

## A child's status in the womb

### The breath of life enters a child while it is still in the womb. (Ecc 11:5)

- (AOV) Soos jy nie weet wat die weg van die wind is, of hoe die gebeente in die skoot van 'n swangere is nie, net so weet jy nie die werk van God wat alles doen nie.
- (GW) Just as you don't know how the breath of life enters the limbs of a child within its mother's womb, you also don't understand how God, who made everything, works.
- (JPS) As thou knowest not what is the way of the wind, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child; even so thou knowest not the work of God who doeth all things.
- (KJVR) As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.
- (Webster) As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor the structure of the parts of conception in her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.

### Recognition of nations in the womb

- (Gen 25:21) Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife because she was childless. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant.
- (Gen 25:22) When the children inside her were struggling with each other, she said, "If it's like this now, what will become of me?" So she went to ask the LORD.
- (Gen 25:23) The LORD said to her, "Two countries are in your womb. Two nations will go their separate ways from birth. One nation will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger."

### Wrestling in the womb

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- (Gen 25:24) When the time came for her to give birth, she had twins.
- (Gen 25:25) The first one born was red. His whole body was covered with hair, so they named him Esau [Hairy].
- (Gen 25:26) Afterwards, his brother was born with his hand holding on to Esau's heel, and so he was named Jacob [Heel]. Isaac was 60 years old when they were born.

(Gen 25:27) They grew up. Esau became an expert hunter, an outdoorsman. Jacob remained a quiet man, staying around the tents.

(Hos 12:3) Their ancestor Jacob held on to his brother's heel while the two of them were in their mother's womb. When Jacob became a man, he struggled with God.

#### God forms a child in the womb

(Job 31:15) Didn't he who made me in my mother's belly make them? Didn't the same God form us in the womb?

(I sa 44:2) The LORD made you, formed you in the womb, and will help you. This is what the LORD says: Don't be afraid, my servant Jacob, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.

(I sa 44:24) The LORD reclaimed you. He formed you in the womb. This is what the LORD says: I, the LORD, made everything. I stretched out the heavens by myself. I spread out the earth all alone.

#### God delivers the child

(Psa 22:9) Indeed, you are the one who brought me out of the womb, the one who made me feel safe at my mother's breasts.

(Psa 22:10) I was placed in your care from birth. From my mother's womb you have been my God.

#### A child can depend on God before birth

(Psa 71:6) I depended on you before I was born. You took me from my mother's womb. My songs of praise constantly speak about you.

#### A child can be wicked in the womb

(Psa 58:3) Even inside the womb wicked people are strangers to God. From their birth liars go astray.

#### Divine appointment in the womb

(I sa 49:1) Listen to me, you islands. Pay attention, you people far away. Before I was born, the LORD chose me. While I was in my mother's womb, he recorded my name.

(I sa 49:5) The LORD formed me in the womb to be his servant in order to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to him. (The LORD honors me, and my God has become my strength.)

(Jer 1:5) "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you were born, I set you apart for my holy purpose. I appointed you to be a prophet to the nations."

#### Filled with the Holy Spirit before birth

(Luk 1:15) As far as the Lord is concerned, he will be a great man. He will never drink wine or any other liquor. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born.

#### The Holy Spirit can cause conception in the womb

(Luk 1:35) The angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come to you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy child developing inside you will be called the Son of God.

#### An unborn child can respond to the presence of God

(Luk 1:39) Soon afterward, Mary hurried to a city in the mountain region of Judah.

(Luk 1:40) She entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth.

(Luk 1:41) When Elizabeth heard the greeting, she felt the baby kick. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

(Luk 1:42) She said in a loud voice, "You are the most blessed of all women, and blessed is the child that you will have.

(Luk 1:43) I feel blessed that the mother of my Lord is visiting me.

(Luk 1:44) As soon as I heard your greeting, I felt the baby jump for joy.

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