

The Ten Commandments - Part 31: You Shall Not Murder - The Unborn (11/31/2022)

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Video Clip 1- CBS News

Speaker 1: Do you think Republicans underestimated how important this would be? So much of the conversation going into it was about inflation and the economy, and that was very important as well, but it really seems like there was a message sent here by a lot of voters.

Speaker 2: Yeah, it was actually really surprising to us in the last few weeks before the election when people wanted us to pivot. They wanted to stop having a conversation around abortion and only focus on economy and inflation as if we're single-issue voters; as if we don't actually connect the dots between the fact that when you decide to become a parent, that, in itself, can be an economic decision for someone. You have to decide where are you in your career? Where are you in terms of where you want your family to be (knowing that most people who seek access to abortion are already mothers)? And so, I do think that both parties underestimated, in some ways, how significant abortion continued to be. They also didn't take into account this was going to be the first chance, since the Dobbs decision, that we had to express our outrage and betrayal. That's what we did over and over again when we were out at rallies across the country. I'd ask people to go back to that moment they heard the Dobbs decision and say what they felt. Everybody remembers where they were: the betrayal, the outrage, the frustration. And that's what we saw come out, November 8th.

Video Clip 2: CBS Weekend News

If you make abortion illegal—if you take away our rights to make our personal decisions about our bodies, we will see you at the ballot box in November.

Video Clip 3: Vice President Kamala D. Harris

As extremists work to take away the freedom of women to make decisions about their own bodies, faith leaders are taking a stand knowing one does not have to abandon their faith or deeply held religious beliefs to agree that a woman should have the ability to make decisions about her own body and not have her government tell her what to do. And she will choose in consultation with her pastor, or a priest, or a doctor, and her loved ones, but the government should not be making that decision. In this moment, let us heed the words of 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 (NIV): ¹³Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong. ¹⁴Do everything in love.

Video Clip 4: Senator Elizabeth Warren

In Massachusetts, right now, those crisis pregnancy centers which are there to fool people who are looking for pregnancy termination help, outnumber true abortion clinics by three to one. We need to shut them down here in Massachusetts, and we need to shut them down all around the country. You should not be able to torture a pregnant person like that.

Video Clip 5: Reverend Jes Kast is part of Planned Parenthood's Clergy Advocacy Board

Reverend Jes Kast: The Clergy Advocacy Board of Planned Parenthood is a variety of spiritual leaders here from various faith traditions, who care about the dignity, who care about each person's value and the choices that are important to them. Each one of us are of deep faith. I'm a Christian Pastor myself and because of my tradition as a Christian pastor, this is why I'm doing the work in Planned Parenthood. I believe so strongly, personally, that every person has dignity and worth and should have access to the choices that they deem are necessary for them. In the Book of John, it states that Jesus came so that all men may have life and have it abundantly. The flourishing of people, the flourishing of our communities, these are at the very essence of our Christian Scripture. If we prohibit people from reproductive health care, we are in direct confrontation with our own Christian Scripture. So, to be a follower of Christ and to be a follower of this Christian Scripture means I must make sure that all health care and reproductive access is available to my neighbors. That is what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

Video Clip 6: MSNBC- Reverend Amelia Fulbright

MSNBC Host: Joining me now is Reverend Amelia Fulbright. She's the pastor of the Congressional Church of Austin, Texas, and I'm so excited to talk to you tonight. Reverend Fulbright, I'd like to start by getting your reaction to Madison Cawthorn because I think when the infusion of biblical principles and religion gets into this conversation and when he's referring to women as earthen vessels, I mean what does it say about how some in the anti-abortion movement view women?

Amelia Fulbright: Well, first of all, it's great to be here. Thank you for having me. Well, I think it shows you that the anti-abortion movement is inherently patriarchal. It is coming out of evangelical Christianity, or at least a certain branch of it, that is tied up with sexism and racism. It's a relatively new innovation in that movement. I mean you can look back to when Roe was decided. There were actually evangelical leaders coming out in favor of it, but we know it's documented that in the late 1970s-early 80s, certain fundamentalists evangelical leaders actually developed a strategy with conservative Catholics to gain political power, and they chose abortion as the wedge issue to sort of build that whole religious right movement around. And it is not a women movement that affirms women, affirms women pastors, and so, it's not surprising to me that he talked about women as vessels. You even heard, I think, some of the Supreme Court Justices using that same basic framework in the arguments from last week, which is deeply disturbing to me because I think you see Jesus in the Gospels consistently pushing back against religious and political authorities by affirming the full humanity of women and their agency.

