

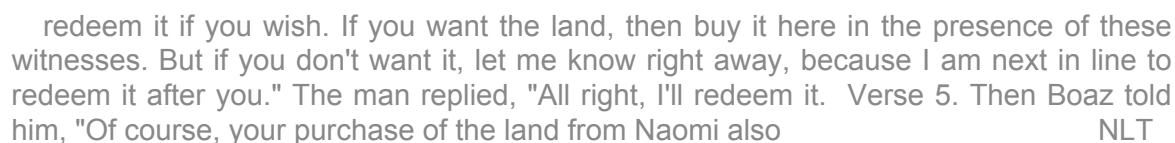
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Chapter 4. Boaz went to the town gate and took a seat there. Just then the family redeemer he had mentioned came by, so Boaz called out to him, "Come over here and sit down, friend. I want to talk to you." So they sat down together.

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Verse 2. Then Boaz called ten leaders from the town and asked them to sit as witnesses.
 Verse 3. And Boaz said to the family redeemer, "You know Naomi, who came back from Moab. She is selling the land that belonged to our relative Elimelech. Verse 4. I thought I should speak to you about it so that you can
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Verse 7. Now in those days it was the custom in Israel for anyone transferring a right of purchase to remove his sandal and hand it to the other party. This publicly validated the transaction. Verse 8. So the other family redeemer drew off his sandal as he said to Boaz, "You buy the land." NLT

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Verse 9. Then Boaz said to the elders and to the crowd standing around, "You are witnesses that today I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelech, Kilion, and Mahlon. Verse 10. And with the land I have acquired Ruth,

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the Moabite widow of Mahlon, to be my wife. This way she can have a son to carry on the family name of her dead husband and to inherit the family property here in his hometown. You are all witnesses today." Verse 11. Then the elders and all the people standing in the gate replied, "We

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are witnesses! May the LORD make this woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, from whom all the nation of Israel descended! May you prosper in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem.

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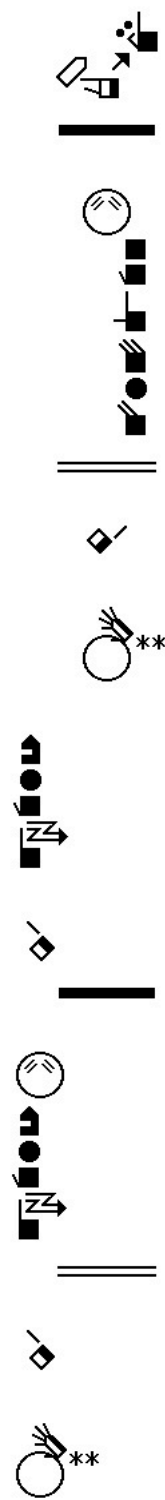
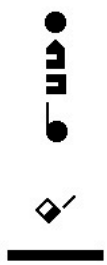
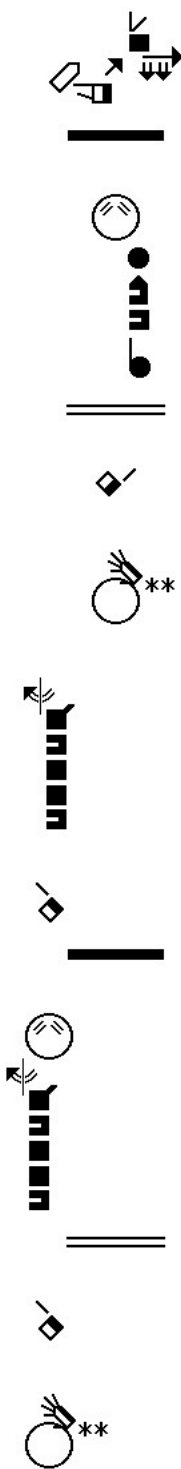

old age. For he is the son of your daughter-in-law who loves you and has been better to you than seven sons!" Verse 16. Naomi took the baby and cuddled him to her breast. And she cared for him as if he were her own. Verse 17. The neighbor women said, "Now at last Naomi has a son again!"

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And they named him Obed. He became the father of Jesse and the grandfather of David. Verse 18. This is the genealogical record of their ancestor Perez: Perez was the father of Hezron.

             	             	             
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Verse 21. Salmon was the father of Boaz. Boaz was the father of Obed. Verse 22. Obed was the father of Jesse. Jesse was the father of David.

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