

## Deuteronomy 25, verses 5 thru 10

ה כִּי-יִשְׁבוּ אֲחִים יַחְדָּו, וּמֵת אֶחָד מֵהֶם וּבֶן אֵין-לוֹ--לֹא-תִהְיֶה אִשְׁת־הַמֵּת הַחוּצָה, לְאִישׁ זֶר: יִבְמָה יָבֵא עָלֶיהָ, וּלְקַחְהָ לוֹ לְאִשָּׁה וַיִּבְמָהּ.	5 If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not be married abroad unto one not of his kin; her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother unto her.
ו וְהָיָה, הַבְּכוֹר אֲשֶׁר תֵּלֵד--יָקוּם, עַל-שֵׁם אָחִיו הַמֵּת; וְלֹא-יִמָּחַה שְׁמוֹ, מִיִּשְׂרָאֵל.	6 And it shall be, that the first-born that she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother that is dead, that his name be not blotted out of Israel.
ז וְאִם-לֹא יִחַפֵּץ הָאִישׁ, לְקַחַת אֶת-יִבְמָתוֹ; וְעָלְתָה יִבְמָתוֹ הַשְּׁעָרָה אֶל-הַזִּקְנִים, וְאָמְרָה מֵאֵן יִבְמִי לְהָקִים לְאָחִיו שֵׁם בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל--לֹא אָבָה, יִבְמִי.	7 And if the man like not to take his brother's wife, then his brother's wife shall go up to the gate unto the elders, and say: 'My husband's brother refuseth to raise up unto his brother a name in Israel; he will not perform the duty of a husband's brother unto me.'
ח וְקָרְאוּ-לוֹ זִקְנֵי-עִירוֹ, וְדָבְרוּ אֵלָיו; וְעָמַד וְאָמַר, לֹא חָפְצָתִי לְקַחְתָּהּ.	8 Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak unto him; and if he stand, and say: 'I like not to take her';
ט וְנָגְשָׁה יִבְמָתוֹ אֵלָיו, לְעֵינֵי הַזִּקְנִים, וְחָלְצָה נַעֲלָהּ מֵעַל רַגְלוֹ, וִירָקָה בִּפְנֵיו; וְעָנְתָה, וְאָמְרָה, כִּכָּה יַעֲשֶׂה לְאִישׁ, אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יִבְנֶה אֶת-בֵּית אָחִיו.	9 then shall his brother's wife draw nigh unto him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face; and she shall answer and say: 'So shall it be done unto the man that doth not build up his brother's house.'
י וְנִקְרָא שְׁמוֹ, בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל: בֵּית, חֲלוּץ הַנֶּעֱלָ. {ס}	10 And his name shall be called in Israel the house of him that had his shoe loosed. {S}

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And yet that is not what happens here printed below and as a result, this motif along with a rather outsized portion of history now unfolds . . . of course, with various meanings for differing traditions and at varied times and colliding circumstances.

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## Genesis 38: verses 6 thru 11

ו וַיִּקַּח יְהוּדָה אִשָּׁה, לְעֵר בְּכוֹרוֹ; וּשְׁמָהּ, תָּמָר.	6 And Judah took a wife for Er his first-born, and her name was Tamar.
ז וַיְהִי, עֵר בְּכוֹר יְהוּדָה--רָע, בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה; וַיַּמְתֵּהוּ, יְהוָה.	7 And Er, Judah's first-born, was wicked in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD slew him.
ח וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוּדָה לְאוֹנָן, בֹּא אֶל-אִשְׁתִּי אַחִיךָ וַיְבִיט אֶתָּהּ; וְהָקָם זָרַע, לְאַחִיךָ.	8 And Judah said unto Onan: 'Go in unto thy brother's wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother unto her, and raise up seed to thy brother.'
ט וַיַּדַּע אוֹנָן, כִּי לֹא לוֹ יִהְיֶה הַזָּרַע; וְהָיָה אִם-בָּא אֶל-אִשְׁתִּי אַחִיו, וְשָׁחַת אֶרְצָהּ, לְבִלְתִּי נָתֹן-זָרַע, לְאַחִיו.	9 And Onan knew that the seed would not be his; and it came to pass when he went in unto his brother's wife, that he spilled it on the ground, lest he should give seed to his brother.
י וַיֵּרַע בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה, אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה; וַיָּמָת, גַּם-אֹתוֹ.	10 And the thing which he did was evil in the sight of the LORD; and He slew him also.
יא וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוּדָה לְתָמָר כְּלָתוֹ שְׁבִי אֶלְמָנָה בֵּית-אָבִיךָ, עַד-יִגְדֹּל שְׁלָה בְנִי--כִּי אָמַר, פֶּן-יָמוּת גַּם-הוּא כְּאַחִיו; וְתָלַךְ תָּמָר, וְתָשָׁב בֵּית אָבִיהָ.	11 Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter-in-law: 'Remain a widow in thy father's house, till Shelah my son be grown up'; for he said: 'Lest he also die, like his brethren.' And Tamar went and dwelt in her father's house.

## Ruth Chapter 3, verses 12 thru 13

The Jewish people, Judea, Israel and those who were presumed to be dead, await redemption . . . and come alive again . . .

יב וַעֲתָה כִּי אָמַנָּם, כִּי אִם ( ) גֹּאֵל אָנֹכִי; וְגַם יֵשׁ גֹּאֵל, קְרוֹב מִמֶּנִּי.	12 And now it is true that <u>I am a near kinsman</u> ; howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I.
יג לִינִי הַלַּיְלָה, וְהָיָה בִּבְקֹר אִם-יִגְאָלְךָ טוֹב יִגָּאֵל, וְאִם-לֹא יִחַפֵּץ לְגֹאֵלְךָ וְגֹאֲלֶיךָ אָנֹכִי, חִי-יְהוָה; שֹׁכְבִי, עַד-הַבֹּקֶר.	13 Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; <u>let him do the kinsman's part</u> ; but if he be not willing to do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, as the LORD liveth; lie down until the morning.'

### Ruth Chapter 4: verses 9 thru 10

to come alive again. Where have we witnessed this in our own times?  
Where in “deed” . . .

<p>ט וַיֹּאמֶר בְּעֵז לְזִקְנִים וְכָל-הָעָם, עֲדִים אֲתֶם הַיּוֹם, כִּי קִנִּיתִי אֶת-כָּל-אֲשֶׁר לְאֵלִימֶלֶךְ, וְאֵת כָּל-אֲשֶׁר לְכִלְיוֹן וּמַחְלֹן--מִיַּד, נָעַמִי.</p>	<p>9 And Boaz said unto the elders, and unto all the people: 'Ye are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi.</p>
<p>י וְגַם אֶת-רוֹת הַמֹּאבִּיָּה אִשְׁתִּי מַחְלֹן קִנִּיתִי לִי לְאִשָּׁה, לְהָקִים שֵׁם-הַמֵּת עַל-נַחֲלָתוֹ, וְלֹא-יִכָּרֵת שֵׁם-הַמֵּת מֵעַם אֲחִיו, וּמִשַּׁעַר מְקוֹמוֹ: עֲדִים אֲתֶם, הַיּוֹם.</p>	<p>10 Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I acquired to be my wife, <u>to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place; ye are witnesses this day.</u>'</p>