

Chapter 1

- a Famine and move to Moab (1:1-2)
- b Deaths of Elimelech and sons (1:3-5)
- c Decision to return to Judah (1:6-7)
- d “Go home” (Naomi to daughters-in-law) (1:8-9a)
- e Weeping (1:9b)
- f We’ll come with you (1:10)
- d’ “Go home” (Naomi to daughters-in-law) (1:11-13)
- e’ Weeping (1:14a)
- f’ Orpah goes home; Ruth follows Naomi (1:14b)
- d” “Go home” (Naomi to Ruth) (1:15)
- f” Ruth follows God and his people (1:16-18)**
- c’ Arrive in Bethlehem (1:19)
- b’ Naomi’s misfortune (full → empty) (1:20-21)
- a’ Summary; barley harvest (1:22)

Chapter 2

- A Naomi has a relative, Boaz (2:1)
- b Naomi & Ruth (2:2)
- c Ruth gleanes in Boaz’s fields (2:3)
- d Boaz returns, asks harvesters about Ruth (2:4-7)
- e Boaz meets Ruth, shows kindness & protection (2:8-9)
- f Ruth: “why have I found favor?” (2:10)
- g Boaz praises Ruth (2:11-12)**
- f’ Ruth: “may I continue to find favor?” (2:13)
- e’ Boaz invites Ruth to share bread & wine, gives her grain (2:14)
- d’ Boaz tells harvesters to protect Ruth (2:15-16)
- c’ Ruth gleanes (2:17-18)
- b’ Ruth & Naomi (2:19-22)
- a’ Summary’ Ruth continues to live with Naomi & glean from Boaz’s fields (2:23)

Chapter 3

- a Naomi tells Ruth to go after Boaz (3:1-4)
- b Ruth: “I will do whatever you say” and does (3:5-6)
- c Ruth approaches Boaz at night (3:7)
- d Boaz discovers Ruth; “who are you?” (3:8-9a)
- e Ruth asks for marriage (via garment) (3:9b)**
- a’ Boaz praises Ruth for going after him (3:10)
- b’ Boaz: “I will do whatever you ask”; mentions other kinsman (3:11-13)
- c’ Ruth spends the night (3:14a)
- d’ Ruth leaves before anyone else discovers her (3:14b)
- e’ Boaz gives Ruth grain (in her garment) (3:15)**
- Summary: Ruth tells Naomi all about it (3:16-18)

Chapter 4

- a Boaz invites kinsman to redeem land, with elders as witnesses (4:1-4a)
- b Kinsman accepts (4:4b)
- a’ Boaz invites kinsman to redeem Ruth (4:5)
- b’ Kinsman declines (4:6, 8)
- (parenthetical explanation) (4:7)
- c Boaz: “I’ll marry Ruth” (4:9-10)
- d Elders pronounce blessing (4:11-12)**
- c’ Boaz marries Ruth and she bears a son (4:13)
- d’ Women pronounce blessing (4:14-15)**

Appendix

- a Naomi is no longer empty (4:16)
- b Naming of Obed (4:17)
- c Genealogy (4:18-22)