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Preface

This ebook is designed to fill in the blanks for those who will question the depth of study we have put into this study to determine whether or not it is right, according to Yahweh's teachings, to eat the placenta of a newborn child.

We recognize that even after reading this book, there will still be many that will be skeptical whether or not we have delved deep enough into all the so called "nutritional benefits" and "scientific studies" advocated by those who back this practice.

We hope to fill this ebook with enough details to ensure the reader we have spent much time studying not just the scriptures behind our decisions, but that we have also studied the reasons why women feel that eating their babies placenta is "sanctified" by the scriptures.

This topic has not been an easy one for me, personally, to study because I felt a bad feeling in my spirit, and a physical unease the whole time. Knowing that believers have lowered themselves to this level and are promoting this practice is shocking. Nevertheless, I strive to look at the issue from the perspective of our God and from the eyes of the women that feel eating their babies placenta is a healthy practice and endorsed by the scriptures.

In the end, there may be some women who will allow themselves to be offended by the conclusions we have come to and by the scriptures we present. However, We pray that if anyone is offended they will take the information that we have included, study it out for themselves and simply test it against Yahweh's words with prayer.

That is our hope and prayer. Many blessings. Shalom

Jehudit

Introduction

I honestly don't know how to begin talking about this subject. It is not something that I ever thought would come up in conversation, or something that anyone would even consider doing. Yet, it's a topic of discussion amongst many new mothers, midwives, new age herbalists, communes and Chinese practitioners. Because it's now a trend in the world, we truly need to look at this practice from a scriptural perspective.

Eating the placenta of your baby following childbirth is a fad among celebrities, is touted by many mid-wives, and even has a technical name: placentophagia. It can be done many different ways and believe it or not, there are now recipes and directions all over the internet for everything from placenta sautés to placenta smoothies. There is even placenta encapsulation, where they can clean, dehydrate, process and place the powdered placenta into capsules. I even found a few people who are willing to put it into vegetarian capsules for those who have dietary restrictions, which is kind of an oxymoron when you think about people worried over a vegetarian capsule while eating their babies placenta.

When I first saw a woman discuss eating her baby's placenta, it was in a social media post where she had taken a photo of herself drinking a placenta pureed into a smoothie. I have to confess, I almost threw up. It nauseated me to think that someone, anyone, would even consider eating what is considered human tissue. When I questioned the practice in a group of believers, it seemed very strange that I suddenly became the one who was odd, I was the one who had no sense, and that I was the one that lacked understanding and compassion. I was asked where was my love for these mothers who made the choice to eat their babies placenta to treat their medical issues. What?

Those women who claim to be "Torah observant" should be fully aware the scriptures make it clear what Yahweh considers clean and unclean foods.

Leviticus 11:2-3

"Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'These are the creatures which you may eat from all the animals that are on the earth. Whatever divides a hoof, thus making split hoofs, and chews the cud, among the animals, that you may eat.'"

Yahweh's words are pretty clear as to what form of animal is meant for us as food. Human flesh does not meet the qualifications listed. Did you see human organs or flesh listed? How, then, can women honestly justify this act and why would they consider doing it? When I learned that this is a popular thing amongst Torah observant women, I questioned them and found out, first, that this is not something new or rare. It is becoming a more and more popular treatment for various issues that women may suffer after childbirth, and second, they will try to justify it in every way possible. They even exalt the advice of midwives, bloggers, natural healers and friends above the commands of Yahweh.

Part One Why Women Eat Placenta

If you have had a child or know someone who has, you may have a very good understanding of the hormonal imbalance that often affects the expectant mother before and after delivery. After childbirth, it can be very traumatic for some women as they try to adjust to new motherhood, even if this is not their first child. Then, if postpartum depression is added to the mix, it can become much more difficult. Women may suffer severe mood swings that can make them feel “out of control” emotionally, and they may feel they need the extra help of some kind of pill, supplement, or treatment to help them get control of what is happening inside of them.

This appears to be the biggest reason why doulas, midwives, and others may recommend consuming placenta tissue or pills for the new mother. Let me explain in more detail.

Women are told or read that the placenta has health benefits for them following child birth. Some of these alleged benefits include large doses of vitamins, minerals, essential nutrients they supposedly cannot get anywhere else such as B6 and B12. They are also taught that the placenta contains mega-doses of iron that women “need” following childbirth.

