## RUTH.

### THE STRUCTURE OF THE BOOK AS A WHOLE.

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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 Bethlehem Judah went to sojourn in the fields of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.
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 Bethlehem Judah. And they came into the fields 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 name of the man was left survivor of his two sons and her husband.
6 Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the fields of Moab to her land of Judah.
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, and give you bread in giving them bread.
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 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; for I am too old to have an husband. If I should have said, 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 òBethlehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Bethlem, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, Is this Naomi?

20 And she said unto òthem, "Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for òthe ALMIGHTY hath dealt very bitterly with me.

21 I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty: why òthen call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and òthe ALMIGHTY hath afflicted me?"

22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth òthe Moabitess, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Bethlem in the beginning of òbarley harvest .

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

3 And Naomi òthe 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 ògleaned in the field after the reapers: and her happy 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 Bethlem, and said unto the reapers, "The LORD be with you." And òthey 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 òthe 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 all the morning until now, that she tarried a little in the house."

8 Then said Boaz unto Ruth, "Heareth thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here steadfast 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 thy sight, that thou shouldest take care of me, seeing I am a foreigner?"

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 *to the heart* unto thine handmaid, *Oh that I might be* like unto one of thine handmaidens.

14 And Boaz said unto her, "At meatime 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 thereof remaining*.

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 *on 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 *eaph* 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 care* 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 lovingkindness* to the living and to the dead." And Naomi said unto her, "The man *is near of kin unto us, he *is* our next kinsmen."

21 And Ruth "the Moabitess said, "He said unto me also, 'Thou shalt keep *steadfast* 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 *returned unto* her mother in law.

3 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 threshingfloor.

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 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, '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 *wings* 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 shalt say unto me: for all the people 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 a man could know another. And he said, "Let it not be known that a woman came into the floor."

15 Also he said, "Bring the mantle 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 -he went. The verb is masculine. Some codices, with Syr. and Vulg., read "she".

4: 1-13. CLAIM OF KINSMAN. FULFILLED.

1-11-. In detail.
13. In sum.

1 the kinsman. Heb. Goel = the next of kin, who has the right of redemption. See notes on Ex. 6. 6, and 13. 13.
3 country = fields. a parcel of land = the parcel of the field.
4 before the inhabitants = in the presence of such as are seated here. redeem. Heb. ga'al, to redeem by purchase. See Ex. 6. 6, and cp. 13. 13.
thou. Heb. text has "he". But a special various reading called Sevir (Ap. 34), and some codices, with Aram., Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read "thou", which the A. V. seems to have followed.
8 drew = plucked.
10 from the gate = from the people of his city, "gate" being put by Fig. Synecdoche (of Part) for the people wont to assemble there. Ap. 6.
11 be famous = proclaim a name.
13 bare a son. In the second jubilee year (1325-1324).

4-17-. SYMPATHY WITH NAOMI. IN JOY.

17-. Naming by women.

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 people of his city: 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 Ephratha, and proclaim a name 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.

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18 Now these are the generations of Pharez [the son of Judah]: Pharez begat Hezron,
19 And Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab,
20 And Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon [married Rahab],
21 And Salmon begat Boaz [Married Ruth], and Boaz begat Obed,
22 And Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.


THE GENERATIONS OF PHAREZ.*

| Judah = Thamar |
| Pharez |
| Hezron |
| Aram |
| Amminadab |

| Elishba |
| Nahshon |
| Salmon (nephew of Aaron, married Rahab) |
| Boaz (married Ruth) |
| Obed |
| Jesse |
| David |

* NOTE ON "THE GENERATIONS OF PHAREZ".

If Salmon married Rahab in the year of the entry into the land (1451 B.C.); and the birth of David was in 990 B.C.; then, according to the above Table of Generations, the period of 461 years is covered by only four lives; viz. Salmon, Boaz, Obed, and Jesse.

The inference therefore seems clear that, as in a Royal line it is not necessary to include every link (as it is in the case of an ordinary man), certain names are omitted in this pedigree, in order that "the generations of PHAREZ" may be reckoned as ten generations, to accord with the principle which we observe from Adam to Zebediah (viz. Adam to Noah, ten; Shem to Abraham, ten; Solomon to Zebediah, twice ten). So here Pharez to David is given in ten generations.

We see the same principle at work in other Tables of our Lord's ancestry, names are omitted in order to make uniform reckonings. For example, in Matt. 1. 1-17 we have three counts of "fourteen generations"; see notes there. In v. 1 we have the whole given in two links (David and Abraham). Ruth herself is omitted in v. 17, above.