

Notable Vocabulary for Ruth Chapter 1-3

*Only includes words that fall below 47+ frequency in the Hebrew Bible, i.e words that go beyond the 90% recognition cutoff. Excludes names and proper nouns.

	Root	Definition	Location
1	כָּלָה	Daughter-in-law	1:6,7,8,22
2	נָשַׁק	Kiss	1:9,14
3	מֶעָה	Womb (could also refer to entrails, intestines, inner being, stomach)	1:11
4	זָקַן	To be old, to grow old	1:12
5	תִּקְוָה	Hope, expectation	1:12
6	שָׁבַר	Qal: Test Piel: Wait, hope	1:13
7	עָגַן	Nifal: be locked in, be hindered from entering a new marriage	1:13
8	מָרַ	To be bitter	1:13, 20
9	חָמוּת	Mother-in-law	1:14
10	יְבָמָה	Brother's widow/sister-in-law	1:15

11	פגע	Plead, press, meet, fall upon	1:16, 2:22
12	פרד	Hifil: separate	1:17
13	אמץ	Hitpael: prove to be strong, be determined	1:18
14	הום	Nif: go wild, be in a stir	1:19
15	ריקם	empty	1:21
16	תחלה	beginning	1:22
17	שערה	barley	1:22
18	מודע	relative	2:1
19	לקט	Qal: gather, glean	2:2, 3, 7, 8, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23,
20	שבֹּלֶת	An ear of barley/grain/corn	2:2
21	קצר	gather	2:3, 4 , 5, 6, 7, 9, 14
22	קרה	Meet, encounter, happen to	2:3

23	מְקֶרֶה	Incident, chance	2:3
24	עֲמָר	sheaves	2:7, 15
25	צמא	thirst	2:9
26	שֶׁאֵב	Draw water	2:9
27	נָכְרִי	Foreign, foreigner	2:10
28	מוֹלָדֶת	Descendants, relations, descent	2:11
29	תָּמוּל	yesterday	2:11
30	שֶׁלֻּשׁוֹם	Usually paired after תָּמוּל to mean 'previously'	2:11
31	מִשְׁכָּרֶת	Wage, reward	2:12
32	שְׁלֵמָה	Whole, full	2:12
33	חָסָה	Take refuge	2:12
34	הֵלֵם	Here, hither	2:14
35	טָבַל	dip	2:14
36	פֶּת	Scrap, piece, morsel	2:14
37	חֶמֶץ	Vinegar, wine	2:14

38	צֶד	side	2:14
39	צבט	Pick up and offer, pass	2:14
40	קָלִי	Roasted grain	2:14
41	כלם	Hif: harm, shame	2:15
42	שלל	Pull out some stalks from sheaves	2:16
43	עֶבֶת	Bundle (hapax legomenon)	2:16
44	גער	Rebuke, speak insultingly to	2:16
45	חבט	Beat out (grain)	2:17
46	אֵיפָה	Ephah	2:17
47	חֲטָה	wheat	2:23
48	מְנוּחַ	Rest, a resting place	3:1
49	זרה	To scatter, winnow	3:2
50	גֵּרֶן	Threshing floor	3:2
51	סוד	Anoint oneself	3:3
52	שִׁמְלָה	Outer garment, cloak, mantle	3:3

53	קֶצֶה	Edge, end, extremity	3:7
54	עֵרְמָה	Heaps of grain/fruit, granaries	3:7
55	לֵט	secrecy	3:7
56	חרד	Trembled, startled	3:8
57	לפת	Nif: turned over	3:8
58	עָשִׂיר	rich	3:10
59	אֱמָנָם	Truly, indeed	3:12
60	יֵהֵב	Impv: הָבִי Give, come	3:15
61	מִטְפָּחַת	Shawl, garment	3:15
62	אחז	Seize, grasp, hold on to	3:15
63	שקט	Be at rest, be quiet	3:18