

The German Composite Bible

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The German Composite Bible is intended to make you think more deeply about the text by progressive comparison of literal versions. Starting with German, two English versions are progressively Compared in order to gain deeper insights into the text. The mind works differently when understanding one text, when comparing two texts and when looking at more than two. As a result, an over-all meaning is obtained, which I call a “composite” understanding. When you have reached this level of understanding, you will want to record your thoughts about what the text now says, what it means to you spiritually and how you plan to apply its meaning to your life. I hope that you will find this work a help in your studies and a blessing in understanding what God would like you to know.

German (Martin Luther)

The World English Bible

Young's Literal Translation

Ruth

1 Zu der Zeit, da die Richter regierten, ward eine Teuerung im Lande. Und ein Mann von Bethlehem-Juda zog wallen in der Moabiter Land mit seinem Weibe und seinen zwei Söhnen.

It happened in the days when the judges judged, that there was a famine in the land. A certain man of Bethlehem-judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

And it cometh to pass, in the days of the judging of the judges, that there is a famine in the land, and there goeth a man from Beth-Lehem-Judah to sojourn in the fields of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

- 2 Der hieß Elimelech und sein Weib Naemi und seine zwei Söhne Mahlon und Chiljon; die waren Ephrathiter von Bethlehem-Juda. Und da sie kamen ins Land der Moabiter, blieben sie daselbst.**

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. They came into the country of Moab, and continued there.

And the name of the man [is] Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites from Beth-Lehem-Judah; and they come into the fields of Moab, and are there.

- 3 Und Elimelech, der Naemi Mann, starb, und sie blieb übrig mit ihren zwei Söhnen. Elimelech, Naomi`s husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons. And Elimelech husband of Naomi dieth, and she is left, she and her two sons;**

- 4 Die nahmen moabitische Weiber; eine hieß Orpa, die andere Ruth. Und da sie daselbst gewohnt hatten ungefähr zehn Jahre, 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 lived there about ten years. and they take to them wives, Moabitesses: the name of the one [is] Orpah, and the name of the second Ruth; and they dwell there about ten years.**

- 5 starben sie alle beide, Mahlon und Chiljon, daß das Weib überlebte beide Söhne und ihren Mann. Mahlon and Chilion died both of them; and the woman was left of her two children and of her husband. And they die also, both of them -- Mahlon and Chilion -- and the woman is left of her two children and of her husband.**

- 6 Da machte sie sich auf mit ihren zwei Schwiegertöchtern und zog wieder aus der Moabiter Lande; denn sie hatte erfahren im Moabiterlande, daß der HERR sein Volk hatte heimgesucht und ihnen Brot gegeben.**

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 Yahweh had visited his people in giving them bread.

And she riseth, she and her daughters-in-law, and turneth back from the fields of Moab, for she hath heard in the fields of Moab that God hath looked after His people, -- to give to them bread.

- 7 Und sie ging aus von dem Ort, da sie gewesen war, und ihre beiden Schwiegertöchter mit ihr. Und da sie ging auf dem Wege, daß sie wiederkäme ins Land Juda,**

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 to the land of Judah.

And she goeth out from the place where she hath been, and her two daughters-in-law with her, and they go in the way to turn back unto the land of Judah.

- 8 sprach sie zu ihren beiden Schwiegertöchtern: Geht hin und kehrt um, eine jegliche zu ihrer Mutter Haus. Der HERR tue an euch Barmherzigkeit, wie ihr an den Toten und mir getan habt!**

Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, Go, return each of you to her mother's house: Yahweh deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead, and with me.

And Naomi saith to her two daughters-in-law, `Go, turn back, each to the house of her mother; Jehovah doth with you kindness as ye have done with the dead, and with me;

9 Der HERR gebe euch, daß ihr Ruhe findet, eine jegliche in ihres Mannes Hause! Und küßte sie. Da hoben sie ihre Stimmen auf und weinten

Yahweh grant you that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voice, and wept.

Jehovah doth grant to you, and find ye rest each in the house of her husband;` and she kisseth them, and they lift up their voice and weep.

10 und sprachen zu ihr: Wir wollen mit dir zu deinem Volk gehen.

They said to her, No, but we will return with you to your people.

And they say to her, `Surely with thee we go back to thy people.`

11 Aber Naemi sprach: Kehrt um, meine Töchter! warum wollt ihr mit mir gehen? Wie kann ich fürder Kinder in meinem Leibe haben, die eure Männer sein könnten?

Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters: why will you go with me? have I yet sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?

And Naomi saith, `Turn back, my daughters; why do ye go with me? are there yet to me sons in my bowels that they have been to you for husbands?

