

Woven in the Womb

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Unborn?

Psalm 139:14–16 (ESV)

14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. **15** My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. **16** Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

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They are children/sons

Gen. 25:21-22 - 21 And Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren. And the LORD granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived. **22** The children struggled together within her, and she said, “If it is thus, why is this happening to me?” So she went to inquire of the LORD.

Ruth 1:11— 11 But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands?”

Gen. 3:16 — 16 To the woman he said, “... you shall bring forth children.”

Hebrew: BEN – son/child

Some are Male from Conception

Job 3:3 (ESV) — 3 “Let the day perish on which I was born, and the night that said, ‘A man is conceived.’

Hebrew: GEBER – appears 65 times in scripture and always refers to a male human being

They are Infants/Children

Job 3:16 (ESV) — 16 Or why was I not as a hidden stillborn child, as infants who never see the light?

Hebrew: OLAL – appears 20 times in Scripture, always referring to a very young human being

They have Family Relationships

Hosea 12:3 — 3 In the womb he took his brother by the heel, and in his manhood he strove with God.

Luke 1:43 — 43 And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

Greek: MATER 82x, always refers to a female who has brought or is bringing a new human being into the world

They are Babies

Luke 1:41 (ESV) — 41 And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb.

Greek: BREPHOS, appears 8x in the NT, always of a human baby distinct from its mother

They are the Same Thing at Birth that
they are at Conception

Luke 1:36 - And behold, your relative Elizabeth
in her old age has also conceived a son

Luke 1:57 - Now the time came for Elizabeth to
give birth, and she bore a son.

Greek: HUIOS - son

They Bear the Image of their Father from Conception

Genesis 5:1–3 - When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. **2** Male and female he created them.... **3** When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.

Seth received the likeness and image of Adam when he was fathered/begotten/conceived

He received the image of God at the same time!

Genesis 1:27

They Deserve the Same Legal Protection as other Human Beings

Exodus 21:22–25 - “When men strive together and hit a pregnant woman, so that her children come out, but there is no harm, the one who hit her shall surely be fined, as the woman’s husband shall impose on him, and he shall pay as the judges determine. **23** But if there is harm, then you shall pay life for life, **24** eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, **25** burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

