

English Bible for the Deaf

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The texts that we are placing on the website now, have a lot of repeated footnotes and some may be repeated on the same page, they will be removed later.

We can not explain all of the difficult words on each page, so here is a list of difficult words that we had to use a lot in the Bible and that we only explain on this page. They are marked with a •bullet.

Difficult words explained only once:

- Christ: the *Son of God who came to pay for our *sins. His name is Jesus.
- could: today you can, yesterday or tomorrow you could.
- got: today you get, yesterday you got.
- Israelites: the people of God in the *Old Testament.
- king: the *leader or *ruler of a *nation or *land. [see drawing]
- know: is when you are sure of something or when you have seen it.
- Lord: another name for God.
- saw: when I open my eyes, I see, yesterday I saw.
- son: the boy child of a mother and father.
- temple: the building or *house of God where people came to *worship Him.
- took: today I take something, yesterday I took it.
- would: today you will, yesterday or tomorrow you would.

RUTH

1

Elimelech goes to the ^aland of Moab

¹⁻² It was in the time when the ^bland_of_Israel did not have a •king. There were ^cleaders who ^druled the land, they were ^ejudges. There was no food for the people in ^fJudah because there was a ^gfamine. Elimelech was a man who stayed in the town of Bethlehem in the part of Judah. Elimelech had a ^hwife, her name was Naomi and Elimelech had 2 •sons. Their names were Mahlon and Chilion. They all were from the Ephrath family. Elimelech and his family went away from Bethlehem to stay in the land of Moab as ⁱstrangers. They went to Moab because there was not ^jenough food in Bethlehem. [map of road from Bethlehem to Moab] ³ Elimelech died ^kwhile they were living in the ^lland of Moab. Naomi and her 2 •sons stayed there. ⁴ Her •sons married 2 women from the ^mland of Moab. The names of these 2 women were Orpah and Ruth. ⁵ They stayed in Moab for 10 years and then, Mahlon and Chilion, the 2 sons of Naomi, also died. Naomi was alone, she

^a **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

^b **land_of_Israel:** the *country *which God gave to his people.

^c **leader:** a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^d **rule:** is when the *leader or the •king of the people tells them what to do.

^e **judges:** the *leaders of the people of *Israel in the time before they had a •king.

^f **Judah:** the *province in the *south of *Israel, where Jerusalem is. [see *map]

^g **famine:** is when there is no rain for a long time and no food to eat.

^h **wife:** the woman married to a man, her *husband.

ⁱ **stranger:** someone who stays in another *country or town, not with his own people.

^j **enough:** when you do not want any more.

^k **while:** when, at the same time.

^l **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

^m **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

did not have a ⁿhusband or •sons any more.

Naomi goes back to the ^oprovince of ^pJudah

⁶ Then Naomi heard good news from the ^qprovince of Judah. They told her that God had helped his people and there was now ^renough food in Judah. Then Naomi and her 2 ^sdaughters-in-law took all their things and they went back to Judah. ⁷ Naomi and Orpah and Ruth went away from the ^tland of Moab. They started to walk to Judah. ⁸ Then Naomi stopped and she said to Ruth and Orpah: 'You must go back to your mothers and to their homes and you must stay there. You have been good to my 2 •sons and to me. I ^upray that God will also be good to you. ⁹ I also ^vpray that God will give each of you another ^whusband and a new home.'

Naomi kissed them and Ruth and Orpah started to cry. ¹⁰ Then they said to Naomi: 'No, we want to go with you to your people.'

¹¹ But Naomi said to them: 'No, I love you as if you were my ^xdaughters, but you must go to your homes. Why do you want to come with me? I am too old to have another ^yhusband, I can not have more •sons that you can marry. ¹² Go back to your families and their homes. What do you think? If I marry another ^zhusband now and I get 2 baby boys, then they must grow up and become big men before you can marry them. How long will that take before

ⁿ **husband:** the man who is married to a woman, his *wife.

^o **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^p **Judah:** the *province in the *south of *Israel, where Jerusalem is. [see *map]

^q **province:** part of a *country or *land.

^r **enough:** when you do not want any more.

