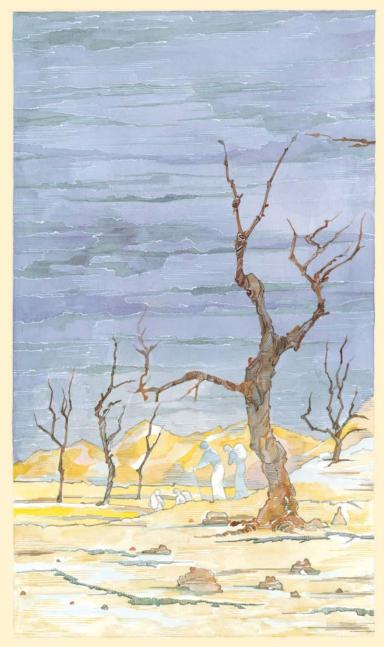


## רות

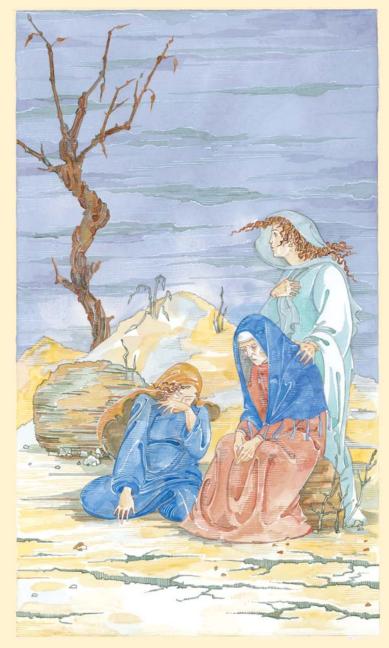
שפט השפטים ויהי רעב בארץ וילך איש מבית לחם ושם אשתו נעמי ושם שני־בניו ו מחלון וכליון אפרתים מבית לחם מואב ויהיו־שם: וימת אלימלך איש נעמי ר ותשאר היא ושני בניה: וישאו להם נשים מאביות שם האחת ערפה ושם השנית רות וישבו שם כעשר שנים: וימתו גם־שניהם ' מחלון וכליון ותשאר האשה משני ילדיה ומאישה: ותקם היא וַכַלּתִיה וַתַשַּב מַשַּׁדֵי מוֹאַב כִּי שַמַעַה בַּשַּׁדָה מוֹאַב כּי־פּקד יהוה את־עַפּוֹ לַתַת לָהָם לַחָם: וַתַּצָא מִן־הַמַּקוֹם אַשֶּׁר הַיִּתְה־שַּׁפֵה י ושתי כלתיה עמה ותלכנה בדרך לשוב אל־ארץ יהודה: ותאמר לשתי כלתיה לכנה שבנה אשה לבית אמה יעשה יהוה יש עמכם חסד כאשר עשיתם עם־המתים ועמדי: יתן יהוה לכם ומצאן מנוחה אשה בית אישה ותשק להן ותשאנה קולן ותבכינה: ותאמרנה־לה כי־אתד נשוב לעמד: ותאמר נעמי שבנה בנתי למה תלכנה עמי העוד־לי בנים במעי והיו לכם לאנשים: שבנה בנתו לכן כי זקנתי מהיות לאיש כי אמרתו ישרלי תקוה גם הייתי " הלילה לאיש וגם ילדתי בנים: הלהו ו תשברנה עד אשר יגדלו הַלָהַן הֵעָגֹנָה לְבִלְהָי הֶיוֹת לְאֵישׁ אַל בְּנֹתַי כִּי־מַר־לַיִ מְאֹד מִבֶּם יצאה בי יד־יהוה: ותשנה קולן ותבכינה עוד ותשק ערפה לַחֲמוֹלָה וָרִית דָּבְקָה בָּה: וַתֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה שֶׁבָה יְבִמְבֹּך אֶל-עַפֶּה סי ואל-אלהיה שובי אחרי יבמתך: ותאמר רות אל-תפגעי־בי לעובך לשוב מאחריך בי אל-אשר תלכי אלך ובאשר תליני אלין עמך י עמי ואלהיך אלהי: באשר תמותו אמות ושם אקבר כה יעשה