In addition to nutrients, many believe the placenta contains necessary hormones for post-partum healing, such as certain forms of estrogen and progesterone. It is often believed that these will help balance out the hormones that are already out of control, and could also help the new mother deal with mood swings, depression, baby blues, or any other form of stress and anxiety that may affect them during those weeks following childbirth. Because of these selling points, people assume that eating their placenta is the best option with the least amount of “risk” and the least effect on the baby that may be breast feeding.

Speaking of breast milk, people claim that eating the placenta will increase milk production. This unproven claim is often touted as a benefit, and a common teaching from so called “experts” on the subject of placentophagia.

Breast milk production is very important for that extra hungry baby that cannot seem to be satisfied with their feedings. I myself can recall my new baby who was so hungry I resorted to bottle feeding breast milk once a day with a little rice cereal mixed in, just to fill her tummy so I could get more than 30-40 minutes of sleep! A hungry infant, is not a happy baby, and the promise of a “helping hand” in producing enough milk to keep that baby satisfied is a big selling point that makes many women follow this so called treatment plan recommended by their midwife. However, where are the professional studies proving this works?

Increased breast milk production may be the reason for some women to eat their babies placenta, but according to many reports that I studied, it appears that the biggest reason women use placenta supplements or consume the placenta, is because they are told that it combats post-partum depression. They are even told that it will actually eliminate the symptoms of depression. I have interviewed several women who believe it was the ONLY option they had for their condition and their “only cure”.

If all these claims are true don't you think big pharma would have put it in a pill? They have no problem using aborted babies in their formulations, so why would they neglect using a placenta if all the miracle claims are legitimate?

The question again is: are any of these claims based on scientific evidence?

There are many claims available that tout the centuries of Chinese medicine using placenta treatments, as well as countless blogs of new moms, doulas, midwives, and even communes that say these medical claims are all tried, true and tested. Is this true? Is it a placebo effect? Is it marketing hype for the new industry that processes the placenta?

Part Two The Science Behind It

Traditional Chinese Medicine

Genesis 1:29

And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

Let me say right at the beginning of this discussion that I would be one of the first people to profess that Yahweh is a great creator and that he has placed on this planet amazing herbs, plants, and spices that help us to feed, nourish, and keep our body's running properly. Without food, we would obviously starve our body of basic nutrients, which could lead to critical illness and ultimately death. Certain foods and herbs have healing properties and nutrition that cannot be disputed, and which man continues to try to duplicate through pharmaceuticals.

Yet, would placenta fall into the category of a proper nutritional supplement?

SCIENCE DOES NOT SUPPORT IT

Although many claim there are legitimate studies which “confirm benefits” of consuming placenta tissue, I have found there was absolutely no scientific proof of any health

benefits. There have been NO double blind placebo studies done in humans. There appear to be some studies which claim that there is “increased milk production,” but the test subjects were all rats. We have found there are ZERO studies done on humans to prove the claims of placenta eating advocates. I also found ZERO studies that can guarantee this is a safe practice.

Not one legitimate medical organization seems to be willing to do that study.

The only modern “studies” which appear to be touted are those published online through bloggers and websites that advocate the eating of the placenta of babies. Most of these claims all point back to a writings on Chinese medicine from the 1500’s.

Countless women in blogs or comments below blogs will tout how consuming a babies placenta supposedly changed their lives and solved every symptom they had after childbirth. If you have a problem these devotees will advocate the “placenta cure.”

Blog and social media comments might be a suitable survey result for some people, but they do not qualify as a legitimate medical “study” and certainly not as a double blind placebo study. Although I would like to believe that everyone who writes or responds to an article are who they claim to be, and they have done or experienced exactly what they profess, we should not be that naive to believe everything we read on the internet. This honestly brings to mind that saying “Of course it’s true - I saw it on the internet!” THIS is why double blind studies are done under controlled circumstances, the results are more accurately recorded, peer reviewed for critical analysis, published and practiced on patients. Internet and social media scholarship is no substitute for true medical studies and recorded patient usage.

