



## Infanticide: Child Sacrifice and Abortion

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Infanticide is the killing of a child within a year of birth or the societal practice of killing unwanted children soon after birth. Abortion is the deliberate termination of a human pregnancy. The terms 'child sacrifice' and 'abortion' are deceptive words used in order to make the practice of infanticide palatable for all those who partake in the murder of infants.

## IS ABORTION MURDER?

Christian denominations vary on their doctrinal positions on abortion, generally the more liberal sects permitting the procedure, while the more conservative ones opposing it. Many contend that there is no explicit prohibition of abortion in either the Tanakh (Old Testament) or Brit Hadashah (New Testament) books of the Scriptures.<sup>1</sup> This article will refute that contention.

### **GENESIS 2:7 (NKJV):**

**And YHWH (the Lord) God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the *breath of life*; and man became a living being.**

A liberal interpretation of when life begins is when a baby takes its first breath. The problem with that understanding is that Adam was created as a mature man, not one who was formed through the gestation process as a child in the womb. Therefore, Adam never knew life as a fetus, nor as a helpless infant, as Adam did not have a mother. Adam's first moment of life was as a fully formed man, when he took his first breath.

### **JEREMIAH 1:5 (NKJV):**

**Then the word of YHWH (the Lord) came to me, saying:**

**“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”**

YHWH (the Lord) proclaimed that He knew Jeremiah *before* he was fully formed in the womb and was physically born. Secular culture has attempted to deceive women into believing that the babies they carry in their wombs are just fetal tissue blobs of flesh and not human beings. Modern ultrasound technology makes it obvious that pregnant women are nurturing developing babies in their wombs.

### **EXODUS 21:22-25 (NKJV):**

**“If men fight, and hurt a woman WITH CHILD, so that she gives birth prematurely, yet no harm follows, he shall surely be punished accordingly as the woman's husband imposes on him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. But if any harm follows, then you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.”**

God's law protected the unborn child as a life, who, if killed in the womb of the mother, the man who caused the child's death was to have his life forfeited. If any harm was caused to the child, whatever harm was done to the child would likewise be imposed on the man who caused the harm.

**LUKE 1:41,44 (NKJV):**

**And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that *the babe* leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, *the babe* leaped in my womb for joy.**

**2 KINGS 8:11-13 (NKJV):**

**Then he set his countenance in a stare until he was ashamed; and the man of God wept. And Hazael said, “Why is my lord weeping?”**

**He answered, “Because I know the evil that you will do to the children of Israel: Their strongholds you will set on fire, and their young men you will kill with the sword; and you will dash their children, and rip open their women *with child*.” So Hazael said, “But what is your servant—a dog, that he should do this gross thing?”**

**2 KINGS 15:16 (NKJV):**

**All the women there who were *with child* he ripped open.**

All throughout the Scriptures it is noted that a pregnant woman is a woman *with child* or that there is a *babe* in her womb. There are many more Scripture examples of the term women ‘*with child*’ than the few examples cited above.

The word ‘fetus,’ which originated in the late 14<sup>th</sup> century, is often utilized by abortion advocates, with deceptive evil intent purposes, as a word used to dehumanize a baby in the womb and to deflect from what they are really doing: *killing a child*, as they instead claim that they are *aborting a fetus*.

**BARNABAS 14:11 (LBOB<sup>2</sup>):**

**You shall not destroy your conceptions before they are brought forth; nor kill them after they are born.**

The most direct prohibition against aborting a child comes from the writings of Barnabas in the Apocryphal books. The General Epistle of Barnabas lays a greater claim to canonical authority than most other non-canonized Apocryphal books and many early Christian church leaders esteemed it genuine and canonical. Barnabas was a companion preacher with Paul. Barnabas was a Levite who, after conversion, sold his home and gave the proceeds to the apostles (Acts 4:36-37). Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith (Acts 11:22-24). Barnabas was named as an apostle in Scripture and was beloved among the brethren (Acts 14:14, 15:25-26). Barnabas’ epistle may not have been unanimously regarded as canonized Scripture, inspired by the Holy Spirit, but his writings certainly were inspired by Barnabas himself, a true man of God.

## CHILD 'SACRIFICE' IN THE SCRIPTURES

As the term 'abortion' is a term used by modern day abortion advocates, the phrase 'child sacrifice' was used by idolaters in Scripture. It is easier for a woman to deceive herself and live with the belief that she aborted her fetus, rather than acknowledge the truth that she murdered her child. The same was true in biblical times past. It was easier for a woman to deceive herself and live with the belief that she sacrificed her child to a pagan god, rather than acknowledge the truth that she murdered her child for convenience.

