

File under: βρέφος or brephos  
English: "baby"

This neuter noun does not occur very often in the N.T. (8x). The Liddell and Scott Lexicon shows "the babe in the womb", Lat. foetus; also "the new-born babe". These meanings are very close to our use.

ΒΡΕΦΟΣ KJ

- Lu. 1:41. the babe leaped in her womb;  
44. the babe leaped in my womb  
2:12. the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes,  
16. Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying  
18:15. they brought unto him also infants,  
Acts 7:19. they cast out their young children,  
2Ti. 3:15. from a child thou hast known  
1Pet. 2: 2. As newborn babes, desire the sincere

Note "belly", not "womb" as in the KJ. (See "control words" γαστρίη, "womb"; and κοιλία, "belly".) →

This "baby" is only a few hours old. →

Note the King of Egypt gave instructions to the midwives in Egypt to kill the males immediately upon birth.

Exodus 1 KJ

16 And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him; but if it be a daughter, then she shall live.

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In Luke 18:15,16 the "babies" were being brought by their parents, and are distinguished from the (pre-teen) children who were coming on their own. →

LUKE 1 CT

41 And it-came-to-pass as the Elizabeth heard the greeting of-the Mary, the baby leaped in her belly; and the Elizabeth was-filled-full of-the-Holy Spirit,  
42 And she-exclaimed with-a-great voice and said, Having-been-and-still-blessed are you among women, and having-been-and-still-blessed is the fruit of-your belly.  
43 And from-whence is this-thing to-me, in-order-that the mother of-my Lord might-come to me?  
44 For behold, as the voice of-your greeting came-to-be into my ears, the baby leaped in my belly in exultation.

↗ It does not say that John the Baptist "was-filled-full of (the)-Holy Spirit", but rather Elizabeth.

LUKE 2 CT

11 That a Savior was-brought-forth for-YOU to-day, in the city of-David, who is Messiah Jehovah.  
12 And this is the sign for-YOU; YOU-will-find a baby having-been-and-still-wrapped-in-swaddling-clothes, lying in the manger.

15 And it-came-to-pass as the angels went-away from them into the heaven, the MEN namely-the shepherds also said to one-another, Let-us indeed go-through till Bethlehem, and let-us-see this saying, namely-the-one having-come-to-pass, which the Lord made-known to-us.  
16 And having-hurried they-came and they-found-out-by-search both the Mary and the Joseph, also the baby lying in the manger.

ACTS 7 CT

18 Until of-which a different king over Egypt stood-up, who had not known-absolutely the Joseph.  
19 This one having-outwitted our kindred he-maltreated the fathers to-be-making their babies exposed with-reference-to not to-be-being-preserved-alive.

LUKE 18 CT

15 But they-were-bringing-near to-him the babies also, in-order-that he-might-be-handling of-them; but the disciples having-seen they-rebuked them.  
16 But the Jesus having-called them to-himself he-said, YOU-let-be the pre-teen-children to-be-coming to me, and YOU-be not hindering them; for the kingdom of-the God is of-the-ones such-as-these.

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## I PETER 2 CT

1 Therefore, having-placed-off all malice and all guile and hypocrisies and envies and all backbitings,  
 2 As just-born babies YOU-long-for the logical unadulterated milk, in-order-that in it YOU-might-be-grown with-reference-to salvation,

## II TIMOTHY 3 CT

15 And that from a baby you-are-knowing-absolutely sacred letters, the ones being-able to-make you wise with-reference-to salvation through trust the *trust* in Messiah Jesus.

## LUKE 1 CT

59 And it-came-to-pass in the eighth day they-came to-circumcise the pre-teen-child, and they-were-calling it on the name of-his father Zacharias.

60 And having-answered his mother said, Not-so, BUT he-will-be-called John.

## ACTS 21 CT

21 But they-were-instructed concerning you that you-are-teaching all the Jews apostasy from Moses, according-to the Gentiles saying they are not to-be-circumcising the children nor to-be-walking-around in-the customs.

Leviticus 27 ASV

**27** And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When a man shall 'accomplish a vow,' the persons shall be for Jehovah by thy estimation. 3 And thy estimation shall be of the male from twenty years old even unto sixty years old, even thy estimation shall be fifty shekels of silver, after 'the shekel of the sanctuary. 4 And if it be a female, then thy estimation shall be thirty shekels. 5 And if it be from five years old even unto twenty years old, then thy estimation shall be of the male twenty shekels, and for the female ten shekels. 6 And if it be from a month old even unto five years old, then thy estimation shall be of the male 'five shekels of silver, and for the female thy estimation shall be three shekels of silver. 7 And if it be from sixty years old and upward; if it be a male, then thy estimation shall be fifteen shekels, and for the female ten shekels. 8 But if he be poorer than thy estimation, then he shall be set before the priest, and the priest shall value him; 'according to the ability of him that vowed shall the priest value him.

Here is a figurative use, comparing "Christians" to "just-born babies."

This final reference is also a figurative use very much like our own figurative use. It is important to see that "baby" refers to the "fetus" and "new-born babies" up to 8 days old.

From 8 days old at least they are called "child (pre-teen)" (παῖδιον, paidion); or "child" (τέκνον, teknon).

I have referred to this passage as God's silver table. See, The Law Prophesied, p. 106, "Thirty Pieces of Silver."

Age	Male	Female
60+	15 S.	10 S.
20-60	50 S.	30 S.
5-20	20 S.	10 S.
1mo.-5	5 S.	3 S.

No value under 1 month.

Encyclopedia Judaica  
 Vol. 4 Burial, p. 1520

A male child who died before he was seven days old is circumcised and given a Hebrew name at the cemetery (Haggahot Maimoniyot, Milah 1:15). Only two men and one woman participate at the funeral of children who die before they reach the age of 30 days.

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RELATIONSHIPS REQUIRING MOURNING. The observance of these formal rules of mourning was required for the nearest of kin corresponding to those for whom a priest was to defile himself, i.e., a wife (husband), father, mother, son, daughter, brother, and sister (Lev. 21:1-3; MK 20b), but not an infant less than 30 days old (Yad, Avel 1:6).