^s **daughter-in-law:** your `daughter-in-law is the woman who is married to your •son.

^t **land:** a *country, like `South Africa.

^u **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^v **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^w **husband:** the man who is married to a woman, his *wife.

^x **daughter:** the girl of a father and mother.

^y **husband:** the man who is married to a woman, his *wife.

^z **husband:** the man who is married to a woman, his *wife.

you can marry them? It will take too long. ¹³ Do you want to wait for so many years? I am sure that you can not wait so long my ^adaughters. This is very ^bsad for you and it is also very sad for me. God has let bad things happen to me.'

¹⁴ Ruth and Orpah cried again. Orpah kissed Naomi and she said goodbye, but Ruth did not want to go away from Naomi. She held on to Naomi.

¹⁵ Naomi said to Ruth: 'Orpah has gone back to her family, she has gone back to her people and her ^cgod in the ^dland of Moab. You must go back with her.'

¹⁶ But Ruth said to Naomi: 'Do not say that I must ^eleave you, I want to go with you. I want to stay with you. Your people will be my people and your God will be my God. ¹⁷ I want to die in the place where you die and then they must ^fdig a ^ggrave and ^hbury me there. I will not ⁱleave you as long as I live. I make this ^jpromise to you, God must listen to what I say, He will be my ^kwitness that I will do what I say.'

¹⁸ Naomi [•]saw that Ruth did not want to go home and she did not ask Ruth to go back again. ¹⁹ Naomi and Ruth walked together to the town of Bethlehem. The people of Bethlehem were very happy when they [•]saw them. The women from the town asked: 'Is this ^lreally Naomi? She does not look the same, she looks ^mdifferent.'

^a **daughter:** the girl of a father and mother.

^b **sad:** is when you are not happy, you want to cry.

^c **god:** an ^{*}idol that people made and ^{*}prayed to. [see ^{*}drawing]

^d **land:** a ^{*}country, like `South Africa.

^e **leave:** is to go away from a person or something.

^f **dig:** is when you make a hole into the ^{*}ground.

^g **grave:** a place where they ^{*}bury the body of a dead person.

^h **bury:** is when they put the body of a dead person into a ^{*}grave or ^{*}tomb.

ⁱ **leave:** is to go away from a person or something.

^j **promise:** your words when you say that people can ^{*}believe you.

^k **witness:** someone who saw what happened or heard what a person said.

^l **really:** is ^{*}true, not a ^{*}lie.

^m **different:** not the same.

²⁰ Naomi said to them: 'My name has changed. My name is not ⁿNaomi any more, my name is now ^oMara, because God ^pAlmighty has made my ^qlife very ^rsad and bitter. ²¹ I went away from here with my husband and my 2 •sons. But God now brings me back without them, they have died. God has made it very bad and ^sdifficult for me, He sent lots of problems to me.'

²² So Naomi came back from the ^tland of Moab with Ruth. Ruth was born in Moab and she was the ^uwife of Mahlon, the son of Naomi, but he had died. Naomi and Ruth came to Bethlehem at the time when the ^vbarley was ^wripe and the people were cutting off the barley on the ^xfarms. [drawing of people cutting `barley]

2

Ruth meets Boaz

¹ Elimelech was the ^yhusband of Naomi, but he had died. In the family of Elimelech, there was a rich and ^zimportant man, his name was Boaz. ² Ruth asked Naomi: 'May I go to the ^afarms where the ^bbarley grows to ^cpick up some

ⁿ **Naomi:** the name Naomi *means happy.

^o **Mara:** the name Mara *means *sad or bitter.

^p **Almighty:** *means God is so strong He can do anything that He wants to do.

^q **life:** the time that you live on *earth, from your birth *until you die.

^r **sad:** is when you are not happy, you want to cry.

^s **difficult:** is when something is hard to do, not easy.

^t **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

^u **wife:** the woman married to a man, her *husband.

^v **barley:** food that grows on *plants, people eat the *seeds. [see *drawing]

^w **ripe:** is when *fruit on a tree or *seeds are big and ready to eat.

^x **farm:** a place where people *plant *wheat and *vegetables and have sheep and cows.