12 Kehrt um, meine Töchter, und geht hin! denn ich bin nun zu alt, daß ich einen Mann nehme. Und wenn ich spräche: Es ist zu hoffen, daß ich diese Nacht einen Mann nehme und Kinder gebäre,

Turn again, my daughters, go your way; for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say, I have hope, if I should even have a husband tonight, and should also bear sons;

Turn back, my daughters, go, for I am too aged to be to a husband; though I had said, There is for me hope, also, I have been to-night to a husband, and also I have borne sons:

13 wie könntet ihr doch harren, bis sie groß würden? wie wolltet ihr verziehen, daß ihr nicht Männer solltet nehmen? Nicht, meine Töchter! denn mich jammert euer sehr; denn des HERRN Hand ist über mich ausgegangen.

would you therefore wait until they were grown? would you therefore stay from having husbands? nay, my daughters, for it grieves me much for your sakes, for the hand of Yahweh is gone forth against me.

for them do ye wait till that they grow up? for them do ye shut yourselves up, not to be to a husband? nay, my daughters, for more bitter to me than to you, for the hand of Jehovah hath gone out against me.`

14 Da hoben sie ihre Stimme auf und weinten noch mehr. Und Opra küßte ihre Schwiegermutter; Ruth aber blieb bei ihr.

They lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth joined with her.

And they lift up their voice, and weep again, and Orpah kisseth her mother-in-law, and Ruth hath cleaved to her.

15 Sie aber sprach: Siehe, deine Schwägerin ist umgewandt zu ihrem Volk und zu ihrem Gott; kehre auch du um, deiner Schwägerin nach.

She said, Behold, your sister-in-law is gone back to her people, and to her god: return you after your sister-in-law.

And she saith, `Lo, thy sister-in-law hath turned back unto her people, and unto her god, turn thou back after thy sister-in-law.`

- 16 Ruth antwortete: Rede mir nicht ein, daß ich dich verlassen sollte und von dir umkehren. Wo du hin gehst, da will ich auch hin gehen; wo du bleibst, da bleibe ich auch. Dein Volk ist mein Volk, und dein Gott ist mein Gott.**

Ruth said, "Don`t entreat me to leave you, and to return from following after you, for where you go, I will go; and where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God;

And Ruth saith, `Urge me not to leave thee -- to turn back from after thee; for whither thou goest I go, and where thou lodgest I lodge; thy people [is] my people, and thy God my God.

- 17 Wo du stirbst, da sterbe ich auch, da will ich auch begraben werden. Der HERR tue mir dies und das, der Tod muß mich und dich scheiden.**

where you die, will I die, and there will I be buried: Yahweh do so to me, and more also, if anything but death part you and me."

Where thou diest I die, and there I am buried; thus doth Jehovah to me, and thus doth He add -- for death itself doth part between me and thee.`

- 18 Als sie nun sah, daß sie fest im Sinn war, mit ihr zu gehen, ließ sie ab, mit ihr davon zu reden.**

When she saw that she was steadfastly minded to go with her, she left off speaking to her.

And she seeth that she is strengthening herself to go with her, and she ceaseth to speak unto her;

- 19 Also gingen die beiden miteinander, bis sie gen Bethlehem kamen. Und da sie nach Bethlehem hineinkamen, regte sich die ganze Stadt über ihnen und sprach: Ist das die Naemi?**

So they two went until they came to Bethlehem. It happened, when they were come to Bethlehem, that all the city was moved about them, and [the women] said, Is this Naomi?

and they go both of them till their coming in to Beth-Lehem; and it cometh to pass at their coming in to Beth-Lehem, that all the city is moved at them, and they say, `Is this Naomi?`

- 20 Sie aber sprach: Heißt mich nicht Naemi, sondern Mara; denn der Allmächtige hat mich sehr betrübt.**

She said to them, "Don` t call me Naomi, call me Mara; for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.

And she saith unto them, `Call me not Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly to me,

- 21 Voll zog ich aus, aber leer hat mich der HERR wieder heimgebracht. Warum heißt ihr mich denn Naemi, so mich doch der HERR gedemütigt und der Allmächtige betrübt hat?**

I went out full, and Yahweh has brought me home again empty; why do you call me Naomi, seeing Yahweh has testified against me, and the Almighty has afflicted me?"

I went out full, and empty hath Jehovah brought me back, why do ye call me Naomi, and Jehovah hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath done evil to me?`

22 Es war aber um die Zeit, daß die Gerstenernte anging, da Naemi mit ihrer Schwiegertochter Ruth, der Moabitin, wiederkam vom Moabiterlande gen Bethlehem.

