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¹ Ruth 3:9 - close relative: "Kinsman"; "to redeem (according to the Oriental law of kinship, i.e. to be the next of kin (and as such to buy back a relative's property, marry his widow, etc.):...avenger, deliver, (do, perform the part of near, next) kinsfolk, purchase, ransom, redeem, revenger." [1350](#) *ga'al*. Found in Ruth 3:9, 12, 12, 13, 13, 13; 4:1, 3, 6, 8, 14.

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