

Book of Ruth – Important Terms

Naomi – wife of Elimelech

Elimelech (E-lee-ma-leck) – husband of Naomi

Mahlon (Ma lawn) – son of Elimelech and Naomi

Kilion (Kee-lee-on) – son of Elimelech and Naomi

Ruth – married to Mahlon.

Orpah (not Oprah) – married to Kilion

Ephrathites (F-ra-tites) - Families who migrated to north Judah and settled in the Bethlehem district.

Moab – was a land, a people and a kingdom located east of the Dead Sea in what is now the kingdom of Jordan.

Kinsman-Redeemer – a relative who, at his own expense, pays off the debts of another. But this theme points beyond finances, because our greatest need is not for someone to pay off financial debts – however great that need might be – but for someone to redeem us from the debt our sins have incurred.

Mara – the name Naomi requested people in Bethlehem call her because “the Almighty has made my life very bitter”.