## The Literary Arrangement of Ruth 1:1-22

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A A famine in the land (1:1a)
       B Emigration from Bethlehem (1:1b)
              C "Naomi" = "Pleasant" (1:2-5)
                      D Leaving Moab for Bethlehem (1:6-7)
                             E Naomi's speech (1:8-9a)
                                     F Naomi kisses Orpah and Ruth goodbye (1:9b)
                                            G All weep loudly (1:9c)
                                                   H The daughters'-in-law desire to stay
                                                      with Naomi (1:10)
                                                         NAOMI IS TOO OLD TO
                                                         CONCEIVE (1:11-13a)
                                                   H' Naomi's desire for her daughters'-
                                                   in-law to return (1:13b)
                                            G' All weep loudly (1:14a)
                                     F' Orpah kisses Naomi goodbye (1:14b)
                             E' Ruth's speech (1:16-17)
                      D' Entering Bethlehem from Moab (1:18-19)
              C' "Marah" = "Bitter" (1:20-21)
       B' Immigration to Bethlehem (1:22a)
A' A barley harvest (1:22b)
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## Structure of whole book of Ruth

A Introduction: Ten years at Moab with death (1:1-6)
B Naomi is too old to conceive (1:7-22)
C The possible redeemer is introduced (2:1)
D Ruth and Naomi make a plan (2:2)
E Ruth and Boaz' field (2:3)
F Boaz comes from Bethlehem (2:4)
G Boaz asks: "Whose is that young woman?"
(2:5-7)
H Ruth becomes part of the Boaz household (2:8-16)
I Naomi blesses Boaz (2:17-19)
J Boaz, the one who is in position to redeem (2:20)
K Ruth joins Boaz' workers (2:21-23)

## THE PLAN LAID BY NAOMI AND RUTH (3:1-8)

K' Ruth identifies herself as Boaz' handmaid (3:9a)
J' Ruth challenges
Boaz to act as a redeemer (3:9b)
I' Boaz blesses Ruth (3:10)
H' Boaz promises to marry Ruth (3:11-15)
G' Naomi asks: "Who are you?" (3:16-18)
F' Boaz goes to Bethlehem (4:1)
E' Ruth and a field (4:2-12)
D' Ruth and Naomi's plan is fulfilled (marriage) (4:13)
C' The redeemer was not denied (4:14-16)
B' A son was born to Naomi! (4:17)
A' Epilogue: Ten generations of births (4:18-22)