MSNBC Host: So, let's talk about that because, you know, I'm the child of two pastors. I'm the granddaughter of a pastor. I feel like as a progressive feminist—like I'm the daughter of two pastors, who grew up to become a feminist, so I've thought a lot about these things. Why is it Christian to support reproductive freedom? Why are the teachings of Jesus, the foundation of this idea, that women are people deserving of their full bodily autonomy and humanity?

Amelia Fulbright: Well, first of all, I want to say that the issue of abortion is not really in Scripture unless you pull out a passage from Numbers where a priest actually appears to prescribe an abortion in a case

where there might have been marital infidelity. It's not the type of passage you can really build a theology around one way or the other, but you know Jesus never talks about abortion. But there's a lot in the Bible about how every human is created in the image of God, and in the Bible, it talks about personhood beginning with the first breath. I mean that's how God creates. We don't have humans until we're endowed with breath. So, you know, particularly in Judaism, but really in all the Abrahamic traditions, personhood begins with birth, you know, outside the pregnant person's body. And so, I think that first of all that's key. You can't look at and read the Bible and find anything that's against abortion, so it's an argument from absent thoughts in Scripture. And as Christians we say, you know, "What would Jesus do?" I think He would empower women to make their own decisions based on their moral conscience and the spirit that lives within their own breath.

Video Clip 7: MSNBC Host

MSNBC Host: Just say, as a southern Baptist that grew up reading the Bible, maybe a backslidden Baptist, but I still know the Bible, Jesus never once talked about abortion. Never once, and it was happening back in ancient times. It was happening during His time—never once mentioned it. And for people perverting the Gospel of Jesus Christ down to one issue, it's heresy. Go. If you don't believe me, if that makes you angry, why don't you do something you haven't done in a long time? Open the Bible. Open the New Testament; read the red letters. You won't see it there. And yet, there are people who were using Jesus as a shield to make 10-year-old raped girls go through a living and breathing hell here on earth. They've also conveniently overlooked the parts of the New Testament when Jesus talks about taking care of the needy, taking care of those who are helpless, who live a hopeless life, because they believe, these state legislators believe, that life begins at fertilization and ends at childbirth.

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Daniel Speaking:

I know that was painful. It is so necessary because it's time for you to get out of your bubble and understand what is happening in the church today. I don't think I need to tell you what we are covering today. We are moving on to the sixth commandment:

Exodus 20:13 — ¹³You shall not murder.

Thus far, this is the briefest commandment within the Ten Commandments. In fact, it's even more succinct and concise in the Hebrew, *lō trā-ṣāḥ*, which is quite literally two words. There's nothing added to this. It is *lō trā-ṣāḥ*, and it means "don't murder." It is really simple; don't go there.

If there was ever a time to talk about this commandment, it is right now because we see society moving forth, propagating and justifying the murder of unborn children. Now, we call it health care. We call it dignity. We say it's a women's right or it's family planning. We use these phrases to describe the sixth commandment. It's as if there is a veneer over murder.

The worst part of this is the following: I can understand when I look at a society without Jesus; these people are lost, broken, hurt, and deceived, and they don't know better. I can be compassionate and long-suffering in that context, but when this comes into the church and Christian pastors, preachers, teachers, and authors champion the cause to kill the unborn, we have a serious problem.

Today, the focus of my message is on “**thou shall not murder**” explicitly in the context of abortion, and even more so, in the context of the Christian arena. To kick things off, I want to lay a foundation and see what the Bible has to say because apparently, according to this video, the Bible has nothing to say about abortion; quit making a big deal out of it; abortion is okay. Let’s find out what the word says.

Exodus 21:22-23 — **22 If men fight, and hurt a woman with child, —this child is in the womb— 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. 23 But if any harm follows, then you shall give life for life.** (Emphasis added).

Why are you to give life for life? Because he committed murder. He killed this unborn child. Therefore, it's a capital offense in Torah. He's to be put to death. You cannot say the Bible doesn't deal with this issue; it specifically deals with the issue of abortion.

There is something I want you to understand. There was a little sentence in the video which talked about this debate on abortion and how historically this wasn't an issue. She alluded to abortion not being an issue in Christianity until recently. I submit to you that historically this issue has never been debated until recently. Christians (even all the different sects of Christianity that erupted in the second century) were never confused or unclear about the fact that if you kill a child in the womb, it was murder.