^y **husband:** the man who is married to a woman, his *wife.

^z **important:** is when a person can tell other people what they must do.

^a **farm:** a place where people *plant *wheat and *vegetables and have sheep and cows.

^b **barley:** food that grows on *plants, people eat the *seeds. [see *drawing]

^c **pick up_barley:** is when you go and get the *barley that the workers did not take.

of the barley that ^dfell on the ^eground. I will ask them if I may pick it up.'

Naomi said: 'Yes, my ^fdaughter, you may go.'

³ So Ruth went to the ^gbarley ^hfarms. She was very lucky, but she did not know it, because she went to one of the barley ⁱfields of Boaz, he was a man from the family of Elimelech. She started to ^jpick up the barley that ^kfell on the ^lground. ⁴ Just then Boaz came from the town of Bethlehem and he said to his workers: 'I ^mpray that God will ⁿbless you.'

And they said to him: 'We pray that God will bless you too.'

⁵ Boaz looked at Ruth and he asked the ^oleader of the people who cut the ^pbarley: 'Who is that ^qyoung woman?'

⁶ And the ^rleader said: 'She is the ^syoung woman from the ^tland of Moab who came back with Naomi. ⁷ She asked us if she can walk ^ubehind the ^vbarley cutters to ^wpick up the barley that falls on the ^xground. She has

^d **fell**: today you fall to the *ground, yesterday you fell.

^e **ground**: the sand where people *plant trees and flowers.

^f **daughter**: the girl of a father and mother.

^g **barley**: food that grows on *plants, people eat the *seeds. [see *drawing]

^h **farm**: a place where people *plant *wheat and *vegetables and have sheep and cows.

ⁱ **field**: *land where *farmers *sow *wheat or *plant other plants.

^j **pick up**: is when you take something from the *ground with your hands.

^k **fell**: today you fall to the *ground, yesterday you fell.

^l **ground**: the sand where people *plant trees and flowers.

^m **pray**: is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

ⁿ **bless**: is when God helps people and does good things for them.

^o **leader**: a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^p **barley**: food that grows on *plants, people eat the *seeds. [see *drawing]

^q **young**: not old.

^r **leader**: a person who leads other people and tells them what they must do.

^s **young**: not old.

^t **land**: a *country, like South Africa.

^u **behind**: not in front of someone or something but at the back.

^v **barley**: food that grows on *plants, people eat the *seeds. [see *drawing]

^w **pick up**: is when you take something from the *ground with your hands.

^x **ground**: the sand where people *plant trees and flowers.

worked on the ^yfield from this morning ^zuntil now, she did not go home to rest.'

⁸ Then Boaz said to Ruth: ^a'Young woman, listen to me. Do not go and ^bpick up barley on the ^cfield of another man, do not go away from here. Stay here with the women who work for me. ⁹ Look where the workers cut the ^dbarley and ^epick up the barley that ^ffell on the ^gground. Stay with the women who work for me. I told my workers that they must be good to you. When you must water, go and drink from the water ^hjars that my workers filled with water.'

¹⁰ Ruth ⁱbowed down in front of Boaz and she asked him: 'Why are you so good to me? I am not from your people, I am a ^jstranger from another ^kland.'

¹¹ Boaz said: 'The people have told me all about the good things you have done. When your ^lhusband died, you helped Naomi and you did many things for her. You went away from your father and your mother and your ^mland. You came to stay with people who you did not ⁿknow. ¹² You have come to the ^oGod_of_Israel so that He can help you. I ^ppray that God will be good to

^y **field**: *land where *farmers *sow *wheat or *plant other plants.

^z **until**: the time to the end when something stops.

^a **young**: not old.

^b **pick up**: is when you take something from the *ground with your hands.

^c **field**: *land where *farmers *sow *wheat or *plant other plants.

^d **barley**: food that grows on *plants, people eat the *seeds. [see *drawing]

^e **pick up**: is when you take something from the *ground with your hands.

^f **fell**: today you fall to the *ground, yesterday you fell.

^g **ground**: the sand where people *plant trees and flowers.