## RUTH

- 11 Once, in the days when the Judges judged, there was a famine in the land. And one man set out from Bethlehem of Judah and journeyed to live for a while in
- 2 the land of Moab, and his wife and two sons came with him. This man's name was Elimelekh, his wife's was Naomi, and his two sons' names were Maḥlon and Kilyon, all Efratites from Bethlehem of Judah. They duly arrived in the land of Moab, and there they stayed.
- 3 But then Elimelekh, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left there with her
- 4 two sons. Both of them married Moabite women the first was called Orpah, and the second was called Ruth and they lived on there for some ten years.
- 5 And after that, the two of them Mahlon and Kilyon died as well, and the
- 6 woman was left bereaved of both her children and of her husband. And she got up, her daughters-in-law with her, to return from the land of Moab; for word had reached her in the land of Moab, that the LORD had brought His people to mind, and granted them bread.
- <sup>7</sup> So she left the place where she had been, both of her daughters-in-law with her,
- 8 and set off back to the land of Judah. But to her two daughters-in-law she said, "Go on now, please, turn back, each to your own mother's house, and may the LORD
- 9 show you that same kindness that you have shown the dead, and me. May the LORD grant that you find your resting place, each in her husband's home –" and
- 10 as she kissed them, they wept aloud. And they said to her, "No. We are returning with you to your people."
- 11 Said Naomi, "Turn back, daughters, why would you come with me? Have I still
- sons in my womb who could be husbands to you? Turn back, my daughters, go; I am too old to be with a man. Even were I to say, 'there is hope for me still';
- were I even this night to be married, even if I could bear sons again are you to wait for them as they grow? Would you be chained to them, never to be another man's? No, daughters, your presence is very bitter to me now, for the hand of the LORD has beaten me."
- 14 Aloud they wept, still more, and then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law but Ruth clung to her.
- 15 And Naomi said, "Your sister-in-law has turned back, to her people, to her gods. Turn back after your sister-in-law."
- 16 But Ruth replied, "Do not entreat me to leave you, to turn back and not to go after you. Wherever you walk, I shall walk; wherever you lie down, there shall
- I lie. Your people is my people; your God is my God. Wherever you die, there I die, and there shall I be buried. All of this may the LORD show me, and more, for death alone will part me from you."



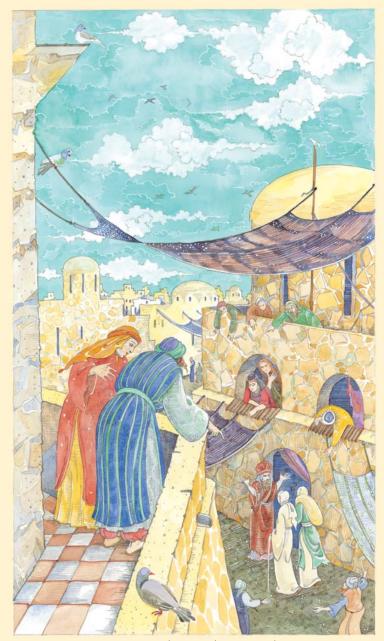
וַיָּמֶתוּ גַּם־שְּנֵיהֶם מַחְלַוֹן וְכַלְיֵוֹן וַתִּשָּׁאֵר הָאִשָּׁה מִשְּנֵי יְלָדֶיהָ וּמֵאִישֶׁה: פרק א, פסוק ה



And after that, the two of them – Maḥlon and Kilyon – died as well, and the woman was left bereaved of both her children and of her husband. Chapter 1, verse 5