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Adult



Childhood



Birth



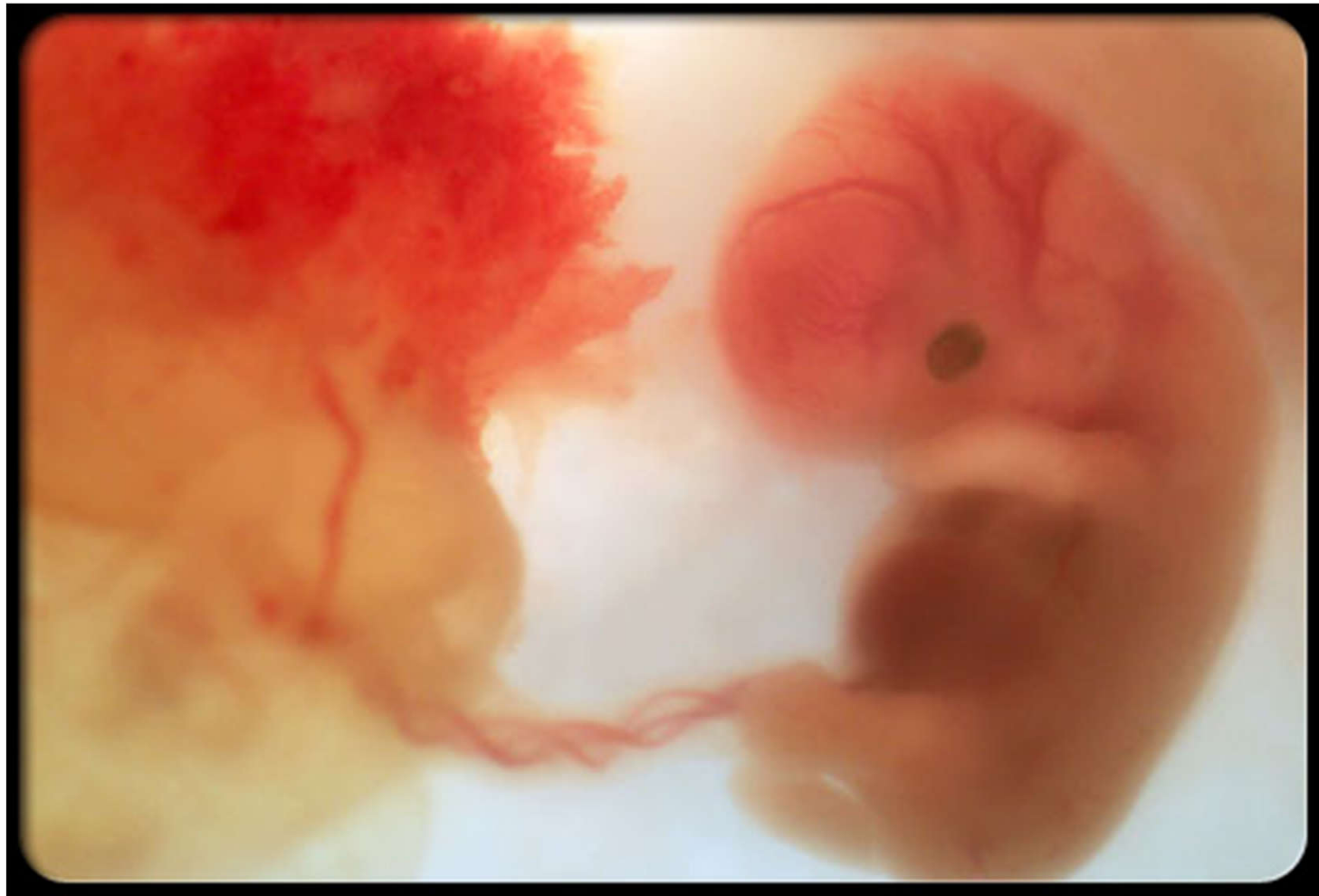
4-9 Months



3 Months



Two Months



1 Month



Conception



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Titus 2:4 (ESV) — 4 and so train the young women to love their husbands and children,

1 Thessalonians 2:7 (ESV) — 7 But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children.

Matthew 18:5 (ESV) — 5 “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me,

Matthew 22:38–39 (ESV) — 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Counter Examples

Psalm 106:37–38 - They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons; **38** they poured out innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, and the land was polluted with blood.

Ezekiel 16:20–21 - And you took your sons and your daughters, whom you had borne to me, and these you sacrificed to them to be devoured. Were your whorings so small a matter **21** that you slaughtered my children and delivered them up as an offering by fire to them?

Counter Examples

Genesis 42:22 (ESV) — 22 And Reuben answered them, “Did I not tell you not to sin against the boy? But you did not listen. So now there comes a reckoning for his blood.”

Counter Examples

2 Kings 8:12 (ESV) - And Hazael said, “Why does my lord weep?” He answered, “Because I know the evil that you will do to the people of Israel. You will set on fire their fortresses, and you will kill their young men with the sword and dash in pieces their little ones and rip open their pregnant women.”

Counter Example

Matthew 2:16 (ESV) — 16 Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men.

Counter Examples

Exodus 1:16–18 -“When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live.” **17** But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live. **18** So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and let the male children live?”

Acts 7:19 - He dealt shrewdly with our race and forced our fathers to expose their infants, so that they would not be kept alive.

Counter Examples

Genesis 9:2–6 - **3** Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. **4** But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. **5** And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. **6** “Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.

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Acts 2:36–38 (ESV)

36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” **37** Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” **38** And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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