

Chiastic Structure

A - Introduction - focus on **Boaz** (1-3)

B - Boaz' "**blessing**" by his workers, **notices** Ruth (4-5)

C - Ruth's desire to **gleaning** in **Boaz'** field (6-7)

D - Boaz' invitation to Ruth to **drink** and **charge to young men** regarding Ruth (8-9)

E - Ruth's response: her **amazement** at Boaz' **grace** towards her as a "foreigner" (10)

F - Boaz' praise and blessing of Ruth (11-12)

E' - Ruth's response: her **amazement** at Boaz' **grace** towards her (13)

D' - Boaz' invitation to Ruth to **eat** and **charge to young men** regarding Ruth (14-16)

C' - Ruth's action **gleaning** in **Boaz'** field (17-18)

B' - Boaz' "**blessing**" by Naomi for having noticed **Ruth** (19-20)

A' - Conclusion, with focus on **Boaz** (20-23)