

**HOPE IN HARD TIMES****(The Book of Ruth) #2:****“Pledge of Allegiance”***Ruth 1:1-19a***I. RUTH CHOSE  
NAOMI’S GOD  
AND HIS PATH***Ruth 1:16*

**“Where you go I will go,  
and where you stay I will stay.  
Your people will be my people  
and your God my God.”**

*Ruth 1:16***John 14:6**

**NIV: “the way” =  
GREEK: “hod-os” =  
“way, road, path”**

**“Wherever  
He Leads,  
I’ll Go”**

**II. RUTH CHOSE  
NAOMI’S GOD  
AND HIS PROVISION***Ruth 1:16*

Elimelech (My God is King)  
 Naomi (Pleasant, Delightful)  
 Mahlon (Sickly, Pining Away)  
 Kilion (The End of the Line)

**Orpah =  
 “the back of  
 the neck”**

**Ruth =  
 “one who is friendly,  
 one who associates,  
 a companion”**

**III. RUTH CHOSE  
 NAOMI’S GOD  
 AND HIS PEOPLE**  
*Ruth 1:16*

**FOUR GREEK WORDS  
 FOR LOVE:**

1. Eros = Marital
2. Storge = Parental
3. Philia = Fraternal
4. Agape = Sacrificial

**IV. RUTH CHOSE  
 NAOMI’S GOD  
 AND HIS PERSON**  
*Ruth 1:16*

## “EL” = “GOD”

- Elohim (God)
- El Shaddai (Lord God Almighty)
- El Elyon (The Most High God)
- El Olam (The Everlasting God)

## “YAHWEH” = “LORD”

Often Written as “Jehovah” =

Combination of Consonants of Yahweh (LORD as God’s Name)  
and Vowels of Adonai (Lord as God’s Descriptive Title)

Hence... YaHoW(V)aH...

- Jehovah Nissi (The Lord My Banner)
- Jehovah Raah (The Lord My Shepherd)
- Jehovah Rapha (The Lord That Heals)
- Jehovah Shammah (The Lord Is There)
- Jehovah Tsidkenu (The Lord Our Righteousness)
- Jehovah Mekoddishkem (The Lord Who Sanctifies You)
  - Jehovah Jireh (The Lord Will Provide)
  - Jehovah Shalom (The Lord Is Peace)
  - Jehovah Sabaoth (The Lord of Hosts)

**BUT WHAT  
DOES THE NAME  
“YAHWEH”  
ACTUALLY MEAN?**

**Exodus 3:14  
ENGLISH: “I AM” =  
HEBREW: “Eh·yeh” =  
“I am”**

**Exodus 20:7  
ENGLISH: “Lord” =  
HEBREW: “Yah·weh” =  
“He Who Is”**

**Ruth to Naomi:  
“Your El, YAHWEH,  
will be my El” =  
“the God of you (a Hebrew),  
Whose name is YAHWEH,  
will now also be  
the God of me (a Moabite)”**

**THE SEVEN "I AM" SAYINGS OF JESUS  
IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**

1. I AM the Bread of Life (6: 35, 48)
2. I AM the Light of the World (8: 12, 9:5)
3. I AM the Door (10:9)
4. I AM the Good Shepherd (10:11)
5. I AM the Resurrection and the Life (11:25)
6. I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life (14:6)
7. I AM the True Vine (John 15:1)

**V. RUTH CHOSE  
NAOMI'S GOD  
AND HIS PROVIDENCE**

*Ruth 1:17*

**"Where you die I will die, and  
there I will be buried..."**

*Ruth 1:17*

**So the two women went on  
until they came to Bethlehem.**

*Ruth 1:19a*