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**CHAPTER I.** \* Elimelech driven by  
famine into Moab, dieth. His two sons  
marry wives of Moab, and die also,\*  
Naomi returning homeward, dissuad-  
eth her two daughters in law from go-  
ing with her.\* Orpah leaveth her, but  
Ruth cleaveth unto her. They two come  
to Beth-lehem.

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**A**ND IT CAME TO PASS in the DAYS WHEN THE JUDGES JUDGED, that THERE was a FAMINE in THE LAND. AND A CERTAIN MAN of BETH-LEHEM-JUDAH WENT TO SOJOURN IN THE COUNTRY OF MOAB, HE, AND HIS WIFE, AND HIS TWO SONS. AND THE NAME OF THE MAN WAS ELIMELECH, AND THE NAME OF HIS WIFE NAOMI, AND THE NAME OF HIS TWO SONS MANLON AND CHILION, EPHRAIMITES OF BETH-LEHEM-JUDAH. AND THEY CAME INTO THE COUNTRY OF MOAB, AND CONTINUED THERE. AND



Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons. ¶ And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: & they dwelled there about ten years. And Mahlon and Chilion died both of them; and the woman was left of her two children and of her husband. ¶ Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the Lord had visited his people in giving them bread. ¶ And she went forth out of the place where she was, & her two daughters in law with her; and they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah. ¶ And Naomi said unto her two daughters in law, Go, return each of you to her mother's house: the Lord deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, & with me. 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. ¶ And they said unto her, Nay, but we will return with thee unto thy people. And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters: why will ye go with me? have I yet sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? Turn again, my daughters, go your way; for I am too old to have an husband. If I should say, I have hope, if I should even have an husband to-night, and should also bear sons; would ye therefore tarry till they were grown? would ye therefore stay from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for it grieveth me much for your sakes, for the hand of the Lord is gone forth against me. ¶ And they lifted up their voice, & wept again: & Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her. And she said, Behold, thy

sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her god: return thou after thy sister in law. ¶ And Ruth said, ¶ Intreat me not to leave thee, and to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; & where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, & thy God my God: where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee & me. ¶ And when she saw that she was steadfastly minded to go with her, she left speaking unto her. So they two went until they came to Beth-lehem. ¶ And it came to pass, when they were come to Beth-lehem, that all the city was moved about them, and the women said, Is this Naomi? ¶ And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me. I went out full, & the Lord