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וְבָרַךְ הוּא אֶת הַיָּלְדִים וְהָעַמִּים וְהָאֲרָצִים
For the Rabbis use this verse as a proof text that
אֶת הַיָּלְדִים וְהָעַמִּים וְהָאֲרָצִים מְרַחֵם
concluding אֶת הַיָּלְדִים וְהָעַמִּים וְהָאֲרָצִים

The question is: Why is it necessary to make the change in reading? After all, the text itself indicates that the children will be "taught" of the Lord, and will have great peace. Why, then, is it necessary to change the reading of to

הַיָּלְדִים .
The answer is, obviously, that the Rabbis held that it is not enough to be disciples of the Lord, children of the Lord, or even . Because then one simply garners all the Torah and spiritual wealth for himself, and what one does for himself is not enough to create a concept. Hence, it is necessary not only to be a , which is a societal concept. Hence, it is necessary not only to be a , but a , but a builder -- and what is required of our Alumni is not only to continue to study, but to continue to build their alma mater.