So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, with her, who returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Bethlehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

And Naomi turned back, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who hath turned back from the fields of Moab, and they have come in to Beth-Lehem at the commencement of barley-harvest.

1 Es war auch ein Mann, ein Verwandter des Mannes der Naemi, von dem Geschlecht Elimelechs, mit Namen Boas; der war ein wohlhabender Mann.

Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech, and his name was Boaz.

And Naomi hath an acquaintance of her husband's, a man mighty in wealth, of the family of Elimelech, and his name [is] Boaz.

2 Und Ruth, die Moabitin, sprach zu Naemi: Laß mich aufs Feld gehen und Ähren auflesen dem nach, vor dem ich Gnade finde. Sie aber sprach zu ihr: Gehe hin, meine Tochter.

Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor. She said to her, Go, my daughter.

And Ruth the Moabite saith unto Naomi, `Let me go, I pray thee, into the field, and I gather among the ears of corn after him in whose eyes I find grace;` and she saith to her, `Go, my daughter.`

- 3 Sie ging hin, kam und las auf, den Schnittern nach, auf dem Felde. Und es begab sich eben, daß dasselbe Feld war des Boas, der von dem Geschlecht Elimelechs war.**

She went, and came and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and she happened to come to the portion of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.

And she goeth and cometh and gathereth in a field after the reapers, and her chance happeneth -- the portion of the field is Boaz`s who [is] of the family of Elimelech.

- 4 Und siehe, Boas kam eben von Bethlehem und sprach zu den Schnittern: Der HERR mit euch! Sie antworteten: Der HERR segne dich!**

Behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said to the reapers, Yahweh be with you. They answered him, Yahweh bless you.

And lo, Boaz hath come from Beth-Lehem, and saith to the reapers, `Jehovah [is] with you;` and they say to him, `Jehovah doth bless thee.`

- 5 Und Boas sprach zu seinem Knechte, der über die Schnitter gestellt war: Wes ist die Dirne?**

Then said Boaz to his servant who was set over the reapers, Whose young lady is this?

And Boaz saith to his young man who is set over the reapers, `Whose [is] this young person?`

- 6 Der Knecht, der über die Schnitter gestellt war, antwortete und sprach: Es ist die Dirne, die Moabitin, die mit Naemi wiedergekommen ist von der Moabiter Lande.**

The servant who was set over the reapers answered, It is the Moabite lady who came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab:

And the young man who is set over the reapers answereth and saith, `A young woman -- Moabite -- she [is], who came back with Naomi from the fields of Moab,

- 7 Denn sie sprach: Laßt mich doch auflesen und sammeln unter den Garben, den Schnittern nach; und ist also gekommen und dagestanden vom Morgen an bis her und bleibt wenig daheim.**

She said, Please let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves. So she came, and has continued even from the morning until now, except that she stayed a little in the house.

and she saith, Let me glean, I pray thee -- and I have gathered among the sheaves after the reapers; and she cometh and remaineth since the morning and till now; she sat in the house a little.

- 8 Da sprach Boas zu Ruth: Hörst du es, meine Tochter? Du sollst nicht gehen auf einen andern Acker, aufzulesen, und gehe auch nicht von hinnen, sondern halte dich zu meinen Dirnen.**

Then said Boaz to Ruth, Don't you hear, my daughter? Don't go to glean in another field, neither pass from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens.

And Boaz saith unto Ruth, `Hast thou not heard, my daughter? go not to glean in another field, and also, pass not over from this, and thus thou dost cleave to my young women:

- 9 Und siehe, wo sie schneiden im Felde, da gehe ihnen nach. Ich habe meinen Knechten geboten, daß dich niemand antaste. Und so dich dürstet, so gehe hin zu dem Gefäß und trinke von dem, was meine Knechte schöpfen.**

Let your eyes be on the field that they reap, and go after them: haven't I charged the young men that they shall not touch you? and when you are thirsty, go to the vessels, and drink of that which the young men have drawn.

thine eyes [are] on the field which they reap, and thou hast gone after them; have not I charged the young men not to touch thee? when thou art athirst then thou hast gone unto the vessels, and hast drunk from that which the young men draw.`

- 10 Da fiel sie auf ihr Angesicht und beugte sich nieder zur Erde und sprach zu ihm: Womit habe ich die Gnade gefunden vor deinen Augen, daß du mich ansiehst, die ich doch fremd bin?**

Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said to him, Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take knowledge of me, seeing I am a foreigner?