### **LEVITICUS 18:20-21 (NKJV):**

**Moreover you shall not lie carnally with your neighbor's wife, to defile yourself with her. And you shall not let *any of your descendants* pass through the fire to Molech, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am YHWH (the Lord).**

The command to not allow *any of your descendants* to pass through the fire to Molech is preceded by the command to not lie carnally with your neighbor's wife. If a man did commit adultery with his neighbor's wife, the result would often be an unwanted pregnancy, which would lead to an unwanted child, a child born out of wedlock, a bastard. Such was the case when King David impregnated his neighbor's wife Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11:2-5). Unplanned children or children conceived in sin *are* our descendants and God commands us to not kill them.

Unwanted children, children of inconvenience, children of burden, children of sin, in biblical times were often discarded, as unwanted children are discarded today; they were murdered. Today, a woman goes to an abortion clinic to have the baby killed in her womb by infanticide doctors. In biblical times, women would give birth to a baby, then offer it as a human sacrifice, murdering the child in a caldron of flames before a pagan god, carried out by one of the pagan god's priests who would later clean up the charred remains from the idol's oven and discard them. A medical fee is paid to the abortion clinic today, while an offering for the child sacrifice service was paid to the priests of the pagan deity in biblical times.

The Scripture commands and condemnations against killing children by passing them through the fires of pagan gods are numerous...

### **DEUTERONOMY 18:10 (NKJV):**

**There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter *pass through the fire*.**

**2 KINGS 16:2-3 (NKJV):**

Ahaz was twenty years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and he did not do what was right in the sight of YHWH (the Lord) his God, as his father David had done. But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel; indeed he made his son *pass through the fire*, according to the abominations of the nations whom YHWH (the Lord) had cast out from before the children of Israel.

**2 KINGS 17:16-17 (NKJV):**

So they left all the commandments of YHWH (the Lord) their God, made for themselves a molded image and two calves, made a wooden image and worshiped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. And they caused their sons and daughters to *pass through the fire*.

**JEREMIAH 32:35 (NKJV):**

And they built the high places of Baal which are in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to *pass through the fire* to Molech, which I did not command them, nor did it come into My mind that they should do this abomination.

**EZEKIEL 16:20-21 (NKJV):**

“Moreover you took your sons and your daughters, whom you bore to Me, and these you sacrificed to them to be devoured. Were your acts of harlotry a small matter, that you have slain My children and offered them up to them by causing them to *pass through the fire*?”

Ezekiel 16:20-21 clearly indicates that sons and daughters *passing through the fire* was not some pagan ritual or rite of passage in which sons and daughters lived. The children were devoured in the flames. God rhetorically asks, “Did you really think that your sin of harlotry (sex out of wedlock), was such a small matter that you could offer the children up that you bore as a result of your harlotry, My children, to other gods as a sacrifice to atone for your sin?”

**EZEKIEL 20:31 (NKJV):**

For when you offer your gifts and make your sons *pass through the fire*, you defile yourselves with all your idols.

Ezekiel 20:31 indicates that there was a price to be paid, a ‘gift,’ offered to the priests of the pagan gods as a service fee to dispose of an unwanted son or daughter in a ritualistic ‘sacrifice’ before an idol god. Pagan deity baby cremator priests, as well as abortion butcher doctors of today, are in the baby killing business and neither ever offered their services for free.

## ABORTION IS NOT AN UNFORGIVABLE SIN

As it was in times past, the same holds true for today. All infanticides conducted by mother or father, be it child sacrifice or abortion, are done so for selfish reasons. The child is unwanted and the parents do not want to be burdened with an unwanted baby.

Many women (and men), up to and after an abortion, prefer to bury the abominable deed in their past and not acknowledge what they have done, often justifying the abortion for whatever reason. This is not repentance acceptable to YHWH (the Lord) God.

### **JEREMIAH 3:12-13 (NKJV):**

**“For I am merciful,” says YHWH (the Lord); “I will not remain angry forever. Only acknowledge your iniquity, that you have transgressed against YHWH (the Lord) your God.”**

### **REVELATION 9:21 (NKJV) [WITH INTERPRETATION]:**

**And they did not repent of their murders [ABORTIONS] or their sorceries [NARCOTIC DRUG USE] or their sexual immorality or their thefts.**

God will forgive the sin of abortion, if you who are guilty of this iniquity acknowledge your sin, repent of it, and ask God for forgiveness.



<sup>1</sup> “Abortion and Christianity,” Wikipedia, 26 October 2018, < [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abortion\\_and\\_Christianity](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abortion_and_Christianity) >

<sup>2</sup> “The Lost Books of the Bible,” N.T. Apocryphal books, Crown Publishers, 1979. < <https://www.sacred-texts.com/bib/lbob/lbob17.htm> >