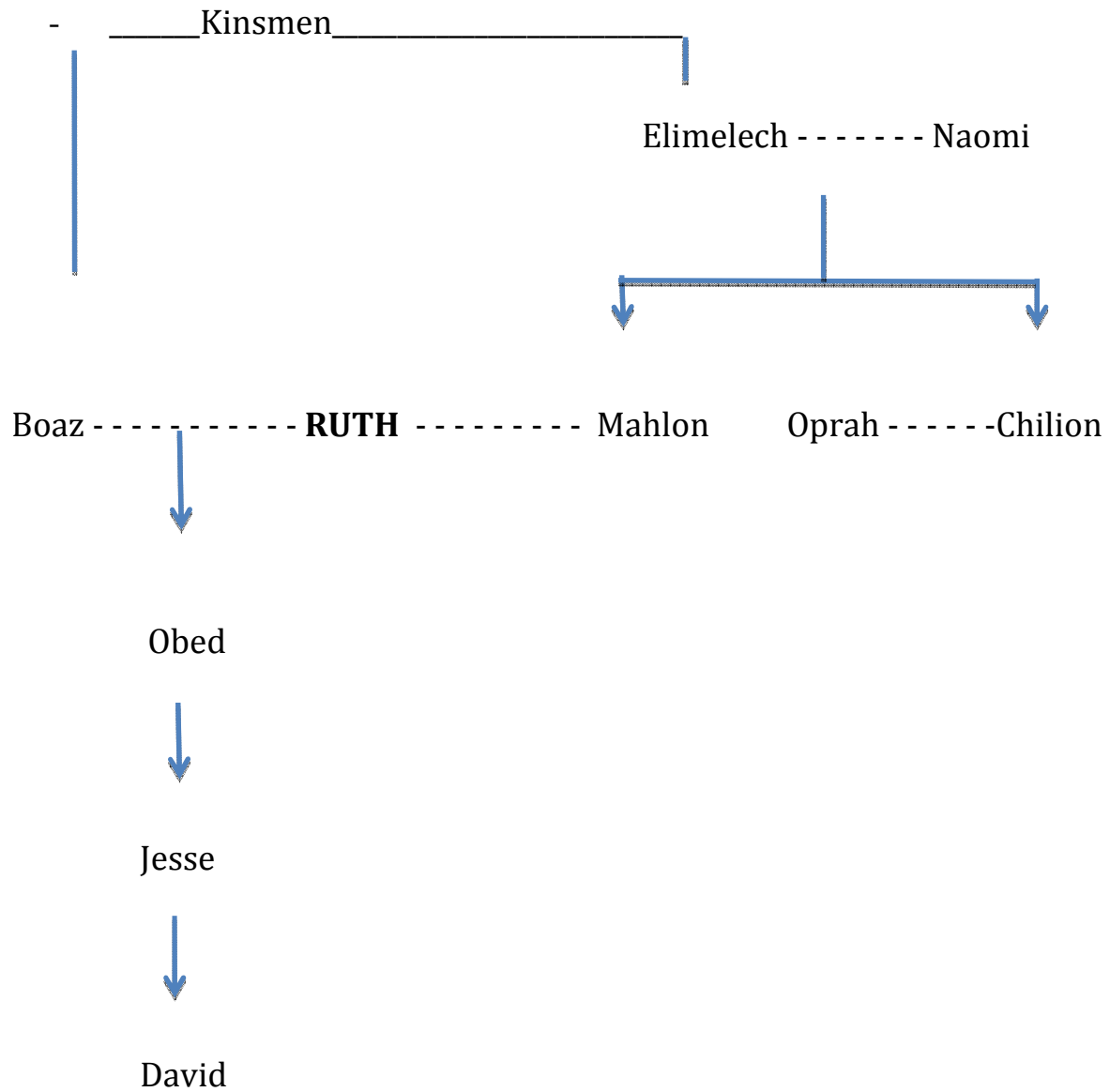


# Family Tree: the descent of David from Ruth



## **Ruth, Some Background Information: A Handout**

**Chesed** - (Hebrew), loyalty or faithfulness arising from commitment

**Ephah** – an ephah would be about 30-50 pounds of grain

**Gleaning**- a practice in which the poor would follow behind the reapers in the field in order to gather what had been dropped or left behind. Israel's law mandated provision for the poor by allowing them to follow behind the harvesters. Those who were gleaning would have to work hard for what they were gathering. This practice enabled them to maintain their dignity in the midst of their dependence on others for their food.

**Go'el** – nearest kin, a close relative who takes responsibility for protecting the rights of a family in the absence of the head of household.

### **Meaning of Names in Ruth:**

Elimelech – “My God is King”

Mahlon – “Sickness”

Chilion/ Kilion – “Spent”

Orpah – “Back of the Neck”

Naomi – “Pleasant”

Mara – “Bitter”

Ruth – “Friend, companion”

Boaz – “In Him is Strength”

Bethlehem – “House of Bread”

**Threshing floor:** an elevated open space where the kernels of grain would be separated from the chaff (winnowing) The harvesters or owner of the field would sleep at or near the threshing floor to protect the harvest at night.