^h **jar**: a bottle made from *clay to keep food or water in. [see *drawing]

ⁱ **bow**: is when a person bends down in front of someone *important. [see *drawing]

^j **stranger**: someone who is not a *Jew but stays with the people of God.

^k **land**: a *country, like South Africa.

^l **husband**: the man who is married to a woman, his *wife.

^m **land**: a *country, like South Africa.

ⁿ **know**: is when you have *met someone, you are sure of who he is.

^o **God_of_Israel**: the *real *living God who *saved his people, the •Israelites.

^p **pray**: is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

you and that He will ^qble^ss you.'

¹³ Ruth said: "Sir, you are very good to me. I am not one of the women who work for you, but you help me and you are good to me and ^sfriend^ly. Thank you.'

¹⁴ When it was time to eat, Boaz said to Ruth: 'Come here. Take some of the bread and eat it with the wine.'

Ruth sat down with the workers and Boaz gave her some ^tbar^ley that they had cooked. She ate ^uen^ough and there was some barley that was over.

¹⁵ Then she went back to work to ^vpick up barley. Boaz said to his workers: 'Ruth may pick up barley near you and you must help her. ¹⁶ You must let some ^wbar^ley fall on the ^xground so that she can ^ypick it up. You must make it easy for her to pick up a lot of barley.'

¹⁷ Ruth worked on the ^zfield ^auntil that ^bevening. [drawing of people hitting [`]bar^ley] Then she hit her ^cbar^ley with a ^dstick ^euntil the ^fseed^s came out. She had a lot of [`]bar^ley. ¹⁸ She [•]took the ^gbar^ley back to the town and she showed

^q **ble^ss**: is when God helps people and does good things for them.

^r **Sir**: when you speak to an *important man, you say 'Sir' to him.

^s **friend^ly**: is when you smile and you are happy to see someone and help him.

^t **bar^ley**: food that grows on *plants, people eat the *seeds. [see *drawing]

^u **en^ough**: when you do not want any more.

^v **pick up**: is when you take something from the *ground with your hands.

^w **bar^ley**: food that grows on *plants, people eat the *seeds. [see *drawing]

^x **ground**: the sand where people *plant trees and flowers.

^y **pick up**: is when you take something from the *ground with your hands.

^z **field**: *land where *farmers *sow *wheat or *plant other `plants.

^a **until**: the time to the end when something stops.

^b **evening**: at the end of the day, before people go to bed.

^c **bar^ley**: food that grows on *plants, people eat the *seeds. [see *drawing]

^d **stick**: a thin *piece of wood. [see *drawing]

^e **until**: the time to the end when something stops.

^f **seed**: the food that grows into a *plant and that will grow if you put it into the *ground. [see *drawing]

^g **bar^ley**: food that grows on *plants, people eat the *seeds. [see *drawing]

Naomi how much barley she had ^hpicked up. Ruth also gave Naomi the cooked barley that she did not eat when she sat with the workers. ¹⁹ Naomi asked her: 'Where did you ⁱpick up so much ^jbarley today? I ^kpray that God will ^lbless the man who was so good to you.'

Then Ruth told Naomi about the man who said she can pick up barley on his ^mfield and she said to Naomi that the name of the man was Boaz.

²⁰ Naomi said to Ruth: 'I ⁿpray that God will ^obless Boaz. God was good to our ^phusbands when they were ^qalive and He is good to us now. That man Boaz is from the family of my husband. He is one of our ^rprotectors.'

²¹ Then Ruth, the woman from Moab, said: 'Boaz also said to me: "You must stay with my workers ^suntil they have ^tfinished cutting the ^ubarley." '

²² Naomi said to Ruth: 'Yes, my ^vdaughter, it will be good for you to go with the women who work for Boaz. The workers on another ^wfield can give you problems and say you must go away.'

²³ So Ruth worked near the women who worked for Boaz ^xuntil they

^h **pick up:** is when you take something from the *ground with your hands.

ⁱ **pick up:** is when you take something from the *ground with your hands.

^j **barley:** food that grows on *plants, people eat the *seeds. [see *drawing]

^k **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^l **bless:** is when God helps people and does good things for them.