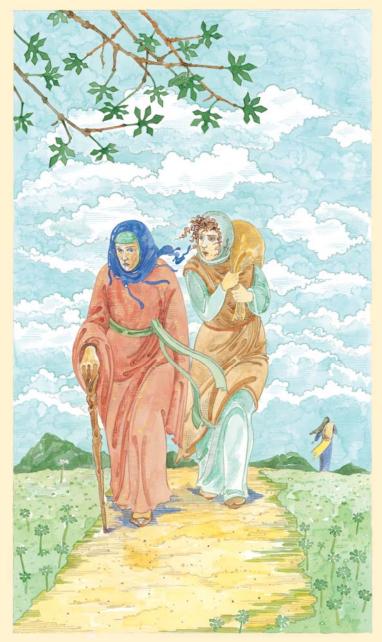
יח יהוה לי וכה יוסיף כי המות יפריד ביני ובינך: ותרא כי־מתאמצת ים היא ללכת אתה ותחדל לדבר אליה: ותלכנה שתיהם עד־בואנה בֵּית לָחֶם וַיִהִּי בִּבוֹאָנָה בֵּית לֶחֶם וַתִּהַם כַּל־הָעִיר עֲלֵיהֶן וַתֹּאמַרְנָה הזאת נעמי: ותאמר אליהן אל־תקראנה לי נעמי קראן לי מרא בא בי־המר שדי לי מאד: אני מלאה הלכתי וריקם השיבני יהוה לָפָה תִקְרָאנָה לִּי נַעֲמִי וַיהוה עָנָה בִּי וְשַׁדֵּי הֵרַעֹ־לִי: וַתַּשָׁב נַעַמִי ורות המואביה כלתה עמה השבה משדי מואב והמה באו בית לחם בתחלת קציר שערים: ולנעמי מידע לאישה איש גבור חיל ממשפחת אַלִימֵלְדְ ושִׁמוֹ בֹעוֹ: וַתֹּאמֵר רוֹת המואביה אל־נעמי אלכה־נא השדה ואלקטה בשבלים אחר אשר אמצא־חן בעיניו ג ותאמר לה לכי בתי: ותלך ותבוא ותלקט בשרה אחרי הקצרים י ויקר מקרה חלקת השבה לבעו אשר ממשפחת אלישלך: והנה־ בעז בא מבית לחם ויאמר לקוצרים יהוה עמכם ויאמרו לו יברכך י יהוה: וַיֹּאמֵר בֹּעֵזֹ לְנַעֵרוֹ הַנָּצָב עַל־הַקוֹצְרֵים לְמֵי הַנַּעַרָה הַוֹּאת: וויען הנער הנצב על-הקוצרים ויאמר נערה מואביה היא השבה י עם־נַעַמִי מִשְּׁדֵי מוֹאָב: וַהֹאמֵר אַלַקְטָה־נָא וְאַסַפְּהִי בעמרים אחרי הַקוֹצְרֵים וַתַּבוֹא וַתַּעֵמוֹד מֵאָז הַבֹּקָר וְעַד־עַּתָה זֶה שִׁבְתַּה הַבַּיִת מעט: ויאמר בעו אל-רות הלא שמעת בתי אל-תלכי ללקט בְּשֶּׁדֶה אֲחֵר וְגַם לָא תַעֲבוּרֵי מִזֶּה וְכִה תִּדְבָּקֵין עִם־נַעֵרֹתֵי: עֵינַיִּדְ בשדה אשר־יקצרון והלכת אחריהן הלוא צויתי את־הנערים לבלתי נגעד וצמת והלכת אל־הכלים ושתית מאשר ישאבון הנערים: ותפל על־פּניה ותשתחו ארצה ותאמר אליו מדוע מצאתי בַעִינִיךַ לְהַבִּירָנִי וָאַנֹכִי נַכִריַה: וַיַּעַן בֹּעַוֹ וַיָּאמֶר לָה הַגַּר הָגַּר לִי בל אשר־עשית את־חמותך אחרי מות אישך ותעובי אביך ואמך וארץ מולדתד ותלבי אל-עם אשר לא־יַדעת תמול שלשום: ישלם יהוה פעלך ותהי משכרתד שלמה מעם יהוה אלהי ישראל אשר־