I want to go back in history and show you the different extra canonical books or, as we would say, the books outside of the Canon of Scripture, and how early Christians who went to the word, the Torah and the Prophets, digested what they read.

Many of you are familiar with the first book we will look at, but for those of you who are not, it is the *Book of Enoch*. This is an intertestamental book and forgive the gross oversimplification here. I would love to give you a much greater back story, but there are a couple things about the book Enoch you need to know.



It was found in the Dead Sea Scrolls with all those biblical manuscripts. The *Book of Enoch* was found there in multiple copies and multiple languages. This book was being read in the days of Yeshua and even before.

The *Book of Barnabas*, or the *Epistle of Barnabas*, is one of the earliest (late first-century to early second-century) non-canonical books we have. Barnabas drew from Enoch.

The early church fathers drew from the *Book of Enoch*. Tertullian believed it was inspired; no question about it. Augustine drew from it.

But most importantly, Enoch 1:9 is quoted verbatim in the New Testament in the book of Jude. And not just that, but Jude continued to draw from it; it makes up a huge part of the book of Jude. Even though the Book of Enoch is not included within the 66 books of the Bible, historically Christians were reading this book; it's even referenced in our New Testament.

The *Book of Enoch* addresses the matter of abortion. Understand abortion is not just a modern-day problem that we suddenly decided to do in the 21st century. This problem goes back thousands of years.

Enoch 69:12a — ^{12a} **And the fifth** —meaning the fifth fallen angel— **was named Kasdeja: this is he who showed the children of men all the wicked smitings of spirits and demons, and the smitings of the embryo in the womb, that it may pass away, and the smitings of the soul.** (Emphasis added). To give you a little backdrop: Enoch mentions the fallen angels who left their heavenly abode to join themselves to the earth. The *Book of Enoch* outlines that these fallen angels gave humanity revelation and knowledge which they were never meant to have. You see here part of what the angels revealed was the depths and depravity of the devil himself. It puts abortion specifically in the context of being a demonic act.

Let's move forward to the late first century to the early second century. This is what we read in the *Epistle of Barnabas*, an early Christian document:

Barnabas 19:5b — ^{5b} **You shall love your neighbor more than your own soul. You shall not murder a child by abortion, nor again kill it after birth.** You shall not remove your hand from your son or from your daughter, but shall teach them the fear of God from their youth. (Emphasis added). Isn't that interesting? Barnabas specifically deals with the child in the womb and the child out of the womb. Why? because this was an issue thousands of years ago; no question about it.

Let's look at *Josephus, Against Apion*. Josephus, a first-century Jewish Roman historian, was a Pharisee and an expert in the law. This is what he says:

Josephus, *Against Apion* 2.202A — **The law**, —referring to the Torah, the Bible— **moreover enjoins us to bring up all our offspring, and forbids women to cause (an) abortion of what is begotten, or to destroy it afterward;** (Emphasis added). This says the exact same thing that the Epistle of Barnabas says. Isn't that fascinating? So, early Christians and Orthodox Jews read the same Bible, whether in Hebrew or in Greek, and understood perfectly the sixth commandment, "**Thou shalt not murder,**" meant in the womb and out of the womb.

Josephus, *Against Apion* 2.202B — **and if any woman appears to have done so, she will be a murderer of her child, by destroying a living creature, and diminishing humankind:** (Emphasis added). Josephus adds to the fact that if you do go through this, understand what happens: you fall under the sixth commandment.

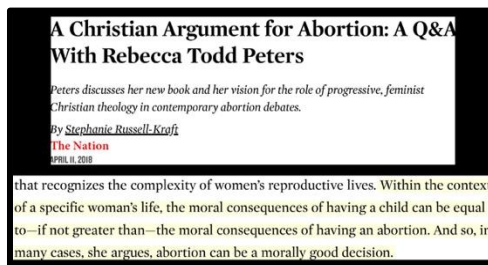
Let's look at one of the most important early second-century critical Christian documents we have outside of scripture known as the *Didache*.

Didache 2:2 — **You shall not commit murder.** —just comes right out and says it—then in the exact same verse says— **You shall not kill an unborn child or murder a newborn infant.** (Emphasis added).

I want you to understand that there has been no ambiguity, no misunderstanding, and no debates within the realm of Christianity or even Orthodox Judaism. This is a new thing. What we see happening is unprecedented. I want to share some headlines with you to show you how in trouble we really are:



Headline: SHOCK: Dozens of 'Christian' faith leaders —not Christians— sign letters supporting 'right to abortion'.



