

5. THE LINE CONTINUES

RUTH 4:13-17

The birth of Obed

¹³So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When when he went in to her, YHWH made her conceive, and she bore a son.

¹⁴Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be YHWH, who has not left you this day without a redeemer. May his name be celebrated in Israel! ¹⁵He shall be to you a restorer of life and sustain you in your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him."

¹⁶Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and delighted in caring for him.

¹⁷The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

'Went in to her'(verse 13) denotes sexual intercourse.

The name that the women want celebrated in Israel is YHWH, but also the new-born son.

The birth of a son has returned life to Naomi. He is God's response to her complaint in 1:20-21.

Naomi delights in her grandson, who will turn out to be the grandfather of King David.