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¹ 4:1 baby (<u>3516</u> *nepios*): lit., "not speaking" - a baby that does not yet speak.

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 - D5 kindness: The exercise of goodness and well-being toward others.
 - D6 goodness: The capacity of being morally good in character and demeanor, taking a delight in that which is excellent and honorable.
 - D7 faithfulness: Faith, the capacity to trust in God and His goodness.
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