

EXODUS 21:22-24

- I. “HER FRUIT”
  - A. “WITH CHILD” = “PREGNANT”
  - B. “HER FRUIT” = “HER CHILD / CHILDREN”
  - C. NOT AN AMBIGUOUS TERM, SUCH AS . . .
    - 1. “FRUIT OF THE WOMB”
    - 2. “SEED OF MAN”
    - 3. “PRODUCT OF CONCEPTION”
  
- II. “DEPART”
  - A. NOT A TECHNICAL TERM FOR “MISCARRIAGE” (cp. NASV)
  - B. NOT A TECHNICAL TERM FOR “PREMATURE BIRTH” (cp. NIV)
  - C. A VAGUE & GENERIC TERM THAT CAN IMPLY EITHER
  
- III. “MISCHIEF” = INJURY OR HARM
  - A. THE “MISCHIEF” IS IN NO WAY RESTRICTED TO THE MOTHER
  - B. TWO POSSIBILITIES
    - 1. NO HARM TO MOTHER OR BABY: A FINE
    - 2. HARM TO MOTHER OR BABY: RETRIBUTIVE JUSTICE

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DR. BURKETT’S “AMPLIFIED” TRANSLATION

“WHEN MEN FIGHT AND STRIKE A PREGNANT WOMAN SO THAT HER CHILD (OR CHILDREN) IS DISCHARGED FROM HER WOMB:

EVEN IF THERE IS NO INJURY TO MOTHER OR CHILD, THEY SHALL SURELY BE FINED ACCORDING TO WHAT HER HUSBAND DEMANDS AND SHALL PAY AS THE COURT ALLOWS.

BUT, IF THERE IS ANY INJURY TO MOTHER OR CHILD, THEY SHALL GIVE LIFE FOR LIFE, EYE FOR EYE, TOOTH FOR TOOTH, HAND FOR HAND, FOOT FOR FOOT.”

**FROM THE MOMENT OF CONCEPTION, THE FETUS HAS . . .**

1. **Continuity of personality (Job 10:18)**
2. **Gender (may even be the opposite sex of the mother, hence not merely an extension of the mother's body) (Job 3:3)**
3. **A spirit / soul (Eccl. 11:5)**
4. **A moral nature (Psa. 51:5)**
5. **The capacity to be "filled with the Holy Spirit" in distinction from his mother (Luke1:15)**
6. **A calling from God on his life (Isa. 49:1)**
7. **A name (Isa. 49:1)**

**Note: for documentation of sources utilized in this message, please see the following page**

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