- 18 Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to come with her, and she spoke to her
- 19 no more. The two of them walked on until they came to Bethlehem; and when they arrived at Bethlehem the whole town crowded round, the women saying, "Can this be Naomi?"
- 20 She said, "Call me not Naomi. Call me Bitter, for the Almighty has made my
- <sup>21</sup> life bitter beyond words. I was full when I left this place, and empty has the LORD returned me. Why call me, 'Naomi'? The LORD has spoken up against me, the Almighty, and ruined me."
- <sup>22</sup> This is how Naomi, returning from the land of Moab, and, with her, her daughter-in-law, Ruth the Moabitess, returned. And they arrived at Bethlehem just as the barley harvest began.
- 2 1 Naomi had a relation from her husband Elimelekh's family: a man of substance
- <sup>2</sup> and great strength; his name was Boaz. Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "I shall go and gather the fallen grains among the barley-stalks go after anyone
- 3 who should show me favor." Naomi said, "Go then, my daughter." And so she went, to gather in the field after the harvestmen. And it was the field-plot of Boaz she chanced to come to; that man of Elimelekh's family.
- 4 And there, indeed, came Boaz, arriving from Bethlehem, and saying to the harvestmen, "The LORD be with you." "Be blessed of the LORD," they replied.
- 5 "Whose is that young woman over there?" asked Boaz of his servant, who was
- 6 in charge of the harvestmen. "That is some Moabite girl," replied the servant in charge of the harvestmen, "the one who came back with Naomi from the land of
- Moab. She said, 'Let me come gleaning, gathering the fallen grains from among the bundles, where the harvestmen have been'; and so she came, and has been standing out here from early morning until now, and hardly sat at all in the shelter.'
- 8 Boaz went to Ruth and said, "Daughter, take heed. Do not go gleaning in any
- 9 other field, and do not leave this one; cling close by my young women. Keep your eyes on the field they are harvesting from and follow after them. I have instructed the young men, of course, not to touch you. When you are thirsty, go to the jugs and drink of the water the young men have drawn."
- Ruth bowed down low, to the ground, and she asked him, "Why is it that I have found favor in your eyes, that you give me recognition such as this, when I am a stranger?"
- Boaz said, "I have heard what you have done for your mother-in-law, since your husband died; of how you left your father, your mother, the land of your birth,
- and came to a people you knew not the day before. May the LORD repay your labors; may your reward be full, at the hand of the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose mantle you come to take shelter."



יט בּוֹאָנָה בֵּיִת לֶּחֶם וַתֵּהַהַם בְּל־הָעִיר עֲלֵיהֶן וַתּאמַרְנָה הֲוֹאת נְגֵעְמִי: פרק א, פסוק יט

... And when they arrived at Bethlehem the whole town crowded round, the women saying, "Can this be Naomi?" Chapter 1, verse 19



... Wherever you walk, I shall walk; wherever you lie down, there shall I lie. Your people is my people; your God is my God. Chapter 1, verse 16 33 · 717

" בַאת לַחַסִות הַחַת־כִּנָפֵיו: וַוֹּהֹאמֶר אֶמְצָא־חַׁן בְּעֵינֶיךָ אֲדֹנִי כִּי נחמתני וכי דברת על-לב שפחתך ואנכי לא אהיה כאחת שפחתך: יי וַיאמר לָה בעז לעת האכל גשי הַלֹם וַאַכַּלֹתַ מִן־הַלָּחָם וַטַבַּלֹתַ פַתַךְ בַּחָמֵץ וַתָּשֶׁב מִצֵּד הַקְצַרִים וַיִּצְבַט־לה קלי ותֹאכל ותשבע שו ותתר: ותקם ללקט וִיצֵו בֹעז אַת־נִעַרִיו לֵאמֹר גַם בֵּין הָעֲמָרִים יי תַלַקֵט וְלָא תַכִּלִימִוּהָ: וְגָם שְּלֹ־תָשְׁלוּ לֶה מִן־הַאְבָתֵים וַעֲזַבְתֶם " וַלַקְטַה וַלֹא תַגַערוֹ־בַה: וַתַּלַקָּט בַשַּׁרָה עַד־הַעַרב וַתַּחבּט אַת לקטה ויהי כאיפה שערים: ותשא ותבוא העיר ותרא חמותה אָת אַשֶּר־לָקָטָה וַתּוֹצֵאֹ וַתְּתָּן־לָה אָת אַשֶּר־הוֹתַרָה מִשְּׁבְעָה: יש ותאמר לה חמותה איפה לקטת היום ואנה עשית יהי מבירך ברוך וַתַּגָּד לַחַמוֹתָה אָת אַשֶּר־עַשְּׁתָה עַמוֹ וַתֹּאמֵר שַם הַאִישׁ אשר בְשְשִיתִי עִמְּוֹ הַיָּוֹם בְּעֵז: וַתֹּאמֶר נַעֲמִׁי לְכַלֶּנְה בָּרִוּךְ הוּא לֵיהוֹה אשר לאדעוב חסדו את־החיים ואת־המתים ותאמר לה נעמי מא קרוב לנו האיש מגאלנו הוא: ותאמר רות המואביה גם ו כִּי־אָמַר עם־הנערים אשר־לי תדבקין עד אם־כלו את כל־הקציר בּ אֲשֶׁר־לְי: וַתְּאמֶר נַעֲמֶי אֶל־רָוֹת בַּלָּתֶה טְוֹב בִּהִי בִּי תֵצְאִי עִם־ בּ נַעֲרוֹתָיו וְלָא יִפְּגִעוּ־בָּךָ בִּשְּׁדֵה אַחֵר: וַתִּדְבַּק בִנַעַרוֹת בֹּעַוֹ לְלַלֵּמְט עד־כַּלוֹת קצַיר־הַשְּעָרֵים וּקצַיר הַחְטֵים וַתַּשֵב אַת־חמותה: גא ותאמר לה נעמי חמותה בתי הלא אבקש־לך מנוח אשר ייטב־ ב לך: ועתה הלא בעו מדעתנו אשר היית את־נערותיו הנה־הוא י זרה אתדגרן השערים הלילה: ורחצת ו וסכת ושמת שמלתך יעַלַיִרְ וירָדתי הַגָּרָן אַל־תִּוָדְעִי לָאִישׁ עַד בַּלֹתו לָאַכֹל וַלְשׁתּוֹת: י ויהי בשכבו וידעת את־המקום אשר ישכבדשם ובאת וגלית ּ מַרגָּלֹתָיו ושכָבתי וְהוּא יַגַּיִד לָּךְ אֱת אֲשֶׁר תַּעַשֶּׂין: וַתְּאמֶר אֵלֵיהַ כל אשר־תאמרי אעשה: ותרד הגרן ותעש ככל אשר־צותה י חמותה: ויאכל בעז וישת וייטב לבו ויבא לשכב בקצה הערמה