And she falleth on her face, and boweth herself to the earth, and saith unto him, `Wherefore have I found grace in thine eyes, to discern me, and I a stranger?`

- 11 Boas antwortete und sprach zu ihr: Es ist mir angesagt alles, was du hast getan an deiner Schwiegermutter nach deines Mannes Tod: daß du verlassen hast deinen Vater und deine Mutter und dein Vaterland und bist zu meinem Volk gezogen, das du zuvor nicht kanntest.**

Boaz answered her, It has fully been showed me, all that you have done to your mother-in-law since the death of your husband; and how you have left your father and your mother, and the land of your birth, and have come to a people that you didn't know before.

And Boaz answereth and saith to her, `It hath thoroughly been declared to me all that thou hast done with thy mother-in-law, after the death of thy husband, and thou dost leave thy father, and thy mother, and the land of thy birth, and dost come in unto a people which thou hast not known heretofore.

- 12 Der HERR vergelte dir deine Tat, und dein Lohn müsse vollkommen sein bei dem HERRN, dem Gott Israels, zu welchem du gekommen bist, daß du unter seinen Flügeln Zuversicht hättest.**

Yahweh recompense your work, and a full reward be given you of Yahweh, the God of Israel, under whose wings you are come to take refuge.

Jehovah doth recompense thy work, and thy reward is complete from Jehovah, God of Israel, under whose wings thou hast come to take refuge.`

- 13 Sie sprach: Laß mich Gnade vor deinen Augen finden, mein Herr; denn du hast mich getröstet und deine Magd freundlich angesprochen, so ich doch nicht bin wie deiner Mägde eine.**

Then she said, Let me find favor in your sight, my lord, because you have comforted me, and because you have spoken kindly to your handmaid, though I am not as one of your handmaidens.

And she saith, `Let me find grace in thine eyes, my lord, because thou hast comforted me, and because thou hast spoken unto the heart of thy maid-servant, and I -- I am not as one of thy maid-servants.`

- 14 Boas sprach zu ihr, da Essenszeit war: Mache dich hier herzu und iß vom Brot und tauche deinen Bissen in den Essig. Und sie setzte sich zur Seite der Schnitter. Er aber legte ihr geröstete Körner vor, und sie aß und ward satt und ließ übrig.**

At meal-time Boaz said to her, Come here, and eat of the bread, and dip your morsel in the vinegar. She sat beside the reapers, and they reached her parched grain, and she ate, and was sufficed, and left of it.

And Boaz saith to her, `At meal-time come nigh hither, and thou hast eaten of the bread, and dipped thy morsel in the vinegar.` And she sitteth at the side of the reapers, and he reacheth to her roasted corn, and she eateth, and is satisfied, and leaveth.

- 15 Und da sie sich aufmachte, zu lesen, gebot Boas seinen Knechten und sprach: Laßt sie auch zwischen den Garben lesen und beschämt sie nicht;**

When she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and don't reproach her.

And she riseth to glean, and Boaz chargeth his young men, saying, `Even between the sheaves she doth glean, and ye do not cause her to blush;

16 Auch von den Haufen laßt übrigbleiben und laßt liegen, daß sie es auflese, und niemand schelte sie darum.

Also pull out some for her from the bundles, and leave it, and let her glean, and don't rebuke her.

and also ye do surely cast to her of the handfuls -- and have left, and she hath gleaned, and ye do not push against her.`

17 Also las sie auf dem Felde bis zum Abend und schlug's aus, was sie aufgelesen hatte; und es war bei einem Epha Gerste.

So she gleaned in the field until even; and she beat out that which she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.

And she gleaneth in the field till the evening, and beateth out that which she hath gleaned, and it is about an ephah of barley;

18 Und sie hob's auf und kam in die Stadt; und ihre Schwiegermutter sah es, was sie gelesen hatte. Da zog sie hervor und gab ihr, was übriggeblieben war, davon sie satt war geworden.

She took it up, and went into the city; and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth and gave to her that which she had left after she was sufficed.

and she taketh [it] up, and goeth into the city, and her mother-in-law seeth that which she hath gleaned, and she bringeth out and giveth to her that which she left from her satiety.

- 19 Da sprach ihre Schwiegermutter zu ihr: Wo hast du heute gelesen, und wo hast du gearbeitet? Gesegnet sei, der dich angesehen hat! Sie aber sagte es ihrer Schwiegermutter, bei wem sie gearbeitet hätte, und sprach: Der Mann, bei dem ich heute gearbeitet habe, heißt Boas.**

Her mother-in-law said to her, Where have you gleaned today? and where have you worked? blessed be he who did take knowledge of you. She showed her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, and said, The man`s name with whom I worked today is Boaz.