Do you know how many times bloggers, health practitioners and social media conversations have made recommendations and those recommendations resulted in harm or death to the readers? I have seen several so called “mushroom experts” tell people to eat particular species and those people ended up sick, dead or going on a severe mental trip. I learned the internet is no place to get diagnosed or medical advice. Go see a professional if you have questions and never forget Yahweh-Rapha (The Lord our Healer).

Another thought that crossed my mind and seriously concerned me was what I read in several “articles” and several comments below articles. I believe, you MUST question the qualifications of an “expert” who states,

“For at least 6 weeks following childbirth they (new mothers) are supposed to take nourishing herbs, like placenta. . .”

I would have to ask this “expert” when did human tissue become an “herb”?

There are many who will claim that there have been studies done - by ancient Chinese medicine experts. They claim that eating the placenta is a proven ancient Chinese method of treating various maladies following childbirth because it has been used for centuries in the far east. I say so what! There are many ancient practices from Hinduism, Buddhists and other pagan cultures. Should we as believers follow the practices of pagan cultures that go against the teachings of Yahweh?

People will use this information from pagan cultures to rationalize either eating the placenta or having it processed and dried, then placed in capsules as a so called “cure” for their maladies.

Another excuse some mothers will use to justify consuming their infant’s placenta is that many articles will tout the fact that “animals do it,” and this brings up many questions:

-- Many animals do a lot of things that humans don’t and often SHOULD’N’T do. They eat unclean meats, they often eat their own poo, they have even been known to eat their young. This begs the question: because animals do “it” does that mean that humans should?? We often claim we are of a “higher intelligence” than animals, and Yahweh did give us dominion over the earth and animals (Genesis 1:26, 9:1-2). Should we, then, place ourselves on the same level of eating habits and behavior as animals have?

-- If you say “most animals do it,” you should be aware of HOW most animals do it. They eat it all right away, immediately, the whole thing. Animals may do this for many reasons, and science is riddled with answers ranging from necessity so that no predators are attracted to the new mother and the young, to believing that the placenta has nutritional value to the new animal and mother herself. Honestly, when you study this topic as well, there is little proof about any of the reasons given. Science doesn’t know, but they do have plenty of speculation, assumptions, and little scientific proof given to back up their opinions. Not even sufficient evidence to prove why a cow (a huge food source) eats their calf’s placenta.

One big reason why this is brought up is because often, the same people who tout the animal argument (“animals do it!”) will also say that taking placenta pills is a “very strong medicine” and that the new mother should not take too many at one time or too many in one day. Don’t these two thoughts cancel each other out? After all, “animals do it” by eating the WHOLE THING all at once, while on the other hand, they say you shouldn’t follow an animal by taking too much of it. Why? Because it’s “strong medicine” and too much placenta may cause adverse reactions.

Something that is not often brought up amongst proponents of placentophagia, is the adverse side effects that are possible when ingesting placenta tissue. These will give you

all the so called “benefits,” but won’t even bring up the risks. Even big pharma gives you the risks associated with taking their treatments in their TV commercials.

The bottom line is I don’t see legitimate scientific proof that eating human placenta will bring any benefits whatsoever to mother or infant. And in fact, it appears consumption of placenta may bring more risk to the mother than originally thought.

Part Three The Biblical Position On Eating Placenta (Human Flesh)

BIBLICAL TEACHING DOES NOT SUPPORT IT!

First let’s answer the key question: **Is Eating the Placenta Equal to Cannibalism?**

Just for clarification, exactly what is a placenta? Placenta is considered a human “organ” by science and medicine. The placenta is formed after the female’s egg is fertilized with the male’s sperm. The egg then splits, half of the cell structure forms the placenta, and the other half forms the baby. Genetically and biologically, the placenta is made up of the infants tissue. Although there are some cells in the placenta that do appear to come from the mother, according to studies the placenta belongs to and is a part of the infant.

Now that this is clear that the placenta is a human organ, which the mother’s body disposes of following childbirth how can it not be cannibalism?

There are two lines of thought on this question of whether the baby’s placenta is cannibalism:

Opinion 1) Some will teach that it is NOT because cannibalism is defined as eating the FLESH (meat, muscle, fat, tissue) located between the skin and bones of your similar species. The claim is that a placenta does not fit this category of “flesh” because it is not located between skin and bones of a human. They say the placenta is an organ from within the abdominal region of the body and legitimate for human consumption.

