

Learning to Live with Imperfection: Lot, Ruth, & David

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Numbers 24:17

What I see for them is not yet, What I behold will not be soon: A star rises from Jacob, A scepter comes forth from Israel; It smashes the brow of Moab, The foundation of all children of Seth.

רַב־מַבְדִּי כֹזִי"י

וְיִמְאָר תִּתֵּן אֵלָיו וְסִנְיָא אֵלָיו
מִן בְּמִקְעָמִי בְּכֹכַב הַיְהוָה בְּחֹק
תִּתְאַפֵּי עֲרֻמוֹ אֲלֻטְשֵׁימ טִבְיָשׁ

Isaiah 11:3

He [the Messiah] shall sniff out [the truth] by his reverence for the Eternal: He shall not judge by what his eyes behold, nor decide by what his ears perceive.

והיעשיא"י:ג'

הוּהִי אֶרְיֵב חֻמָּהוּ
אֶתְמַל־אֱלֹהִים טַפְּשֵׁי וַיִּנְיַע
מִשְׁמַל־אֱלֹהִים חֲכֹוֹי וַנְּזַאֲ

Ruth 1:4

And they [two Israelite men] took for themselves wives of the women of Moab: the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth; and they dwelt there about ten years.

יא תור:ד'

וּבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
תָּקַח לָהֶם אִשִּׁים
מִבְּנוֹת מוֹאָב
שֵׁם הָאִשָּׁה הָאֶחָדָה
וּרְפָאָה וְשֵׁם
הַשֵּׁנִית רֹוּת
וַיָּדְוּ שָׁם
עַד עֲשָׂרָה שָׁנִים.

Genesis 19:30-32

And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar; and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters. And the first-born said to the younger: 'Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in to us after the manner of all the earth. Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve the seed of our father.'

תישאר בט"י: לי-בי"ל

בָּשׂוּ תַעֲצֹמ טוֹ לְעִיָּא
תְּשׂוּ הָבִיב וְתִבְבּ כִּי תִמְעַ
בָּשׂוּ תַעֲצֹב תִּשְׁלֵא
תְּשׂוּ אִיהָ וְהַתְּמִיב וְתִבְבּ :
הִיכִפֶּה תִמְאִתּוּ
הִתְעַצֶּה לָא קִיז וּבִפְא
אִבְלָא עֲאֵב אֶן שְׂאֵל
רְבִיב וּתְלַע עֲאֵה לָכּ :
תְּשִׁיב תְּכַל וּבִפְא תְּאֵן
הִתְחִיבוּ תְּמַע וּבִפְשִׁנוּ
עֵד וּבִפְאֵמ :

Genesis 19:33-34

And they made their father drink wine that night. And the first-born went in, and lay with her father; and he did not know when she lay down, or when she arose. And it came to pass on the next day, that the first-born said to the younger: 'Behold, I lay last night with my father. Let us make him drink wine tonight also; and you will go in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.'

תישאר בט"י: ג"ל-ל-ד"ל

וַיִּשְׂאוּ וַיִּבְּאוּ יְהוָה וְהִיבְּאוּ יְהוָה
אֶת הַלֵּיל אִתּוֹ
וַיִּשְׁבּוּ וַיִּשְׁבּוּ
הַבָּאֵתָא עֵי-אֱלוֹ
יְהוָה: וַיִּבְּאוּ וַיִּבְּאוּ
וַיִּשְׁבּוּ וַיִּשְׁבּוּ
הַיְעָצָה-לָא וַיִּבְּאוּ
נָשָׂא בַּאֲתָא וַיִּבְּאוּ
הַלְלָה-סֵג בְּנֵשׁ יֵאָבוּ
עַד וַיִּבְּאוּ הַחֲנוּ וַיִּבְּאוּ

Genesis 19:35-37

And they made their father drink wine that night also. And the younger arose, and lay with him; and he did not know when she lay down, or when she arose. And so both the daughters of Lot were pregnant by their father. And the first-born bore a son, and called his name Moab—the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day.

תישאר בט"י: ה"ל-ז"ל

אָהָה הַלַּיְלָה סָגְרָה אֶת־
הַיַּיִן וַתֵּבֵא וַתֵּאָן אִתּוֹ
וַתֵּעַ פְּסִיתָהּ וַתִּיעַצֶה
עַיִן־אֱלוֹ: וַתִּקְבְּוּ וַתִּשְׁבּוּ
וַתִּהְיֶינָה תַּשׁ טַל־תּוֹבֵב
וַתִּכְפֹּה דָוָהּ: הַיַּיִן
אָהָה שׁוֹמֵם נָשׂ אֶת־וּ
שׁוֹמֵם־בָּא מִן־דָּע:

Ruth 4:13

So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife; and he went in to her, and the Eternal gave her conception, and she bore a son.

י'ד תור: ג"י

חֲקִיָּו וְלִי יִחַתּוּ תֹר תָּא זַע ב
הִילָא אַ בִּיּו תִשְׁאַל תִּיּו הָוהִי
וּב דְּלִיתּוּ וְנִוְהָ הָל.

Ruth 4:16-17

And Naomi took the child,
and laid it in her bosom, and
became nurse to it. And the
women, her neighbors gave it
a name, saying: ‘There is a
son born to Naomi’; and they
called his name Obed; he is
the father of Jesse, the father
of David.

יד תור: ז״ט-ז״י

חָקְתָּו דְּלִיָּה תָא יִמְעַנ
וּל יִחַתּוּ חֲקִיחָב וַחֲתָנֶיָּתוּ
תִּפְנֹו אֶל . תּוֹנֵשָׁה וּל הַנְּאֻקְתָּו
מִשֵּׁר מֵאֵל יִמְעַנְל וּב דְּלִי
יָבֵא אוֹה דְּבוֹע וּמִשֵּׁ הַנְּאֻקְתָּו
דְּדָר יָבֵא נְשִׁי .