And her mother-in-law saith to her, `Where hast thou gleaned to-day? and where hast thou wrought? may he who is discerning thee be blessed.` And she declareth to her mother-in-law with whom she hath wrought, and saith, `The name of the man with whom I have wrought to-day [is] Boaz.`

- 20 Naemi aber sprach zu ihrer Schwiegertochter: Gesegnet sei er dem HERRN! denn er hat seine Barmherzigkeit nicht gelassen an den Lebendigen und an den Toten. Und Naemi sprach zu ihr: Der Mann gehört zu uns und ist unser Erbe.**

Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, Blessed be he of Yahweh, who has not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. Naomi said to her, The man is a close relative to us, one of our near kinsmen.

And Naomi saith to her daughter-in-law, `Blessed [is] he of Jehovah who hath not forsaken His kindness with the living and with the dead;` and Naomi saith to her, `The man is a relation of ours; he [is] of our redeemers.`

- 21 Ruth, die Moabitin, sprach: Er sprach auch das zu mir: Du sollst dich zu meinen Leuten halten, bis sie mir alles eingeerntet haben.**

Ruth the Moabite said, Yes, he said to me, You shall keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest.

And Ruth the Moabite saith, `Also he surely said unto me, Near the young people whom I have thou dost cleave till they have completed the whole of the harvest which I have.`

22 Naemi sprach zu Ruth, ihrer Schwiegertochter: Es ist gut, meine Tochter, daß du mit seinen Dirnen ausgehst, auf daß nicht jemand dir dreinrede auf einem andern Acker.

Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his maidens, and that they not meet you in any other field.

And Naomi saith unto Ruth her daughter-in-law, `Good, my daughter, that thou goest out with his young women, and they come not against thee in another field.`

23 Also hielt sie sich zu den Dirnen des Boas, daß sie las, bis daß die Gerstenernte und Weizenernte aus war; und kam wieder zu ihrer Schwiegermutter.

So she kept fast by the maidens of Boaz, to glean to the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and she lived with her mother-in-law.

And she cleaveth to the young women of Boaz to glean, till the completion of the barley-harvest, and of the wheat-harvest, and she dwelleth with her mother-in-law.

1 Und Naemi, ihre Schwiegermutter, sprach zu ihr: Meine Tochter, ich will dir Ruhe schaffen, daß dir's wohl gehe.

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you?

And Naomi her mother-in-law saith to her, `My daughter, do not I seek for thee rest, that it may be well with thee?

2 Nun, der Boas, unser Verwandter, bei des Dirnen du gewesen bist, worfelt diese Nacht Gerste auf seiner Tenne.

Now isn't Boaz our kinsman, with whose maidens you were? Behold, he winnows barley tonight in the threshing floor.

and now, is not Boaz of our acquaintance, with whose young women thou hast been? lo, he is winnowing the threshing-floor of barley to-night,

**3 So bade dich und salbe dich und lege dein Kleid an und gehe hinab auf die Tenne;
gib**

dich dem Manne nicht zu erkennen, bis er ganz gegessen und getrunken hat.

Wash yourself therefore, and anoint you, and put your clothing on you, and get you down to the threshing floor, but don't make yourself known to the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking.

and thou hast bathed, and anointed thyself, and put thy garments upon thee, and gone down to the threshing-floor; let not thyself be known to the man till he complete to eat and to drink;

4 Wenn er sich dann legt, so merke den Ort, da er sich hin legt, und komm und decke auf zu seinen Füßen und lege dich, so wird er dir wohl sagen, was du tun sollst.

It shall be, when he lies down, that you shall mark the place where he shall lie, and you shall go in, and uncover his feet, and lay you down; and he will tell you what you shall do.

**and it cometh to pass when he lieth down, that thou hast known the place where
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lieth down, and hast gone in, and uncovered his feet, and lain down, -- and he doth declare to thee that which thou dost do.`

5 Sie sprach zu ihr: Alles, was du mir sagst, will ich tun.

She said to her, All that you say I will do.

And she saith unto her, `All that thou sayest -- I do.`

6 Sie ging hinab zur Tenne und tat alles, wie ihre Schwiegermutter geboten hatte.

She went down to the threshing floor, and did according to all that her mother-in-law bade her.

And she goeth down [to] the threshing-floor, and doth according to all that her mother-in-law commanded her

- 7 Und da Boas gegessen und getrunken hatte, ward sein Herz guter Dinge, und er kam und legte sich hinter einen Kornhaufen; und sie kam leise und deckte auf zu seinen Füßen und legte sich.**

When Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.

And Boaz eateth and drinketh, and his heart is glad; and he goeth in to lie down at the end of the heap; and she cometh in gently, and uncovereth his feet, and lieth down.

