses today that I am buying from the hand of Naomi everything that belonged to Elimelek and everything that belonged to Kilion and Mahlon.	*Then Boaz said to the respected men and to all the other people who were there, "Today you have all seen that I have bought from Naomi all the property that belonged to Elimelek, Kilion, and Mahlon.*

What was the first agreement that Boaz said the elders witnessed?

They witnessed that Boaz bought all the land that had belonged to Elimelek.

Ruth 4:10

ULT	UST
And also Ruth, the Moabite woman, the widow of Mahlon, I am acquiring as my wife, in order to raise up the name of the dead over his inheritance, so that the name of the dead will not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his place. Today you are witnesses!"	*I am also taking Ruth, Mahlon's widow from Moab, to be my wife. This is in order that she may give birth to a son. Everyone will consider this son to be a descendant of Elimelek. This son will inherit the property and carry on Elimelek's family name among his relatives and here in his hometown. Today you have seen and heard these things and can speak of them to anyone who asks about them."*

What was the second agreement that Boaz said the elders had witnessed?

They had witnessed that Boaz acquired Ruth as his wife.

Ruth 4:12

ULT	UST
And may your house become like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, from the seed that Yahweh gives you from this young woman."	*We pray that your family will be like the family of your ancestor Perez, son of Judah and Tamar, because of the many descendants that Yahweh will give to you and this young woman."*

What blessing did the people desire for Boaz?

They desired that Yahweh would give him offspring through Ruth, just as Tamar bore a son to Judah.

Ruth 4:15

ULT	UST
Now he will be for you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you, has borne him—she who is better to you than seven sons."	*Your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who has been better to you than if you had seven sons, has given birth to him. Therefore, he will make you feel young again, and he will take care of you when you become old."*

Why did the women say that Ruth was better for Naomi than seven sons?

They said this because of Ruth's love for Naomi, and because Ruth had given birth to a grandson for Naomi.

Ruth 4:16

ULT	UST
And Naomi took the child and put him on her lap, and she became his nurse.	*Then Naomi picked up the baby and held him closely and became a second mother to him.*

What was Naomi's relationship with Ruth's son?

Naomi became his nurse or caregiver.

Ruth 4:17

ULT	UST
So the neighbor women called out a name for him, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." And they called his name Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.	*The women who were living nearby said, "It is as though Naomi now has a son!" They named him Obed. Later, Obed became the father of Jesse, who became the father of King David.*

What was Ruth's son's name?

His name was Obed.

Of whom was Obed the father and grandfather?

Obed was the father of Jesse and the grandfather of David.