

Küch, ancescer ce Yahshüa

Because the Israelites often forgot to honor Yahweh and His Laws, He allowed their crops to die in the fields. Many people moved to other lands to escape the shortage of food. Naomi and her family settled in Moab. Her two sons married Moabite women, Ruth and Orpah. Sadly, the time came when Naomi's husband and her sons died, leaving her alone in a foreign land. Naomi knew she needed to return to her own country, so she told her daughters-in-law, "Go back home to your own families." Ruth and Orpah both loved their mother-in-law and they wept bitterly, wanting to stay with Naomi. So Orpah left, but Ruth clung to Naomi. Her most memorable words are recorded for us (paraphrased):

"Don't send me away. Where you will go, I will go. Your people will be my people. Your Elohim will be my Elohim, and where you die, I will die and there I will be buried." So Ruth and Naomi went to Bethlehem. Naomi's peo-

Yahweh grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.

Ruth 1:9, NRSV

ple were surprised to see her. Naomi said to them, "No longer call me Naomi, but call me Marah." Marah means "bitter" in Hebrew. There was no one to take care of Ruth and Naomi, so Ruth worked in the fields gathering leftover grain. The fields were owned by Boaz, who turned out to be a distant relative of Naomi's family. He was called a "Kinsman-Redeemer" meaning he was a male relative who acted on behalf of a needy or endangered family member.

Yahweh turned a bad situation into something good! In time, Boaz married Ruth and Yahweh blessed them with descendants who would change the course of history. Ruth's family tree contains some very important people: King David and Yahshua the Messiah.

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DO YOU KNOW?

- 1. Why did Naomi and her family move out of their home country?
- A. There was a famine.
- B. There was a flood.
- C. There was pestilence.
- D. There was an earthquake.
- 2. What country did they move to?
- A. Morocco.
- B. Egypt.
- C. Assyria.
- D. Moab.
- 3. What does Marah mean in the Hebrew?
- A. Pleasant.
- B. Salty.
- C. Bitter.
- D. Sweet.
- 4. Which is/are false?
- A. Ruth and Orpah both followed Naomi home to Bethlehem.
- B. Only Orpah went home with Naomi.
- C. The whole family stayed in Moab.
- D. All are false.



- 5. Which is/are true?
- A. Ruth went home with Naomi.
- B. She embraced the Israelite culture of Naomi.
- C. Ruth remarried a Moabite.
- D. Only A. and B. are true.
- 6. Which is/are true?
- A. Ruth worked in the fields of Boaz, gathering leftover grain.
- B. Ruth worked as a seamstress.
- C. Ruth worked as a nanny to the Israelite children.
- D. Ruth worked as an inn-keeper.

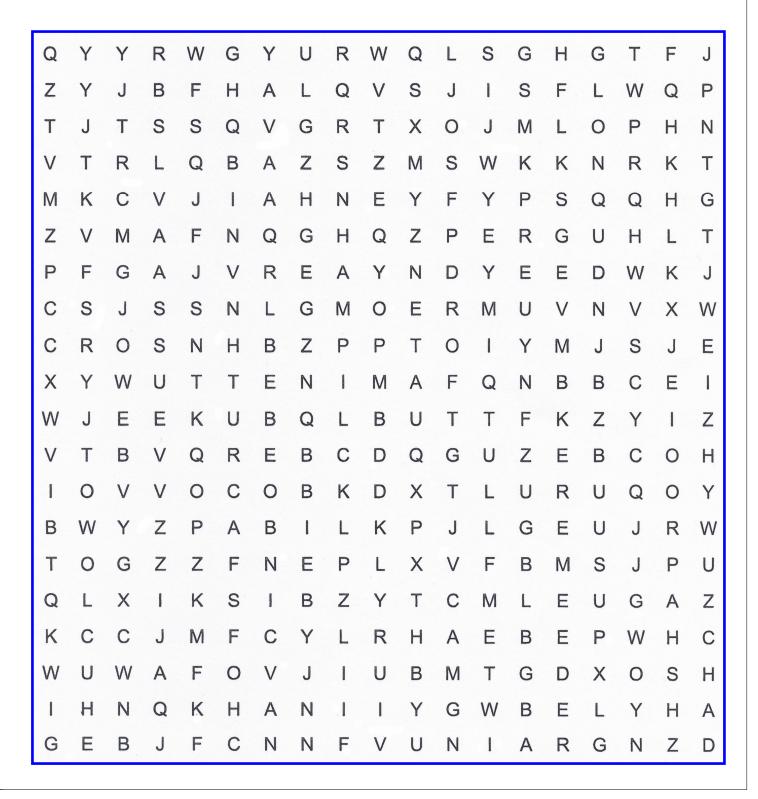
- 7. Which is/are true?
- A. Boaz married Ruth.
- B. Boaz was a kinsman-redeemer.
- C. King David and Yahshua were in Ruth's family line.
- D. All are true.



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RUTH AND NAOMI

RUTH BOAZ FAMINE KINSMAN NAOMI BETHLEHEM MOAB REDEEMER ORPAH FIELD GRAIN



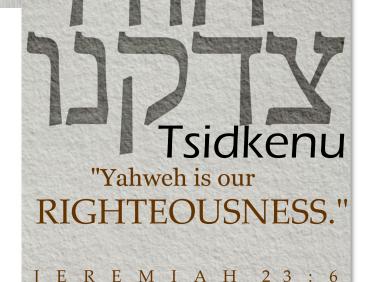
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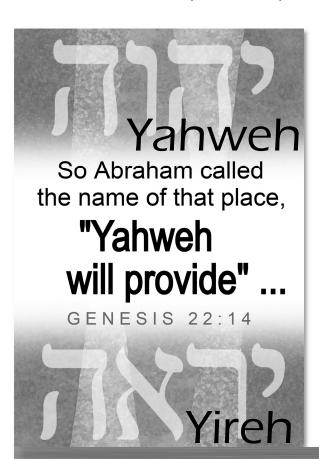
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This is the Name by which He will be called:

FAMILY MEMBERS IN HEBREW

- 1. Father—Abba (AH-buh)
- 2. Mother—Ima (EE-muh)
- 3. Grandfather—Saba (SAH-buh)
- 4. Grandmother—Sabta (SAHB-tuh)
- 5. Brother—Ach (AHK)
- 6. Sister—Achot (ah-KOHT)
- 7. Uncle—Dod (DOHD)
- 8. Aunt—Dodah (DOH-duh)





- 9. Husband—Ishi (EE-shee), literally means, "my man"
 - 10. Wife—Isha (ee-SHAH)
 - 11. Family—Mishpacha (mish-puh-HA)
 - 12. Friend—Haver (huh-VEHR)
- 13. Son—Ben (BEHN)
- 14. Daughter—Bat (BAHT)
- 15. Male Cousin (son of uncle)—Ben dod (ben-DOHD)
- 16. Male cousin (son of aunt)—Ben doda (ben-doh-DAH)
- 17. Female cousin (daughter of uncle)—Baht dod (BAHT-dohd)
- 18. Female cousin (daughter of aunt)—Baht doda (BAHT-doh-DAH)