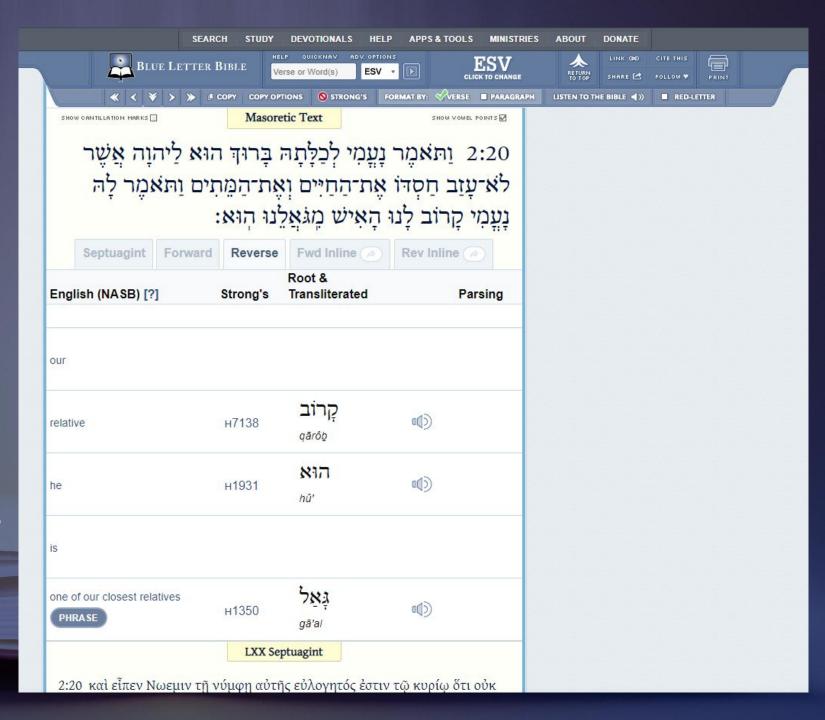
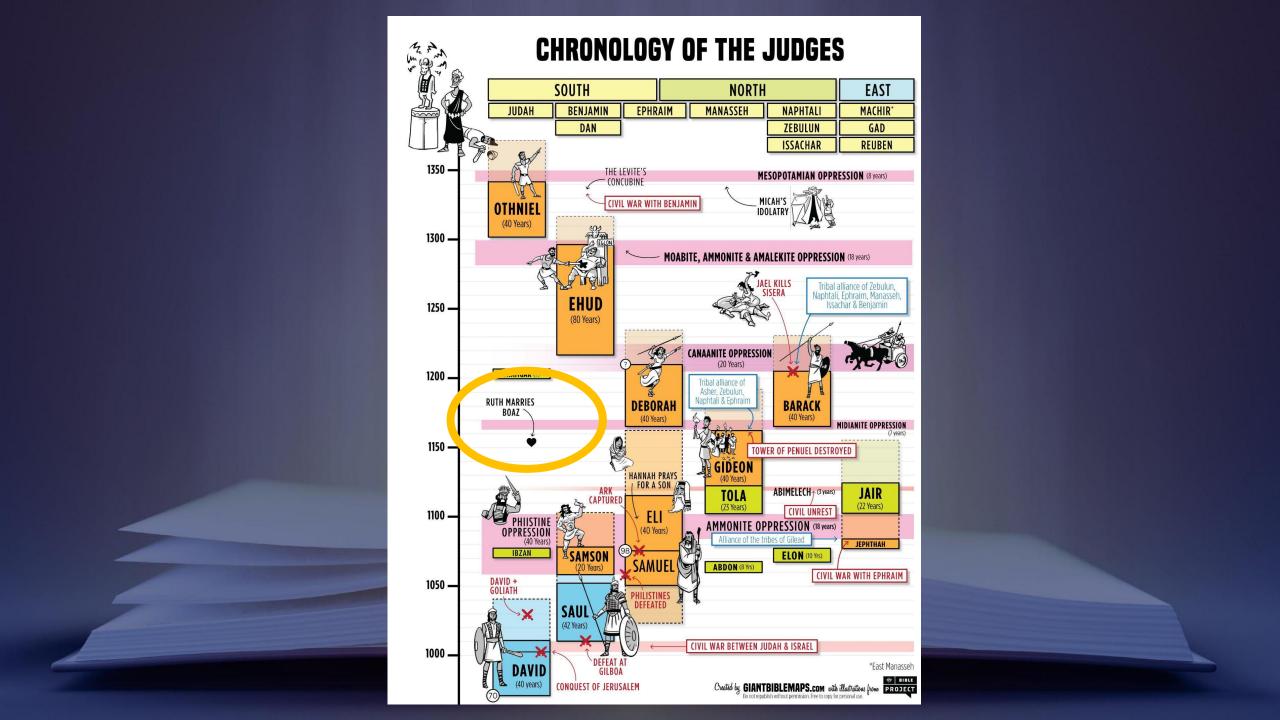


