



ABORTION

1. Introduction

- There are many indications that the idea of abortion was totally alien to the Jewish mentality.
- The attitude of the Jews toward barrenness as a curse, the regard for fertility as one of God's greatest blessings,
- the mandate to increase and multiply, the hope of the Jewish maiden that she might bear the Messiah
- All the available evidence points to a wholesome acceptance of and respect for the life which God was making "in his own image," even though it was not yet completed

2. God considers any unborn baby to be alive.

- Isa 44:2
Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen.
- Ps 139:13-14
13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.
14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.
- Ps 51:5
Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- Ps 127:3
Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.
- Jer 1:5
Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.
- Luke 1:15
For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. **NB There is no record of the Holy Spirit ever filling anything but a person.**

- Isa 49:1
Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.
- Isa 49:5
And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength.
- Gal 1:15
But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,

3. **God considers the loss of that life by another's hands to be murder.**

- Exod 21:22-25
22 If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine.
23 And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life,
24 Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,
25 Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.
- If a woman gives birth prematurely, but there is no serious injury--i.e. the baby lives without harm, then a fine results to compensate for the assault.
- If a woman gives birth prematurely, and the baby dies, then the assailant is to be given the death penalty. This point is HUGE!!!
- What God is saying here is that the value and worth of an adult man is equal to the value and worth of an unborn fetus
 - a. The unborn's life is equivalent in value to an adult's life in God's sight
 - b. This also outlines God's Law against criminal feticide.
 - c. The killing of the unborn is murder

4. God created us in our mother's womb

- Ps 139:13-14
13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.
14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.
- Job 31:15
Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not one fashion us in the womb?
- We are a unique creation of God.
- We were formed directly by God before we were born.
- This means that unborn babies are special to God.
- The womb is intended to be a place where God works His creative action, not where man works his destructive action.

5. The Bible tells us that life begins at conception

- Ps 51:5
Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- Judg 13:7
But he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean thing: for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death.
- term "conceive" is the beginning of the process that leads to birth
- The Bible does not say "You will conceive tissue, which shall become a baby, and then you will give birth to a son.",
- The Bible speaks very freely and often about life as beginning at conception.

6. The Bible uses the term "Baby" whether he/she is born or unborn

- Luke 1:41
And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:
- Here an unborn "fetus" is referred to as a "**baby**".
- The greek word "BREPPOS" refers to a baby, whether he/she is unborn or not.
- In Luke 2:12, the angels announce to the shepherds in the field that they will find the **baby** Jesus wrapped and lying in a manger. The word "baby" here is "BREPPOS" again.

- The Bible makes no distinction, and has no separate word for a baby who is unborn versus a baby who is born.

7. **The Bible specifically condemns partial birth abortion as against God's will**

- Exod 1:15-20
 15 And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah:
 16 And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live.
 17 But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive.
 18 And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive?
 19 And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them.
 20 Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty.
- Notice that even the king of Egypt recognized partial birth abortion as murder when he told the midwives to KILL a baby as he becomes visible.
- God blessed the Hebrew midwives for not carrying out partial-birth abortion

8. **A society that hates God, loves death**

- Prov 8:35-36
 35 For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD.
 36 But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.
- A society that turns from God will find it acceptable to kill the unborn, kill those who are being born, and those who were just born.
- A society that has turned from God will accept euthanasia, and assisted suicide. Death in all its forms becomes less horrible to us, then.
- We choose "selective reduction" of unwanted babies instead of life.
- And even those who wouldn't do such things believe that we should still allow others to practice them.

9. **Summary**

God is pro-life so must we be