Opinion 2) The traditional definition of cannibalism is eating the flesh, organs, or ANY tissue of a similar species. Additionally, older definitions of the word cannibalism do define the word as eating human tissue. There appears to be no line drawn in those definitions between where the “meat” is located. Because a placenta is an organ made of cells from a) the baby and is made up of human tissue, and b) has some cells from the mother and are made up of human tissue, it is clear that the placenta is 100% human tissue. Therefore it qualifies, as per traditional definitions, as being cannibalism when a human eats it.

The key to both of these arguments is this: What is the definition of cannibalism, and what is the definition of FLESH? If you go to just about any modern dictionary, as we stated,

cannibalism is described as eating the flesh of a similar species, and it is explained as any animal eating it's like kind. That is pretty well understood to be the clear definition.

However, modern dictionaries will define flesh as "tissue made up of muscle and fat that is located between skin and bones". Using this definition, by default, someone would have to conclude that the placenta is NOT flesh and therefore, BY DEFINITION, does not constitute cannibalism. This is foolishness!

Let's look at this argument according to the modern definition of cannibalism

- This would mean that a human can eat any tissue from a human body EXCEPT the fat and muscle tissue located between the skin and bones, right? For example, you could then eat human brains, human hearts, human lungs, human liver, human kidneys, human stomach and that would be perfectly acceptable by this modern definition, right?

Let's look at it from the point of clean and unclean foods listed in the Torah. Yahweh told us to avoid certain unclean animals. According to the modern definition we could even eat all the brains and organs of unclean animals as long as we avoid the "flesh." Is that what Yahweh taught us in the scriptures? NO!

People are using dictionary definitions to justify eating human placenta to avoid the claim of human cannibalism, but find it a ridiculous comparison to do the same about any other unclean meat that Yahweh lists in the bible.

In Leviticus 11:3, it is clearly stated what Yahweh has declared "authorized" for human consumption. He has clarified many meats for us to eat in several verses (Verses 4-22). Not once, nowhere, did he say that consuming human tissue, meat, flesh, organs would be acceptable. Someone will inevitably suggest, though, that he didn't say we COULDN'T eat human tissue in those verses either, like he did with so many other "animals." Yes he did! Yahweh told us what flesh was clean, so eat that and don't add to the menu.

Yahweh also told us to avoid consuming blood. It has been explained many times that the placenta contains blood which makes it rich in iron, thus consumption of placenta is also consumption of blood. This definitely includes those women who eat it raw, or in smoothies. Yuck!!! We know that scripturally we are not to consume blood and the raw placenta definitely still contains a lot of blood.

We are warned not to eat the "life," the blood, of an animal in several places and Yahweh explains to us how the blood is the life. (See Genesis 9; Deuteronomy 12:23; Leviticus 17:14) This should be one more scriptural example of how it is sinning to eat the placenta of a human infant.

Deuteronomy 28 discusses the curses of the law. These are what can happen when we disobey Yahweh's teachings, and eating placenta is mentioned as a CURSE in verse 56-58. These verses point out that women will eat their placenta, and then they will eat their infant in times of famine caused by sin. This is a curse that falls upon sinners. It concerns me that women are volunteering to eagerly partake of a biblical CURSE. So called women of faith would rather follow the ways of the world instead of the teachings of Yahweh. Women will do something Yahweh calls a curse and then curse those who warn them what the scriptures teach. This is rebellion against the word of God.

"I never knew you, depart from me you who are working lawlessness." Matthew 7:23

Do you wish to be a part of a biblical curse? Do you willingly violate his laws?

Further scriptures that mention the curse of eating human flesh include Leviticus 26:29, Deuteronomy 28:53, Jeremiah 19:9, Lamentations 2:20 and 4:10. Let me mention how sad and how low people have gone in this placenta eating movement. These scriptural references I just listed are actually used to justify eating human tissue by placenta eating advocates. They have the nerve to claim Yahweh advocated eating human flesh, even though the scriptures taught consumption of human flesh was a CURSE for sins. Every time cannibalism is brought up it is in a negative light, as a curse, or as a seriously deprived consequence of sinful human behavior.