#### Blue Letter Bible

- Multiple translations
- Interlinear
- Commentaries
- Cross references
  - Strong





### **Ruth-Common Components**

Time period: Approximately 1150 to 1100 BC

Written by: Unknown (Attributed to Samuel)

Date written: Approximately 1050 BC

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(1:1-1:5)

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(1:6-2:23)

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- Ruth
- Boaz

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(3:1 - 3:18)

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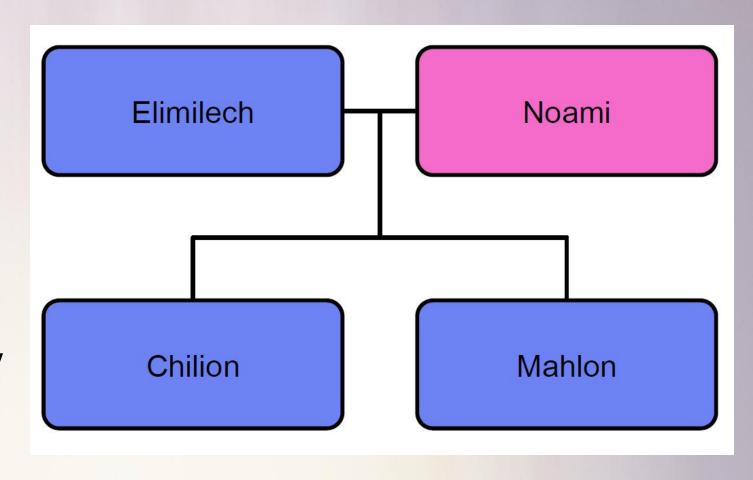
- Settled by descendants of Lot
  - Lot was the nephew of Abraham
- Troubled establishment history
  - Incestious relationship between Lot & his daughters
- Genesis 19:30-38





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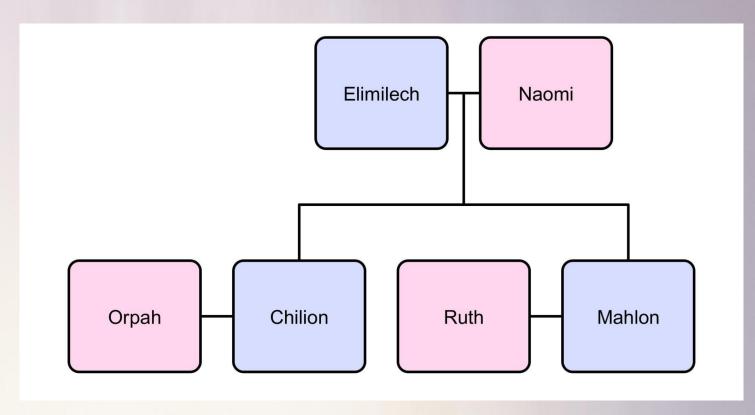


**Ruth 1:2** 

#### Ruth's family

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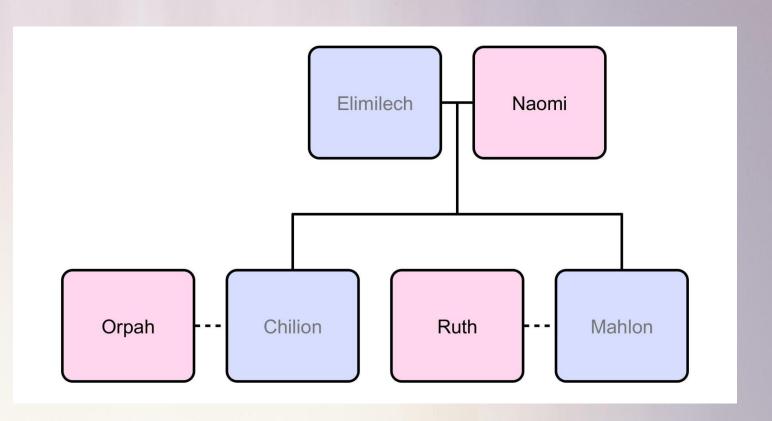
These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years,



### Ruth's family

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and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.