- 13 "Sir," she said, "I hope to find favor in your eyes, for you give me solace. For you have spoken to your servant's heart, though I am not like your servants."
- 14 When the time came for eating, Boaz said to her, "Come here, eat of this food, and dip your bread in the vinegar." She sat down beside the harvestmen and he
- 15 served her roasted grains, and she ate, and had her fill, and more left over. And when she stood up to begin gleaning again, Boaz instructed his workers, "Let her
- glean among the sheaves as well, do not disgrace her. And drop some ears from the bunches as well; leave them, let her glean them and do not reproach her."
- 17 Ruth carried on gleaning in the field until evening and then threshed what
- she had gleaned; it was almost an ephah of barley. She picked it up and came into the city; her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned; and she produced all that was left beyond her fill, and gave it to her.
- 19 "Where did you gather today," she asked, "where were you? Bless whoever gave you this recognition." So Ruth told her mother-in-law under whose patronage
- she had worked: "The man's name is Boaz, with whom I worked today." Said Naomi to her daughter-in-law, "The LORD bless him; for he has not left behind his kindness for the living or the dead –" and Naomi told her, "The man is our relative; one of our redeemers."
- <sup>21</sup> "He said to me, as well," said Ruth the Moabitess: "Cling by my young men,
- until they finish all my harvest," and Naomi told her daughter-in-law Ruth, "That is well, my daughter. Go out with his young women; do not go and come to harm in other fields."
- And so it was that she clung by Boaz's young women to glean, until the barley harvest was over, and then the wheat; and after that she sat at home with her mother-in-law.
- 3 1 One day her mother-in-law Naomi said to her, "Daughter, do I not wish I
- <sup>2</sup> could find you a resting place that would be good for you? Now there is Boaz, our relative, whose young women you were with and he will be doing his
- 3 winnowing in the barley shed tonight. And you are going to wash yourself and anoint yourself and put on your dress, and go down to that shed. Do not let the man know that you are there until he has finished eating and drinking.
- 4 And when he lies down, take note of the place where he lies, and afterwards go there, uncover his feet and lie down also and he will tell you what to do next."
- 5 "I shall do," said Ruth, "all that you tell me to do."
- 6 She went down to the shed and did exactly as her mother-in-law had instructed
- 7 her. Boaz ate, and drank, and was happy, and he went and lay down at the edge of the heap of grain; and then she came to him silently, uncovered his feet and lay herself down.