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LYRICS

REF: 30-024

1 Naomi maligned God's Name. Naomi Maligned God's Name....

Scriptures (with variations of same music, repeated):

READING 1. Ruth 1: 13 and 19-20. [Naomi said to her daughters-in-law], "THE HAND OF THE LORD HAS GONE OUT AGAINST ME.".... "Now [Naomi and Ruth] went until they came to Bethelehem... all the city was excited because of them! And the women said, 'Is this Naomi?' But [Naomi] said to them, 'Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, FOR THE ALMIGHTY HAS DEALT VERY BITTERLY WITH ME'."

(1 continued)

In her grief of loved ones lost, she maligned God's reputation.

Told all of her bitterness, blamed God for her loss and grief.

Yahweh's blessings stayed unseen: Sending ruth with Naomi.

Touched Ruth's heart to love her deep -

Started the Plan that soon would be the

Lineage of God's Son, Jesus, Savior come: His great-great-grandmother come to meet Boaz, through the Life of Naomi.

CHORUS

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Will **we** BLAME God when we don't see how God can bring GOOD from our Grief? Romans 8:28.... Will **we** BELIEVE God's PROMISE – or live BITTERLY ???

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READING 2. Ruth 1: 19b-21. And the women said, 'Is this Naomi?' But [Naomi] said to them, 'Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, FOR THE ALMIGHTY HAS DEALT VERY BITTERLY WITH ME. I WENT OUT FULL and THE LORD has brought me home again EMPTY... The LORD has testified against me, and THE ALMIGHTY has AFFLICTED me'."

(2 continued)

In her focus on herself, Naomi stopped trusting in God.

Spread her wrong thoughts about God. Spoke her blame of Him to all.

Yet Yahweh God kept working out His Plan to help Naomi.

With compassion, gave her thought,

what to suggest to her daughter-in-law. The

Lineage of Jesus, Savior, began through the plans Naomi gave to

Ruth to wed Boaz, and start David's Lineage.

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Naomi learned to PRAISE God – **saw God brings us through sorrow. READING 3.** Ruth 4: 13-14. The LORD gave Boaz and Ruth a son. "Then the WOMEN said to Naomi, 'Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a close relative; and may his name be famous in Israel'.... And they called his name OBED. He is the father of JESSE, the father of David." *<The forefather Lineage of Jesus, our Messiah.>*

(3 continued)

Slowly she saw God's Blessings. Naomi stopped giving God blame.

Through Ruth, God gave family, love, support, and a baby.

And Yahweh God received praise from all who saw what He did.

But not for more centuries

did people really see God's Plan: Through

Naomi He brought RUTH to His land, to be Jesus's great-great-grandmother.

In Bethlehem, God's prophesied city of MESSIAH-TO-COME!

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END: Naomi's friends blessed God's Namesaw God's joys & gave Him praise.

READING 4. Ruth 4:14-16. "Then the WOMEN said to Naomi, 'Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a close relative... and may his name be to you a **Restorer of Life** and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who is better to you than 7 sons, has bone him.' Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her bosom and became a nurse to him."

SCRIPTURES Romans 8, New Living Translation. 2nd Peter 3:9 answers the many questions about end of verse 28, <u>as does John 3:16-17.... God has a special purpose for ALL persons and wants ALL to be saved!</u>

25 "But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.)
26 And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. 27 And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will. 28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God...."

<u>Song Story</u>. Another song written very quickly at the church altar, inspired by God's Spirit. At least, verses 1 and 3 were written there. Sometime the next morning, I came up with the idea for what is now verse 4. Then as I was typing up my journal music setup, I decided that I wanted to make **more emphasis about how we insult God by blaming**Him for things.... So I added verse 2 and the long Prelude that was not in the original plan....