#### Ruth-Outline

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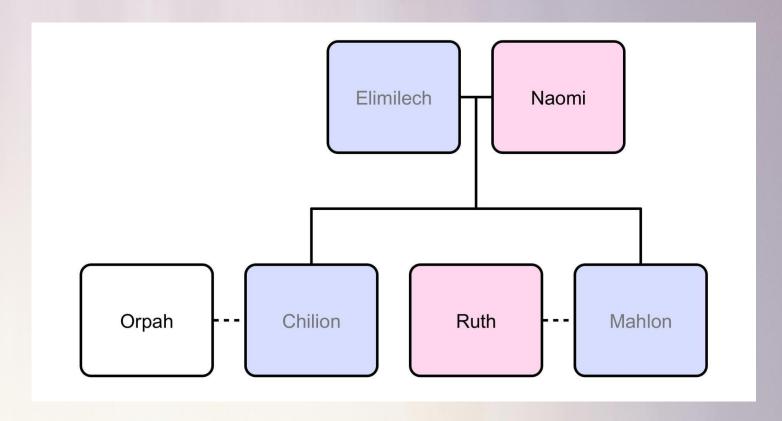
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# (Update #3)

Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

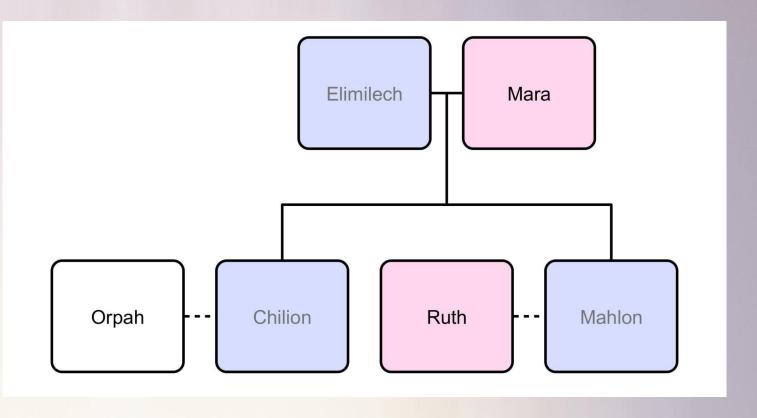


But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you."

## Ruth's family

# (Update #4)

She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. I went away full, and the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the LORD has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?"



Ruth 1:20-21

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And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."

#### Context: Law of compassion

"When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

**Leviticus** 19:9-10

She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.' So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest."

The LORD repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!"

And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed by the LORD, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!" Naomi also said to her, "The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers."

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Relative of character & compassion

## Context: Redeeming the <u>land</u>

"If your brother becomes poor and sells part of his property, then his nearest redeemer shall come and redeem what his brother has sold.

Leviticus 25:25

## Context: Redeeming the <u>people</u>

then after he is sold he may be redeemed. One of his brothers may redeem him, or his uncle or his cousin may redeem him, or a close relative from his clan may redeem him. Or if he grows rich he may redeem himself.

Leviticus 25:48-49

### Context: Redeeming the <u>lineage</u>

"If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the dead man shall not be married outside the family to a stranger. Her husband's brother shall go in to her and take her as his wife and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her.

Deuteronomy 25:5

## Context: Redeeming the <u>lineage</u>

And the first son whom she bears shall succeed to the name of his dead brother, that his name may not be blotted out of Israel.

Deuteronomy 25:6

#### **Ruth-Outline**

#### **Appeal for Redemption**

(Ch 3)

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But when he lies down, observe the place where he lies.

Then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do."

At midnight the man was startled and turned over, and behold, a woman lay at his feet!

He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer."

And he said, "May you be blessed by the LORD, my daughter. You have made this last kindness greater than the first in that you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich.

And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you ask, for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman.

# Ruth-Appeal for Restitution (Chapter 3)

- Courting on the threshing floor (3:6 3:9)
  - Hard but rewarding work of courting
  - Difference between Ruth and her ancestors
- Promise of redemption (3:10 3:13)
  - Reputation & Character give comfort
- Continued favor from Boaz (3:15)
  - Charitable with what he has available





#### **Ruth-Outline**

#### **Redemption**

(Ch 4)

