## ~MAHLON (78)

(Mah'lon) [possibly from a root meaning, grow weak, fall sick]

- Son of Elimelech and Naomi. During a famine in the days of the Judges, he moved with his parents from Bethlehem in Judah to Moab. There Mahlon married the Moabitess Ruth, but he died childless.
- Now it came about in the days when the judges administered justice that a famine arose in the land, and a man proceeded to go from Bethlehem in Judah to reside as an alien in the fields of Moab, he with his wife and his two sons. (Ruth 1:1)
- And the man's name was Elimelech, and his wife's name Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. Eventually they came to the fields of Moab and continued there. (Ruth 1:2)
- In time Elimelech the husband of Naomi died, so that she remained with her two sons. (Ruth 1:3)
- Later the men took wives for themselves, Moabite women. The name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth. And they went on dwelling there for about ten years. (Ruth 1:4)
- In time the two of them, Mahlon and Chilion, also died, so that the woman remained without her two children and her husband. (Ruth 1:5)
- And also Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, I do buy for myself as a wife to cause the name of the dead man to rise upon his inheritance and that the name of the dead man may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his place. You are witnesses today. (Ruth 4:10)
- Ruth returned to Judah with her mother-in-law and, complying with the Law of Levirate marriage, married Boaz.
- Then Boaz said to the older men and all the people. You are witnesses today that I do buy all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon from the hand of Naomi. (Ruth 4:9)

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- In case brothers dwell together and one of them has died without his having a son, the wife of the dead one should not become a strange man's outside. Her brother-in-law should go to her, and he must take her as his wife and perform brother-in-law marriage with her. (Deuteronomy 25:5)
- And it must occur that the firstborn whom she will bear should succeed to the name of his dead brother, that his name may not be wiped out of Israel. (Deuteronomy 25:6)
- The resulting family line produced David and led to Jesus Christ.
- And Obed became father to Jesse, and Jesse became father to David. (Ruth 4:22)
- Salmon became father to Boaz by Rahab. Boaz became father to Obed by Ruth. Obed became father to Jesse. (Matthew 1:5)
- Jesse became father to David the king. David became father to Solomon by the wife of Uriah. (Matthew 1:6)
- Jacob became father to Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. (Matthew 1:16)