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 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 Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehem-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: and they dwelled there about ten years.

And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and 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.

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.

And Naomi said unto her two daughters in law, Go, return each to her mother's house: the LORD deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me.
I will go; and where thou goest, I will go; and thy God shall I be thy God. Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me; and more also, if I shall not die by the sword. 10 And they said unto her, Surely we will return with thee unto thy people. 11 And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughter; why will ye go with me? are there yet any more sons in thy womb? for it grieveth me much for thy sakes that the hand of the LORD is gone out against me. 12 Turn again, my daughter; return: for why should I moreover discourage thee, that thou shouldest go to turn away after thy sister-in-law? Return, my daughter; for it grieveth me for thy sake, that the hand of the LORD is gone out against me. 13 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. 14 And Ruth said, Intreat me not to go to the field after the reapers, my sovereign lord; for thou knowest my grief and my沉重. Turn me not away from thou goest, I will go with thee. Where thou art I will be, and thy people shall be my people, and 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 I shall not die by the sword. 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.
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 Bethlehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Bethlehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, [Is] this Naomi?

20 And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.