Some will bring up Genesis 9:4, which is a post-flood scripture and they claim Yahweh told Noah that his family could eat anything that moves on the earth. They will say that this justifies eating human tissue, and yet Genesis 9 says the opposite.

After Yahweh told what foods he may eat, in verses 5-6 Yahweh warns us that every human will answer for the shedding of human blood. Yahweh explains that blood will be shed for every human's blood who is shed. So everyone who sheds human blood, whether animal or human that sheds blood, will have to give blood for blood according to this section.

Isn't it important to notice that right after discussing what is food for humanity Yahweh immediately says if anyone kills another human their blood will be required of the murderer in judgement? Apparently, Yahweh wanted to make it clear that you can kill animals for food, but humans are off limits.

Then under the Torah there is even more restrictions to eating human flesh. If you murder a person to eat them Yahweh will require blood for blood. If human flesh dies of itself, it is automatically unclean according to scriptures (Deuteronomy 14:21; Leviticus 17:15 and 22:8). So if you want to get technical, the placenta dies of itself once it is passed in birth. The placenta becomes dead tissue which "died of itself" and is no longer a living

organism. Thus, eating a placenta violates those verses in scripture that restrict eating any meat that died of itself.

People can make all the excuses they want and twist all the scriptures they want to justify the unholy practice of eating placenta, but the truth of Yahweh's word will always remain the same and can never be used to sanctify eating human flesh. Your twisted interpretation of God's word may give you the delusion of comfort and justification, but you are not the author. You can misread the words of an author and come up with flawed conclusions, but the author of the scriptures knows the truth and he will over-turn your twisted beliefs.

Part Four Solution to the Problem

What, then, is a woman to do if she feels that she must find a way to control the symptoms following childbirth, especially those brought on by post-partum depression?

Our first answer is one that might sound trite, or callous, yet it IS a valid "treatment" - prayer. Together with your spouse, children, a kind friend, your mother, aunts, sisters. Whomever you use as your support system, pray together for comfort, guidance, relief, and shalom (peace). Yahweh has made us many promises in His word for our comfort and for our healing. A simple promise is that by the stripes Yeshua bore before dying on the cross, WE WERE HEALED. We can accept that healing and find ways to move forward in the blessed time following the birth of your child.

You have anxiety? Take comfort in knowing Yahweh did not give you a spirit of fear! He gave you a spirit of power, love and a sound mind. That's a promise from the Almighty. Grab hold of that promise. If you believe it's true for you, then it will manifest in your spirit, soul and body.

Please remember to do the following:

-- Don't put anything above Yahweh! People often give something else the power over them while in turn, contradictions roll out of their mouths claiming they believe Yahweh is all powerful. This is a contradiction, to say the least - sure comes across as "do as I say not as I do!" Don't be double minded.

-- Meditate on healing and strengthening scriptures: you could write down all the verses that you can find having to deal with depression, anxiety, stress, strength, comfort, and whatever else you may be feeling or in need of. Those scripture cards can be kept close by and read aloud while you nurse or even before you go to sleep at naptime or night time. Get the word in your heart and in your mind so that you can call on Yahweh's counsel whenever you need it. His words are spirit and life.

-- If you still need some help to get your body back in balance after a birth, there are plenty of herbal supplements, vitamins, minerals, as well as good, clean, foods that can help you alleviate all the symptoms while you build your faith. You should seek a healthcare professional with legitimate education and training in nutrition and natural medicine who will respect your faith to help determine IF your body is lacking in something. If your body is lacking something, they should know WHAT is lacking and give you sound solutions that match Yahweh's teachings. Approach your cure from two fronts, if necessary - divine healing and good, biblical, nutrition. You can take biblically clean supplements for a short time, AND most of all pray to Yahweh for all that you are in need of. You can also enlist the prayers of others as you go through that time of adjustment. Have people ready to give you support, to hold you up, in order to get you through when you feel weak. Lean on Yahweh, he will never leave you nor forsake you.

Conclusion

The days, weeks, months following the birth of a child is definitely a time for adjustment, and sometimes women may feel they need a little something extra to help them get through that period. Yahweh has created herbs and foods that will bring the proper balance of nutrition to our body when we use them for our good. He has also provided us directions for finding strength and courage through challenges in life. Those things are written in His word, throughout His word. There are also examples for us to rely on our faith, as the example of Yeshua showing us the fig tree and then telling us how we can do all he has done and more! We have the strength and power within us to do what is right and just in the Torah.

