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.. Why Did The Law Forbid Boiling A Kid In Its Mother's Milk

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• The **product of female mammals for nourishment of their young**. It is also used as food by mankind in general.

• He then took butter and **milk** and the young bull that he had got ready and set it before them. Then he himself kept standing by them under the tree as they were eating. (**Genesis 18:8**)

• In time he said to her; Give me, please, a little water to drink, for I am thirsty. Accordingly she opened a skin bottle of **milk** and gave him a drink, after which she covered him. (**Judges 4:19**)

• Water he asked, **milk** she gave. In the large banquet bowl of majestic ones she presented curdled milk. (**Judges 5:25**)

• The **Hebrew** word rendered, **milk**, usually refers to **fresh milk** and is generally **distinguished** from **curds, cheese, and butter**.

• Butter of the herd and **milk** of the flock together with the fat of rams, and male sheep, the breed of Bashan, and he-goats together with the kidney fat of wheat, and the blood of the grape you kept drinking as wine. (**Deuteronomy 32:14**)

• And honey and butter and sheep and curds of cattle they brought forward for David and the people that were with him to eat, for they said; The people are hungry and tired and thirsty in the wilderness. (**2 Samuel 17:29**)

• Did you not proceed to pour me out as **milk** itself and like cheese to curdle me? (**Job 10:10**)

• And there is a sufficiency of goats **milk** for your food, for the food of your household, and the means of life for your girls. (**Proverbs 27:27**)

• No distinction is made, however, between **milk** of cows, sheep, and goats.

- Therefore here I am giving you to the Orientals as something to possess, and they will set up their walled camps in you and will certainly put in you their tabernacles. They themselves will eat your fruitage, and they themselves will drink your **milk**. (**Ezekiel 25:4**)
- Who is it that ever serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who shepherds a flock and does not eat some of the **milk** of the flock? (**1 Corinthians 9:7**)
- Sour or curdled **milk** was often mixed with honey and was regarded as a refreshing drink. David took ten portions of **milk**, **cheese**, **vg** to the chief of the thousand when taking food to his brothers in the army camp.
- These portions may have been in the form of **fresh-milk cheese**. **Rotherham** says ten slices of soft cheese.
- Then Jesse said to David his son; Take, please, to your brothers this ephah of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread, and carry them quickly to the camp to your brothers. (**1 Samuel 17:17**)
- And these ten portions of **milk** you should bring to the chief of the thousand, also, you should look after your own brothers as regards their welfare, and a token from them you should take. (**1 Samuel 17:18**)

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- Boiling a kid in its mother's **milk** was prohibited under the Mosaic Law.
- You must not eat any body already dead. To the alien resident who is inside your gates you may give it, and he must eat it, or there may be a selling of it to a foreigner, because you are a holy people to Yehowah your God. You must not boil a kid in its mother's **milk**. (**Deuteronomy 14:21**)
- This prohibition is mentioned twice in connection with the giving of one's firstfruits to Yehowah.
- The best of the first ripe fruits of your ground you are to bring to

the house of Yehowah your God. You must not boil a kid in its mother's **milk**. (**Exodus 23:19**)

- The best of the first ripe fruits of your soil you are to bring to the house of Yehowah your God. You must not boil a kid in its mother's **milk**. (**Exodus 34:26**)
- It has been theorized that this practice had pagan, idolatrous, or magical connections. However, the evidence to support this view is not sound at present.
- Another suggestion is that this statute emphasizes that there is a proper and fitting order in matters that should be adhered to. God provided the **milk** of the mother for the purpose of nourishing her young.
- To use it to boil her offspring to prepare it to be eaten would be to the kids harm and the opposite of what God had in mind when making provision for such **milk**.
- A third possibility is that this command was given in order to encourage compassion. This would be in harmony with other commands that prohibited sacrificing an animal if it had not first been with its mother for at least seven days
- Should a bull or a young ram or a goat be born, then it must continue under its mother seven days, but from the eighth day and forward it will be accepted with approval as an offering, an offering made by fire to Yehowah. (**Leviticus 22:27**)
- Slaughtering both an animal and its offspring on the same day.
- As for a bull and a sheep, you must not slaughter it and its young one on the one day. (**Leviticus 22:28**)
- Or taking from a nest both a mother and its eggs or offspring
- In case a birds nest happens to be before you in the way, in any tree or on the earth with young ones or eggs, and the mother is sitting upon the young ones or the eggs, you must not take the mother along with the offspring. (**Deuteronomy 22:6**)
- You should by all means send the mother away, but you may take the offspring for yourself, in order, that it may go well with

you, and you may indeed lengthen your days. (**Deuteronomy 22:7**)

.. In Prophecy

- Regarding Immanuel it was foretold: Due to the abundance of the producing of **milk**, he will eat **butter**, because **butter** and **honey** are what everyone left remaining in the midst of the land will eat. This circumstance was to result from the devastation of Judah by the Assyrians.
- On account of this devastation, formerly cultivated land would become choked with weeds. Therefore, those left remaining in the land would have to subsist to a considerable degree on dairy products and wild honey.
- There being ample pasturage, the animals that had been preserved alive would produce an abundance of milk for the greatly reduced population.
- In that day, by means of a hired razor in the region of the River, even by means of the king of Assyria, Yehowah will shave the head and the hair of the feet, and it will sweep away even the beard itself. (**Isaiah 7:20**)
- And it must occur in that day that an individual will preserve alive a young cow of the herd and two sheep. (**Isaiah 7:21**)
- And it must occur that, due to the abundance of the producing of **milk**, he will eat butter, because butter and honey are what everyone left remaining in the midst of the land will eat. (**Isaiah 7:22**)
- And it must occur in that day that every place where there used to be a thousand vines, worth a thousand pieces of silver, will come to be, for the thornbushes and for the weeds it will come to be. (**Isaiah 7:23**)
- With arrows and the bow he will come there, because all the land will become mere thornbushes and weeds. (**Isaiah 7:24**)
- And all the mountains that used to be cleared of troublesome plants with a hoe, you will not come there for fear of thornbushes and weeds, and it will certainly become a place for

letting bulls loose and a trampling ground of sheep. (**Isaiah 7:25**)