^m **field:** *land where *farmers *sow *wheat or *plant other `plants.

ⁿ **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^o **bless:** is when God helps people and does good things for them.

^p **husband:** the man who is married to a woman, his *wife.

^q **alive:** not dead but living.

^r **protector:** a person who helped poor people in his family.

^s **until:** the time from the *beginning to now.

^t **finish:** is to stop after you have done everything.

^u **barley:** food that grows on *plants, people eat the *seeds. [see *drawing]

^v **daughter:** the girl of a father and mother.

^w **field:** *land where *farmers *sow *wheat or *plant other plants.

^x **until:** the time from the *beginning to now.

^yfinished cutting the ^zbarley and she stayed with Naomi in her house.

3

Ruth finds a ^ahusband

¹ A few days later Naomi said to Ruth: 'My ^bdaughter, I must find a ^chusband and a home for you where you can get what you need. ² You have been working with the women who work for Boaz and he is in our family. Tonight when it is dark, he will ^dthresh ^ebarley on the ^fthreshing-floor. ³ You must wash yourself and put ^gperfume on yourself. Put on your best clothes and go to the ^hthreshing-floor, but Boaz must not •know that you are there. Wait ⁱuntil he has ^jfinished eating his food and drank his wine. ⁴ Then he will lie down to sleep and you must make sure where he goes to sleep. Later tonight you must go and lift the ^kblanket from his feet and you must lie down there at his feet. When he ^lwakes up, he will tell you what you must do.'

⁵ Ruth said: 'I will do what you say.'

⁶ Then Ruth went to the ^mthreshing-floor. She did what Naomi said she

^y **finish:** is to stop after you have done everything.

^z **barley:** food that grows on *plants, people eat the *seeds. [see *drawing]

^a **husband:** the man who is married to a woman, his *wife.

^b **daughter:** the girl of a father and mother.

^c **husband:** the man who is married to a woman, his *wife.

^d **thresh:** is when the workers take the *seeds out of the *barley or *wheat *plants. [see *drawing]

^e **barley:** food that grows on *plants, people eat the *seeds. [see *drawing]

^f **threshing-floor:** a place where they •took the *barley or *wheat *seeds out of the *plants.

^g **perfume:** was *olive oil *mixed with *plants, it had a beautiful *smell.

^h **threshing-floor:** a place where they •took the *barley or *wheat *seeds out of the *plants.

ⁱ **until:** the time to the end when something stops.

^j **finish:** is to stop after you have done everything.

^k **blanket:** something that you *cover yourself with on your bed when it is cold.

^l **wake up:** is to stop someone from sleeping, to let him open his eyes.

^m **threshing-floor:** a place where they •took the *barley or *wheat *seeds out of the *plants.

must do. ⁷ When Boaz had ⁿfinished his food and drink, he was happy and he lay down next to the ^oheap of ^pbarley. Later Ruth came, she was very ^qquiet and she went to Boaz. She lifted the ^rblanket that was over his feet and she lay down there. ⁸ In the ^smiddle of the night when Boaz moved, he ^tsaw a woman sleeping at his feet and he did not ^uknow who she was. ⁹ He asked: 'Who are you?'

She said: "Sir, I am Ruth. Will you please help me, because you are a ^uprotector of our family.'

¹⁰ Boaz said: "Young woman, I ^wpray that God will do good things for you because you stayed with Naomi and now you want to stay in our family. You have seen ^yyoung men, some are rich, some are poor, but you did not ^xchoose one of them to marry you. ¹¹ And now, ^yyoung woman, you must not be ^zafraid. I will do what you ask me. All the men in this town know that you are a good woman. ¹² It is ^atrue that I am a ^bprotector of the family. But there is another protector who is closer family to you. I must first ask him to help you. ¹³⁻¹⁵ You must stay here ^cuntil the morning, if he wants to help you, it is

ⁿ **finish:** is to stop after you have done everything.

^o **heap:** lots of stones on top of other stones or things on top of other things.

^p **barley:** food that grows on ^{*}plants, people eat the ^{*}seeds. [see ^{*}drawing]

^q **keep quiet:** is when you don't speak or make a ^{*}noise.

