Now it came about in the days when the judges governed, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Beth-lehem in Judah went to sojourn in the land of Moab with his wife and his two sons.
The name of the man was E-lim-e-lech, and the name of his wife, Na-o-mi;

and the names of his two sons were Mah-lon and Chil-i-on, E-phra-thites of Beth-le-hem in Ju-dah. Now they entered the land of Mo-ab and remained there.
Then E-lim-e-lech,
Na-o-mi’s
hus-band, died; and
she was left with
her two sons.

They took for
them-selves
Mo-a-bite
wo-men as wives;
the name of the
one was Or-pah
and the name of
the oth-er Ruth.
And they lived there about ten years.

Then both Mah-lon and Chil-i-on also died, and the woman was bereft of her two children and her husband.
Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the land of Moab, for she had heard that the Lord had visited His people in giving them food.

And Na-o-mi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you. May the Lord deal kindly with you as you have dealt with the dead and with me."
And they lift-ed
up their voi-ces
and wept a-gain;
and Or-pah kissed
her moth-er-in-
law, but Ruth clung
to her.

But Ruth said,
"Do not urge me
to leave you or
turn back from
fol-low-ing you;
for where you go,
I will go, and your
God, my God."
Thus may the Lord do to me, and worse, if anything but death parts you and me.”

When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.