

Num. 16:25

Moses rose and went to Dathan and Abiram, the elders of Israel following him. 26 He addressed the community, saying, “Move away from the tents of these wicked men and touch nothing that belongs to them, lest you be wiped out for all their sins.” 27 So they withdrew from about the abodes of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

Now Dathan and Abiram had come out and they stood at the entrance of their tents, with their wives, their **children**, and their little ones.

Num. 14:3

Why is the Lord taking us to that land to fall by the sword? Our wives and **children** [בְּנֵינוּ וְטַפֵּנוּ] will be carried off! It would be better for us to go back to Egypt!”

Num. 14:31

Your **children** [בְּנֵיכֶם] who, you said, would be carried off—these will I allow to enter; they shall know the land that you have rejected.

Num. 16:27

... Now Dathan and Abiram had come out and they stood at the entrance of their tents, with their wives, their **children**, and their little ones.

IBN EZRA: Their children. Their grown children. **Their little ones.** Their underage children.

Num. 16:27

... Now Dathan and Abiram had come out and they stood at the entrance of their tents, with their wives, their **children**, and their little ones [וּבְנֵיהֶם וְטַפָּם].

RASHI: With their wives, their children, and their little ones. Come see how terrible such disputes can be. If a child has not even reached puberty, a human court does not judge him as an adult; the heavenly court does not even judge anyone under 20 as an adult. But here babes still sucking at the breast perished.

BDB

† [טָפַף] **vb.** trip, take quick little steps (cf. Ar. *طَفَّ* *pass by quickly*, *طَفَافٌ* *light, brisk, quick*, of horse; poss. cf. Syr. *ܦܘܦܦܐ* *flicker*)—

Qal *Inf. abs.* טָפַף Is 3:16 תִּלְכְּנָה הַלְלוּדָה וְטָפַף הַלְלוּדָה, of women of Jerusalem.

DCH → טָפַף *walk carefully.*

Is. 3:16

The Lord said:
 “Because the daughters of Zion
 Are so vain
 And walk ...
 with mincing gait,
 Making a tinkling with their feet” —

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HALOT

טף

- 1. little children;
- 2. those of a nomadic tribe who are not (or only to a small extent) able to march:
 - a) טף together with the men (women and old people included);
 - b) men, women and ט (meaning children and old people);
 - c) women and טף (meaning children and old people);
 - d) men, women, בָּנִים and טף Nu 16₂₇ 2C 20₁₃;
together with wives, sons and daughters 2C 31₁₈. †

2Chr. 20:5 [the Moabites and Ammonites come to wage war against Judah]

Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem in the House of the Lord at the front of the new court. 6 He said, “Lord God of our fathers, truly You are the God in heaven and You rule over the kingdoms of the nations; power and strength are Yours; none can oppose You. 7 O our God, you dispossessed the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel, and You gave it to the descendants of Your friend Abraham forever. 8 They settled in it and in it built for You a House for Your name. They said, 9 ‘Should misfortune befall us—the punishing sword, pestilence, or famine, we shall stand before this House and before You—for Your name is in this House—and we shall cry out to You in our distress, and You will listen and deliver us.’ 10 Now the people of Ammon, Moab, and the hill country of Seir, into whose [land] You did not let Israel come when they came from Egypt, but they turned aside from them and did not wipe them out, 11 these now repay us by coming to expel us from Your possession which You gave us as ours. 12 O our God, surely You will punish them, for we are powerless before this great multitude that has come against us, and do not know what to do, but our eyes are on You.” 13 All Judah stood before the Lord with **their little ones, their womenfolk, and their children** [גַּם-טָפָם נְשֵׂיהֶם וּבְנֵיהֶם].

2Chr. 31:18

and the registry of the dependents of their whole company — [בְּכָל-טָפָם נְשֵׂיהֶם וּבְנֵיהֶם וּבְנוֹתֵיהֶם] wives, sons, and daughters—for, relying upon them, they sanctified themselves in holiness.