^r **blanket:** something that you ^{*}cover yourself with on your bed when it is cold.

^s **middle:** ^{*}between 2 things, your body is in the middle of your 2 arms.

^t **Sir:** when you speak to an ^{*}important man, you say 'Sir' to him.

^u **protector:** a person who helped poor people in his family.

^v **young:** the one who was born last.

^w **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^x **choose:** is when you take the one that you want to take.

^y **young:** not old.

^z **afraid:** is when you worry because you think something bad will happen.

^a **true:** is not a ^{*}lie, it is the same as what ^{*}really happened or what you will do.

^b **protector:** a person who helped poor people in his family.

^c **until:** the time to the end when something stops.

good, then he can help you. If he will not help you, I ^dpromise I will help you and God is my ^ewitness. You must lie here until the morning.'

Boaz also said to her: 'No one must •know that you came here, no person must know that a woman came to the ^fthreshing-floor.'

Then Boaz said: 'Give me the ^gcoat that you are wearing.'

Ruth gave the coat to him and Boaz put 6 ^hjars of ⁱbarley onto her coat. Then he gave the coat back to her.

Ruth slept at the feet of Boaz ^juntil the morning. She ^kgot up ^lwhile it was ^mstill dark, before the people •could see her and she went back to the town.

¹⁶ When Ruth came home, Naomi asked her: 'Ruth, what happened last night?'

Ruth told her what Boaz had done for her. ¹⁷ And Ruth said: 'Boaz also gave me all this ⁿbarley and he said: "When you go back to Naomi, you must give her this barley, your hands must not be ^oempty." '

¹⁸ Naomi said: 'Ruth, you must wait. It will not be long, then you will know what Boaz will do. Today they will ^pdecide what to do. He will not rest ^quntil he has done what he said he •would do.'

^d **promise:** is when you say you are speaking the *truth and people can *believe you.

^e **witness:** someone who •saw what happened or heard what a person said.

^f **threshing-floor:** a place where they took the *barley or *wheat *seeds out of the *plants.

^g **coat:** clothes that you put on when it is cold. [see *drawing]

^h **jar:** a bottle made from *clay to keep food or water in. [see *drawing]

ⁱ **barley:** food that grows on *plants, people eat the *seeds. [see *drawing]

^j **until:** the time from the *beginning to now.

^k **got up:** today you stand or get up, yesterday you got up.

^l **while:** when, at the same time.

^m **still:** something that does not stop, it goes on.

ⁿ **barley:** food that grows on *plants, people eat the *seeds. [see *drawing]

^o **empty:** is when there is nothing in it.

^p **decide:** is when you think about what you want to do and *choose to do it.

^q **until:** the time from the *beginning to now.

4

Boaz marries Ruth and they have a baby boy

¹ In the morning, Boaz went to the ^rgate of the town and he sat down. The other ^sprotector that Boaz told Ruth about, came to the gate. Boaz said to him: 'Come here my friend and sit down.'

The man went to Boaz and he sat down with him. ² Boaz called 10 ^timportant men from the town and he said to them: 'Come sit here with us.'

They came and sat down with them. ³ Then Boaz said to the other ^uprotector: 'Naomi came back from the ^vland of Moab. She wants to ^wsell the ^xfield of our brother, Elimelech that has died. ⁴ I ^ythought that you must [•]know about this. Now I ask you, in front of these ^zimportant people: Do you want to buy this ^afield? If you want to buy it, then you can buy it. But if you do not want to buy the field, then you must tell me, then I will buy it.'

The other protector said: 'I will buy the field.'

⁵ Then Boaz said: 'You must remember that if you buy the ^bfield from Naomi, then you must marry Ruth. The field must stay with the family of Elimelech.'

⁶ When Boaz said this, the other ^cprotector said: 'No, then I can not buy the

^r **gate:** the place where people of a town came together to talk about *important things.
[see *drawing]

^s **protector:** a person who helped poor people in his family.

^t **important:** is when a person can tell other people what they must do.

^u **protector:** a person who helped poor people in his family.