Eating human tissue, though, is never the answer or solution. From this study, we hope that you will see that there is only one conclusion you can reach when it comes to eating your infant's placenta: it was described as a curse for sinful people. This is not our "opinion", this is the teaching of Yahweh, according to scripture. Period! Either be a follower of scripture or be a lawless violator of scripture.

So, our conclusion is that eating human placenta (human flesh) violates Yahweh's word on many levels.

-- Eating Placenta IS cannibalism.

-- Cannibalism is never spoken of in a positive light in the Bible. (Leviticus 26:29, Deuteronomy 28:53, Jeremiah 19:9, Lamentations even speaks of eating children in 2:20 and 4:10)

-- Eating placenta is actually a part of the curse of the law, not a good thing to do. (Deuteronomy 28:57)

-- Placenta contains blood and we are not to consume blood. (Genesis 9:4; Deuteronomy 12:23; Leviticus 17:14)

-- Placenta is unclean because it is dead tissue which died on its own. (Deuteronomy 14:21; Leviticus 17:15, 22:8)

And very simply put: Humans and their tissue are not “food” according to Yahweh’s definition of food. Leviticus 11:2-3

Blessings and Shalom

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Deuteronomy 28:53

"Then you shall eat the offspring of your own body, the flesh of your sons and of your daughters whom the LORD your God has given you, during the siege and the distress by which your enemy will oppress you.

Deuteronomy 28:55

so that he will not give even one of them any of the flesh of his children which he will eat, since he has nothing else left, during the siege and the distress by which your enemy will oppress you in all your towns.

Deuteronomy 28:57

and toward her afterbirth which issues from between her legs and toward her children whom she bears; for she will eat them secretly for lack of anything else, during the siege and the distress by which your enemy will oppress you in your towns.

Leviticus 26:29

'Further, you will eat the flesh of your sons and the flesh of your daughters you will eat.

Jeremiah 19:9

"I will make them eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they will eat one another's flesh in the siege and in the distress with which their enemies and those who seek their life will distress them."

2 Kings 6:24-29

Now it came about after this, that Ben-hadad king of Aram gathered all his army and went up and besieged Samaria. There was a great famine in Samaria; and behold, they besieged it, until a donkey's head was sold for eighty shekels of silver, and a fourth of a kab of dove's dung for five shekels of silver. As the king of Israel was passing by on the wall a woman cried out to him, saying, "Help, my lord, O king!" read more.

He said, "If the LORD does not help you, from where shall I help you? From the threshing floor, or from the wine press?" And the king said to her, "What is the matter with you?" And she answered, "This woman said to me, 'Give your son that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.' "So we boiled my son and ate him; and I said to her on the next day, 'Give your son, that we may eat him'; but she has hidden her son."

Lamentations 2:20

See, O LORD, and look! With whom have You dealt thus? Should women eat their offspring, The little ones who were born healthy? Should priest and prophet be slain In the sanctuary of the Lord?

Lamentations 4:10

The hands of compassionate women Boiled their own children; They became food for them Because of the destruction of the daughter of my people.

Ezekiel 4 (Ezekiel Bread) Ezekiel protests using human waste for baking his bread, and Yahweh gives in, changing the directions for baking and allowing cow dung instead. Ezekiel had lamented that he had never eaten anything "unclean." Human waste, poo, is just like placenta, it has come out from the body, is waste, and is no longer needed, yet Ezekiel felt it was not worthy of even being used to bake his sustenance. Even though the bread was also part of a curse, it was still not worthy of being cooked in human waste. Interesting!!!

Ezekiel 5:10

"Therefore, fathers will eat their sons among you, and sons will eat their fathers; for I will execute judgments on you and scatter all your remnant to every wind.

Ezekiel 23:37

That they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands, and with their idols have they committed adultery, and have also caused their sons, whom they bare unto me, to pass for them through the fire, to devour them.

2 Kings 6:28-29

And the king said to her, "What is the matter with you?" And she answered, "This woman said to me, 'Give your son that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.' "So we boiled my son and ate him; and I said to her on the next day, 'Give your son, that we may eat him'; but she has hidden her son."