- And this will be the sign for you. There will be an eating this year of the growth from spilled kernels, and in the second year grain that shoots up of itself, but in the third year sow seed, you people, and reap, and plant vineyards and eat their fruitage. (**Isaiah 37:30**)
- And those who escape of the house of Judah, those who are left remaining, will certainly take root downward and produce fruitage upward. (**Isaiah 37:31**)
- For out of Jerusalem a remnant will go forth and those who escape out of Mount Zion. The very zeal of Yehowah of armies will do this. (**Isaiah 37:32**)
- Therefore this is what Yehowah has said concerning the king of Assyria; He will not come into this city, nor will he shoot an arrow there, nor confront it with a shield, nor cast up a siege rampart against it. (**Isaiah 37:33**)

•• Illustrative Use

- Often **milk** is referred to in a figurative or an illustrative way.
- Dark red are his eyes from wine, and the whiteness of his teeth is from **milk**. (**Genesis 49:12**)
- His eyes are like doves by the channels of water, which are bathing themselves in **milk**, sitting within the rims. (**Song of Solomon 5:12**)
- Her Nazirites were purer than snow, they were whiter than **milk**. They were in fact more ruddy than corals, their polish was as the sapphire. (**Lamentations 4:7**)
- Resources of nations and people are called **milk**.
- And you will actually suck the **milk** of nations, and the breast of kings you will suck, and you will be certain to know that I, Yehowah, am your Savior, and the Powerful One of Jacob is your Repurchaser. (**Isaiah 60:16**)

- The Promised Land is repeatedly described as, flowing with **milk** and honey, denoting abundance, fruitfulness, and prosperity due to Yehowah's blessing.
- And I am proceeding to go down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a land good and spacious, to a land flowing with **milk** and honey, to the locality of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites. (**Exodus 3:8**)
- And you must listen, O Israel, and take care to do them, that it may go well with you and that you may become very many, just as Yehowah the God of your forefathers has promised you, as respects the land flowing with **milk** and honey. (**Deuteronomy 6:3**)
- For the sons of Israel had walked forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation of the men of war who came out of Egypt that did not listen to the voice of Yehowah had come to its finish, to whom Yehowah swore that he would never let them see the land that Yehowah had sworn to their forefathers to give to us, a land flowing with **milk** and honey. (**Joshua 5:6**)
- For the purpose of carrying out the oath that I swore to your forefathers, to give them the land flowing with **milk** and honey, as in this day. And I proceeded to answer and say; Amen, O Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 11:5**)
- In that day I lifted up my hand in an oath to them to bring them forth from the land of Egypt to a land that I had spied out for them, one flowing with **milk** and honey. It was the decoration of all the lands. (**Ezekiel 20:6**)
- And it must occur in that day that the mountains will drip with sweet wine, and the very hills will flow with **milk**, and the very streambeds of Judah will all flow with water. And out of the house of Yehowah there will go forth a spring, and it must irrigate the torrent valley of the Acacia Trees. (**Joel 3:18**)
- The shepherd of The Song of Solomon spoke of his beloved Shulammite as having honey and **milk** under her tongue, evidently meaning that her tongue gave expression to pleasant words.
- With comb honey your lips keep dripping, O my bride. Honey and

milk are under your tongue, and the fragrance of your garments is like the fragrance of Lebanon. ([Song of Solomon 4:11](#))

- Since **milk** promotes physical growth to maturity, elementary Christian doctrine is likened to **milk** for **spiritual babes**, which will strengthen them to grow to the point of being able to assimilate solid food, the deeper spiritual truths.
- I fed you **milk**, not something to eat, for you were not yet strong enough. In fact, neither are you strong enough now. ([1 Corinthians 3:2](#))
- For, indeed, although you ought to be teachers in view of the time, you again need someone to teach you from the beginning the elementary things of the sacred pronouncements of God, and you have become such as need **milk**, not solid food. ([Hebrews 5:12](#))
- For everyone that partakes of **milk** is unacquainted with the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. ([Hebrews 5:13](#))
- But solid food belongs to mature people, to those who through use have their perceptive powers trained to distinguish both right and wrong. ([Hebrews 5:14](#))
- The apostle Peter, speaking to Christians, says; As newborn infants, form a longing for the unadulterated **milk** belonging to the word. For what purpose? That they might keep on growing not merely to maturity but to **salvation**, that is, make their calling and choosing sure for themselves.
- And, as newborn infants, form a longing for the unadulterated **milk** belonging to the word, that through it you may grow to salvation. ([1 Peter 2:2](#))
- For this reason, brothers, all the more do your utmost to make the calling and choosing of you sure for yourselves, for if you keep on doing these things you will by no means ever fail. ([2 Peter 1:10](#))
- Hey there, all you thirsty ones! Come to the water. And the ones that have no money! Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and **milk** even without money and without price. ([Isaiah 55:1](#))

- **God calls on spiritually thirsty ones to buy this growth-promoting spiritual milk, which, through his undeserved kindness, they can obtain without money and without price.**