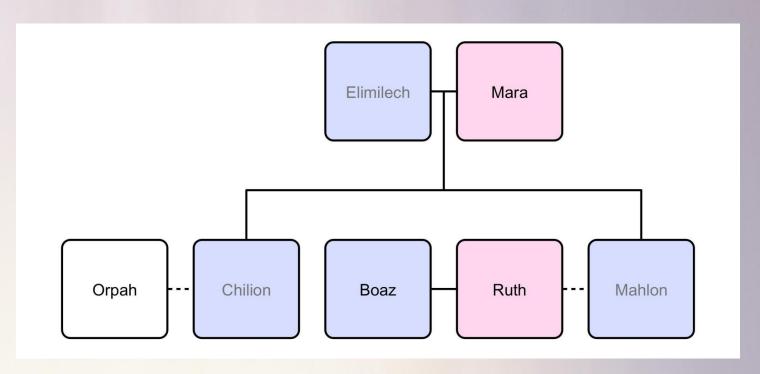
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Then the redeemer said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it."

Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day."

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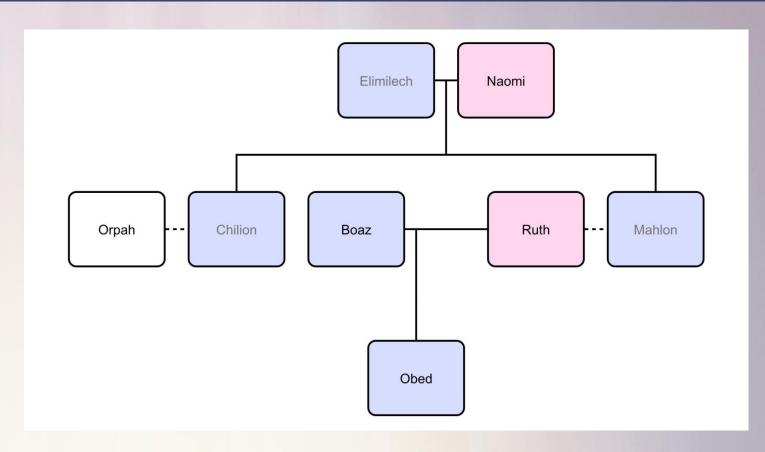
So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son.



Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel!

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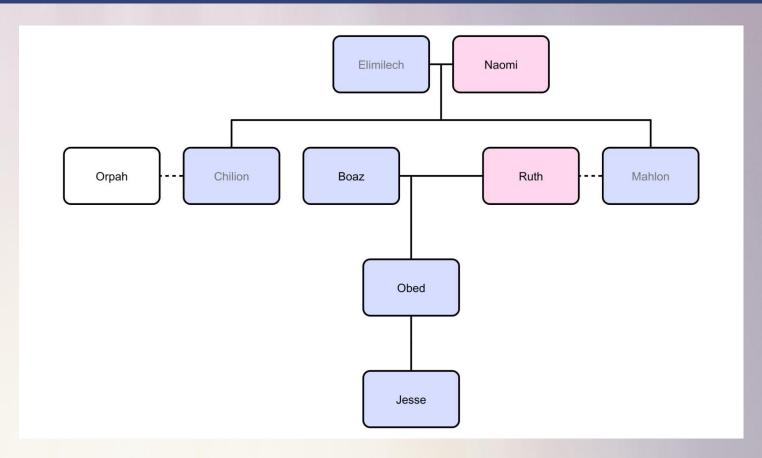
And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed.



Ruth 4:17

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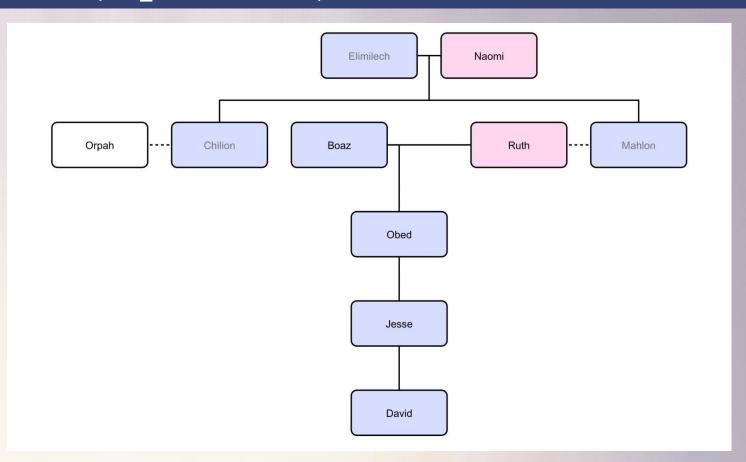
He was the father of Jesse,



Ruth 4:17

# (Update #8)

the father of David.



Ruth 4:17

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  - John 1:3-4 & 1 Peter 1:18-19
     1 John 3:5
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