^v **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

^w **sell:** is when you give something to a person and he gives you money for it.

^x **field:** *land where *farmers *sow *wheat or *plant other plants.

^y **thought:** today I think, yesterday I thought.

^z **important:** is when a person can tell other people what they must do.

^a **field:** *land where *farmers *sow *wheat or *plant other plants.

^b **field:** *land where *farmers *sow *wheat or *plant other plants.

^c **protector:** a person who helped poor people in his family.

^dfield, because if I marry Ruth, my family can ^elose the field that I have when I die. You can buy the field yourself, I can not buy it.'

⁷ At that time in ^fIsrael, when a ^gprotector •could not help his family, or when he said another man can be the protector, he •took off his shoe and he gave it to the man who then is the protector. Then all the people could see it.

⁸ Then the ^hprotector said to Boaz: 'You can buy the ⁱfield.'

And he •took off his shoe and he gave it to Boaz. ⁹ Boaz said to all the ^jimportant people: 'You can all see today that I will buy the ^kfield from Naomi. I will buy the field that ^lbelonged to Elimelech and to Chilion and Mahlon, his 2 •sons. ¹⁰ I will also marry Ruth, the woman from the ^mland of Moab. She was the ⁿwife of Mahlon and if she has a baby boy, he will ^oinherit this ^pfield and the name of his family will not die, it will go on. Today you are the ^qwitnesses.'

¹¹ Then the ^rimportant men and all the other people at the ^sgate said: 'Yes, we

^d **field:** *land where *farmers *sow *wheat or *plant other plants.

^e **lose:** is when you had something, but now you do not have it anymore.

^f **Israel:** the *land that God gave to his people in the *Old_Testament.

^g **protector:** a person who helped poor people in his family.

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^k **field:** *land where *farmers *sow *wheat or *plant other plants.

^l **belong:** if you give me something, it is mine, it belongs to me.

^m **land:** a *country, like South Africa.

ⁿ **wife:** the woman married to a man, her *husband.

^o **inherit:** when a father and mother die, their children get or inherit the money and things that they had.

^p **field:** *land where *farmers *sow *wheat or *plant other plants.

^q **witness:** someone who •saw what happened or heard what a person said.

^r **important:** is when a person can tell other people what they must do.

^s **gate:** the place where people of a town came together to talk about *important things.

[see *drawing]

are ^twitnesses and we ^upray that God will ^vbless the woman who you will marry and will come and stay in your home. We pray that she will be like ^wRachel and Leah who were the mothers of the •Israelites. We pray that you will become important and rich. ¹² We ^xpray that God will give you children with this ^yyoung woman and that they will be strong like ^zPerez, the child of Tamar and Judah.'

The family of King David

¹³ Boaz married Ruth and God gave her a •son. ¹⁴ The women said to Naomi: 'We thank God. Today He gave you a ^aprotector. We ^bpray that God will make this •son of Ruth ^cimportant in ^dIsrael. ¹⁵ We ^epray that he will make you happy and that he will help you and take care of you when you are old. Ruth is his mother and she loves you and she is better than 7 •sons.'

¹⁶ Naomi •took the child in her arms. She took care of him as if he was her son. ¹⁷ The women who lived there said: 'Naomi has a •son.'

They said his name is Obed. He was the father of Jesse and Jesse was the father of •King David. ¹⁸ Here are the names of the family of Perez: Perez was the father of Hezron. ¹⁹ Hezron was the father of Ram. Ram was the father of Amminadab. ²⁰ Amminadab was the father of Nahshon. Nahshon was the father of Salmon. ²¹ Salmon was the father of Boaz. Boaz was the father of Obed. ²² Obed was the father of Jesse. Jesse was the father of David.

^t **witness:** someone who •saw what happened or heard what a person said.

^u **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^v **bless:** is when God helps people and does good things for them.

^w **Rachel and Leah:** Rachel and Leah were the *wives of Jacob, they had many children and their children became *important people.

^x **pray:** is to talk to God and ask Him for help.

^y **young:** not old.

^z **Perez:** Perez was the child of Tamar and Judah. He was an *important man.

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