- 8 Da es nun Mitternacht ward, erschrak der Mann und beugte sich vor; und siehe, ein Weib lag zu seinen Füßen.**

It happened at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself; and, behold, a woman lay at his feet.

And it cometh to pass, at the middle of the night, that the man trembleth, and turneth himself, and lo, a woman is lying at his feet.

- 9 Und er sprach: Wer bist du? Sie antwortete: Ich bin Ruth, deine Magd. Breite deine Decke über deine Magd; denn du bist der Erbe.**

He said, Who are you? She answered, I am Ruth your handmaid: spread therefore your skirt over your handmaid; for you are a near kinsman.

And he saith, `Who [art] thou?` and she saith, `I [am] Ruth thy handmaid, and thou hast spread thy skirt over thy handmaid, for thou [art] a redeemer.`

10 Er aber sprach: Gesegnet seist du dem HERRN, meine Tochter! Du hast deine Liebe hernach besser gezeigt den zuvor, daß du bist nicht den Jünglingen nachgegangen, weder reich noch arm.

He said, Blessed be you of Yahweh, my daughter: you have showed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as you didn't follow young men, whether poor or rich.

And he saith, `Blessed [art] thou of Jehovah, my daughter; thou hast dealt more kindly at the latter end than at the beginning -- not to go after the young men, either poor or rich.

11 Nun, meine Tochter, fürchte dich nicht. Alles was du sagst, will ich dir tun; denn die ganze Stadt meines Volkes weiß, daß du ein tugendsam Weib bist.

Now, my daughter, don't be afraid; I will do to you all that you say; for all the city of my people does know that you are a worthy woman.

And now, my daughter, fear not, all that thou sayest I do to thee, for all the gate of my people doth know that thou [art] a virtuous woman.

12 Nun, es ist wahr, daß ich der Erbe bin; aber es ist einer näher denn ich.

Now it is true that I am a near kinsman; however there is a kinsman nearer than I.

And now, surely, true, that I [am] a redeemer, but also there is a redeemer nearer than I.

- 13** **Bleibe über Nacht. Morgen, so er dich nimmt, wohl; gelüftet's ihn aber nicht, dich zu nehmen, so will ich dich nehmen, so wahr der HERR lebt. Schlaf bis zum Morgen.**

Stay this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will perform to you the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman`s part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to you, then will I do the part of a kinsman to you, as Yahweh lives: lie down until the morning.

Lodge to night, and it hath been in the morning, if he doth redeem thee, well: he redeemeth; and if he delight not to redeem thee, then I have redeemed thee -- I; Jehovah liveth! lie down till the morning.`

- 14** **Und sie schlief bis zum Morgen zu seinen Füßen. Und sie stand auf, ehe denn einer den andern erkennen konnte; und er gedachte, daß nur niemand innewerde, daß das Weib in die Tenne gekommen sei.**

She lay at his feet until the morning. She rose up before one could discern another. For he said, Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor.

And she lieth down at his feet till the morning, and riseth before one doth discern another; and he saith, `Let it not be known that the woman hath come into the floor.`

- 15** **Und sprach: Lange her den Mantel, den du anhast, und halt ihn. Und sie hielt ihn. Und er maß sechs Maß Gerste und legte es auf sie. Und er kam in die Stadt.**

He said, Bring the mantle that is on you, and hold it; and she held it; and he measured six [measures] of barley, and laid it on her: and he went into the city.

And he saith, `Give the covering which [is] on thee, and keep hold on it;` and she keepeth hold on it, and he measureth six [measures] of barley, and layeth [it] on her; and he goeth into the city.

- 16 Sie aber kam zu ihrer Schwiegermutter; die sprach: Wie steht's mit dir, meine Tochter? Und sie sagte ihr alles, was ihr der Mann getan hatte,**
When she came to her mother-in-law, she said, Who are you, my daughter? She told her all that the man had done to her.
And she cometh in unto her mother-in-law, and she saith, `Who [art] thou, my daughter?` and she declareth to her all that the man hath done to her.
- 17 und sprach: Diese sechs Maß Gerste gab er mir; denn er sprach: Du sollst nicht leer zu deiner Schwiegermutter kommen.**
She said, These six [measures] of barley gave he me; for he said, "Don't go empty to your mother-in-law."
And she saith, `These six [measures] of barley he hath given to me, for he said, Thou dost not go in empty unto thy mother-in-law.`
- 18 Sie aber sprach: Sei still, meine Tochter, bis du erfährst, wo es hinaus will; denn der Mann wird nicht ruhen, er bringe es denn heute zu Ende.**
Then said she, "Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will fall; for the man will not rest, until he has finished the thing this day."
And she saith, `Sit still, my daughter, till thou dost know how the matter falleth, for the man doth not rest except he hath completed the matter to-day.`
- 1 Boas ging hinauf ins Tor und setzte sich daselbst. Und siehe, da der Erbe vorüberging, von welchem er geredet hatte, sprach Boas: Komm und setze dich hierher! Und er kam und setzte sich.**
Now Boaz went up to the gate, and sat him down there: and, behold, the near kinsman of whom Boaz spoke came by; to whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. He turned aside, and sat down.
And Boaz hath gone up to the gate, and sitteth there, and lo, the redeemer is passing by of whom Boaz had spoken, and he saith, `Turn aside, sit down here, such a one, such a one;` and he turneth aside and sitteth down.

