

***Childbirth in Israel***  
**Leviticus 12:1-8**

Main Point:

Despite its obscurities, recognize the significance of the ritual for childbirth in Israel.

1. The ritual for Israelite mothers

2. The ritual in the life of Jesus

3. The ritual as it pertains to you

**John Currid** “Through these two sacrifices the woman is being readmitted to the religious life of Israel; she is being restored to a right relationship with God, to the community and to the sanctuary.”

**Luke 2:21-24** 21 And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. 22 Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD”), 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, “A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” (NKJV)

**Kenneth Mathews** “That Mary and Joseph presented Jesus at the temple shows that they diligently obeyed the law of their Jewish heritage.”

**Galatians 4:4-5** 4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. (NKJV)