“... whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God. Where thou diest, will I die; and there I will be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me.”

Ruth, I:16 – 17
“The Gleaners,” Francois Millet, 1857

http://www.arcticoak.net/wp-content/uploads/2008/06/750px-millet_gleaners.jpg
THE KINGDOMS OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH

PHOENICIA

ARAM (SYRIA)

ISRAEL

AMMON

JUDAH

PHILISTIA

EDOM

http://www.bible-people.info/Moab_map_2.gif
ELIMELECH
GOD IS MY KING

NAOMI
PEACEFUL, MY PLEASANT ONE

RUTH - MAHLON
COMPANION
WEAKNESS
NECK

CHILION – ORPAH
PINING, CONSUMPTION
DISLOYAL, BACK OF THE NECK

MOABITE
BEREFT

"DO NOT CALL ME NAOMI, BUT CALL ME MARA, FOR THE ALMIGHTY HAS DEALT VERY BITTERLY WITH ME. I WENT AWAY FULL, BUT THE LORD HAS BROUGHT ME BACK EMPTY.”
RUTH, 1:20

NAOMI WOMAN, WIDOW, CHILDLESS

RUTH WOMAN, WIDOW, CHILDLESS, FOREIGNER, SOJOURNER
NAOMI

RUTH  BOAZ

LEVIRATE MARRIAGE  REDEEMER

DEUT 25:5 – 10  NEAREST KIN

MARK 12:9 - 23  KINSMAN
“Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the Lord who has not left you this day without next of kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.”

Ruth 4:14 - 15
NAOMI

RUTH  BOAZ

OBED

HE WHO SERVES
“MAY THE LORD DEAL KINDLY WITH YOU, AS YOU HAVE DEALT KINDLY WITH THE DEAD AND WITH ME.”
RUTH 1:8

“YOU ARE MOST GRACIOUS TO ME, MY LORD, FOR YOU HAVE COMFORTED ME AND SPOKEN KINDLY WITH YOUR MAIDSERVANT, THOUGH I AM NOT ONE OF YOUR MAIDSERVANTS.”
RUTH 2:13

“BLESSED BE HE BY THE LORD, WHOSE KINDNESS HAS NOT FORSAKEN THE LIVING OR THE DEAD.”
RUTH 2:20

“MAY YOU BE BLESSED BY THE LORD, MY DAUGHTER, YOU HAVE MADE THIS LAST KINDNESS GREATER THAN THE FIRST, IN THAT YOU HAVE NOT GONE AFTER YOUNG MEN, WHETHER POOR OR RICH.”
RUTH 3:10
HESED

LOVING KINDNESS
STEADFAST LOVE
LOYALTY
FAITHFULNESS

GOD’S RELATIONSHIP TO ISRAEL
1250
CA
1000

JUDGES

1050

DAVID

721

FALL OF SAMARIA
KINGDOM OF ISRAEL

587
EXILE

FALL OF BABYLON

539

EZRA

458

NEHEMIAH

428

DEUT 23:3
EZRA 10:2-5
NEH 13:23-27

FALL OF JERUSALEM
KINGDOM OF JUDAH
BOOK OF RUTH

HESED

REDEMPTION

MOABITE, FOREIGNER, SOJOURNER

RADICAL INCLUSIVENESS