- 2 Und er nahm zehn Männer von den Ältesten der Stadt und sprach: Setzt euch her! Und sie setzten sich.**

He took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit you down here. They sat down.

And he taketh ten men of the elders of the city, and saith, `Sit down here;` and they sit down.

- 3 Da sprach er zu dem Erben: Naemi, die vom Lande der Moabiter wiedergekommen ist, bietet feil das Stück Feld, das unsers Bruders war, Elimelechs.**

He said to the near kinsman, Naomi, who has come back out of the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land, which was our brother Elimelech`s:

And he saith to the redeemer, `A portion of the field which [is] to our brother, to Elimelech, hath Naomi sold, who hath come back from the fields of Moab;

- 4 Darum gedachte ich's vor deine Ohren zu bringen und zu sagen: Willst du es beerben, so kaufe es vor den Bürgern und vor den Ältesten meines Volkes; willst du es aber nicht beerben, so sage mir's, daß ich's wisse. Denn es ist kein Erbe außer dir und ich nach dir. Er sprach: Ich will's beerben.**

I thought to disclose it to you, saying, Buy it before those who sit here, and before the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it: but if you will not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know; for there is none to redeem it besides you; and I am after you. He said, I will redeem it.

**and I said, I uncover thine ear, saying, Buy before the inhabitants, and before the elders of my people; if thou dost redeem -- redeem, and if none doth redeem -- declare to me, and I know, for there is none save thee to redeem, and I after thee.`
And he saith, I redeem [it].`**

- 5 Boas sprach: Welches Tages du das Feld kaufst von der Hand Naemis, so mußst du auch Ruth, die Moabitin, des Verstorbenen Weib, nehmen, daß du dem Verstorbenen einen Namen erweckst auf seinem Erbteil.**
- Then said Boaz, What day you buy the field of the hand of Naomi, you must buy it also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead on his inheritance.**
- And Boaz saith, `In the day of thy buying the field from the hand of Naomi, then from Ruth the Moabitess, wife of the dead, thou hast bought [it], to raise up the name of the dead over his inheritance.`**
- 6 Da sprach er: Ich vermag es nicht zu beerben, daß ich nicht vielleicht mein Erbteil verderbe. Beerbe du, was ich beerben soll; denn ich vermag es nicht zu beerben.**
- The near kinsman said, I can't redeem it for myself, lest I mar my own inheritance: take my right of redemption on you; for I can't redeem it.**
- And the redeemer saith, `I am not able to redeem [it] for myself, lest I destroy mine inheritance; redeem for thyself -- thou -- my right of redemption, for I am not able to redeem.`**
- 7 Und es war von alters her eine solche Gewohnheit in Israel: wenn einer ein Gut nicht beerben noch erkaufen wollte, auf daß eine Sache bestätigt würde, so zog er seinen Schuh aus und gab ihn dem andern; das war das Zeugnis in Israel.**
- Now this was [the custom] in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning exchanging, to confirm all things: a man drew off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbor; and this was the [manner of] attestation in Israel.**
- And this [is] formerly in Israel for redemption and for changing, to establish anything: a man hath drawn off his sandal, and given [it] to his neighbour, and this [is] the testimony in Israel.**

- 8 Und der Erbe sprach zu Boas: Kaufe du es! und zog seinen Schuh aus.
So the near kinsman said to Boaz, Buy it for yourself. He drew off his shoe.
And the redeemer saith to Boaz, `Buy [it] for thyself,` and draweth off his sandal.**
- 9 Und Boas sprach zu den Ältesten und zu allem Volk: Ihr seid heute Zeugen, daß ich alles gekauft habe, was dem Elimelech, und alles, was Chiljon und Mahlon gehört hat, von der Hand Naemis;
Boaz said to the elders, and to all the people, You are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech`s, and all that was Chilion`s and Mahlon`s, of the hand of Naomi.
And Boaz saith to the elders, and [to] all the people, `Witnesses [are] ye to-day that I have bought all that [is] to Elimelech, and all that [is] to Chilion and Mahlon, from the hand of Naomi;**
- 10 dazu auch Ruth, die Moabitin, Mahlons Weib, habe ich mir erworben zum Weibe, daß ich dem Verstorbenen einen Namen erwecke auf sein Erbteil und sein Name nicht ausgerottet werde unter seinen Brüdern und aus dem Tor seines Orts; Zeugen seid ihr des heute.
Moreover Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead on his inheritance, that the name of the dead not be cut off from among his brothers, and from the gate of his place: you are witnesses this day.
and also Ruth the Moabite, wife of Mahlon, I have bought to myself for a wife, to raise up the name of the dead over his inheritance; and the name of the dead is not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place; witnesses ye [are] to-day.`**

- 11 Und alles Volk, das im Tor war, samt den Ältesten sprachen: Wir sind Zeugen. Der HERR mache das Weib, das in dein Haus kommt, wie Rahel und Leah, die beide das Haus Israels gebaut haben; und wachse sehr in Ephratha und werde gepriesen zu Bethlehem.**

All the people who were in the gate, and the elders, said, We are witnesses. Yahweh make the woman who has come into your house like Rachel and like Leah, which two built the house of Israel: and do you worthily in Ephrathah, and be famous in Bethlehem:

And all the people who [are] in the gate say -- also the elders -- `Witnesses! Jehovah make the woman who is coming in unto thy house as Rachel and as Leah, both of whom built the house of Israel; and do thou virtuously in Ephrathah, and proclaim the Name in Beth-Lehem;

- 12 Und dein Haus werde wie das Haus des Perez, den Thamar dem Juda gebar, von dem Samen, den dir der HERR geben wird von dieser Dirne.**

and let your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, of the seed which Yahweh shall give you of this young woman.

and let thy house be as the house of Pharez (whom Tamar bare to Judah), of the seed which Jehovah doth give to thee of this young woman.`

- 13 Also nahm Boas die Ruth, daß sie sein Weib ward. Und da er zu ihr einging, gab ihr der HERR, daß sie schwanger ward und gebar einen Sohn.**

So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife; and he went in to her, and Yahweh gave her conception, and she bore a son.

And Boaz taketh Ruth, and she becometh his wife, and he goeth in unto her, and Jehovah giveth to her conception, and she beareth a son.

- 14 Da sprachen die Weiber zu Naemi: Gelobt sei der HERR, der dir nicht hat lassen abgehen einen Erben zu dieser Zeit, daß sein Name in Israel bliebe.**
The women said to Naomi, Blessed be Yahweh, who has not left you this day without a near kinsman; and let his name be famous in Israel.
And the women say unto Naomi, `Blessed [is] Jehovah who hath not let a redeemer cease to thee to-day, and his name is proclaimed in Israel,
- 15 Der wir dich erquicken und dein Alter versorgen. Denn deine Schwiegertochter, die dich geliebt hat, hat ihn geboren, welche dir besser ist als sieben Söhne.**
He shall be to you a restorer of life, and sustain you in your old age, for your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has borne him.
and he hath been to thee for a restorer of life, and for a nourisher of thine old age, for thy daughter-in-law who hath loved thee -- who is better to thee than seven sons -- hath borne him.`
- 16 Und Naemi nahm das Kind und legte es auf ihren Schoß und ward seine Wärterin.**
Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse to it.
And Naomi taketh the lad, and layeth him in her bosom, and is to him for a nurse;
- 17 Und ihre Nachbarinnen gaben ihm einen Namen und sprachen: Naemi ist ein Kind geboren; und hießen ihn Obed. Der ist der Vater Isais, welcher ist Davids Vater.**
The women her neighbors gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they named him Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David.
and the neighbouring women give to him a name, saying, `There hath been a son born to Naomi,` and they call his name Obed; he [is] father of Jesse, father of David.

- 18 Dies ist das Geschlecht des Perez: Perez zeugte Hezron;
Now this is the history of the generations of Perez: Perez became the father of Hezron,
And these are genealogies of Pharez: Pharez begat Hezron,**
- 19 Hezron zeugte Ram; Ram zeugte Amminadab;
and Hezron became the father of Ram, and Ram became the father of Amminadab,
and Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminidab,**
- 20 Amminadab zeugte Nahesson; Nahesson zeugte Salma;
and Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon became the father of Salmon,
and Amminidab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon,**
- 21 Salma zeugte Boas; Boas zeugte Obed;
and Salmon became the father of Boaz, and Boaz became the father of Obed,
and Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed,**
- 22 Obed zeugte Isai; Isai zeugte David.
and Obed became the father of Jesse, and Jesse became the father of David.
and Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.**