Headline: A Christian Argument for Abortion: A Q & A With Rebecca Todd Peters.

Stephanie Russell-Kraft: Peters discusses her new book and her vision for the role of progressive, feminist Christian theology —an oxymoron— in contemporary abortion debates.

Rebecca Todd Peters: Within the context of a specific woman's life, the moral consequences of having a child can be equal to—if not greater than—the moral consequences of having an abortion. And so, in many cases, she argues, abortion can be morally a good decision. You could talk about the varying degrees of that interpretation of what would be morally reprehensible to actually let the child live. It may be a situation (I've heard the argument) based solely on economics. They won't be able to give their children certain privileges that other kids have, so that child doesn't deserve to live. Maybe the doctors say, "There is a good chance this child will be born with spina bifida or some other defect. You may have this in your genes. Your baby may or may not be healthy, but you should probably abort." Some doctors, not all doctors, are very much pro moving in that direction, and I only know this because it comes back to me directly.



CNN Headline: They cite the same Bible and evoke the same Jesus. But these two Christians —listen to this— are on the opposite sides of the abortion debate.

CNN- John Blake: Both cite the same Bible. Both follow the same Jesus. And both talk about the sanctity of life. And yet both stand on the opposite sides of the contentious debate over abortion. Trent Horn, an author, speaker, and podcaster is a Roman Catholic and an opponent of abortion rights. Laura Ellis supports legal abortion rights and is project manager at Baptist Women in Ministry, a Baptist group that advocates for women in ministry.

We will jump to what Laura Ellis has to say:

Laura Ellis: We have to be really careful when we try to take a topic as complicated as abortion and try to justify it or condemn it through a single verse or a couple of verses that are taken out of context. **The Bible is an incredibly complicated book** — I will dispute that all day long. The Bible was considered and was written to be so simplistic that a child could understand it. The Bible itself testifies to this: every seven years at the Shemitah, the Feast of Tabernacles, not just men went up, but women and children. Why? so, they would hear the Torah and fear their God. It's not that complicated.

Laura Ellis: written by multiple people over different historical and social contexts. It could be irresponsible to just pull out a sentence or two and relate them to 21st-century America. —listen to this— **The Bible does not talk explicitly about abortion, pro or con, in any kind of way. It's just not there.** (Emphasis added). I'll tell you what's not there. What's not there is clarity on her part. It's one of two things: either she has integrity and honestly and doesn't know what the Bible says because she hasn't read it, or she's lying through her teeth. I'm leaning toward the former. She hasn't read the Bible; she doesn't know. She's speaking totally out of ignorance because the Bible explicitly deals with this issue. When you read the Torah, every single book, Genesis through Deuteronomy, discusses the reality of murder, and it echoes throughout the Prophets and the New Testament.

Laura Ellis: **I wish people would understand that you can be a Christian and not oppose abortion.** You cannot. That is a lie. That is deception. I want to pull people that are on that side of the tracks to the right side of truth. I'm not here to beat them down; I want to pull them out of the fire.

Laura Ellis: **Just because somebody is pro-choice doesn't mean that they hate life or babies or the Bible or God.** (Emphasis added). By definition, yes it does. That's exactly what it means. It's interesting that the Lord embedded a little statement within the Ten Commandments. I don't know if you remember reading this, but this is what we read weeks ago:

Exodus 20:5b— ^{5b} **For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity** —meaning I will come—I will meet that sin— **of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me.** (Emphasis added).

Do you understand when you do not keep the Commandments of God (you walk away from them and reject them because you don't like them and want to side with society), you hate God? That is the definition of hating God. When Yeshua says, **“If you love Me, keep My commandments,”** (John 14:15) you have a choice: you can love God or you can hate Him. You can submit to Him, love Him, honor Him, or you can reject Him and create your own god.



Headline: [The Bible States That Christianity Actually Supports Abortion Rights](#). This is the stuff that is coming out en masse from pastors, preachers, authors, and Christians.

Andrei Tapalaga: [The Bible does not say specifically that a woman has the right to choose if she should have an abortion or not, —yes, it does— however, 72 percent —listen to the wording of this— of Christians that support abortion rights —who are pro-abortion— believe that “the decision about whether to have an abortion should belong solely to the pregnant woman.”](#) If I wasn't paying attention that sounds like a really important statistic. It sounds like the majority of Christianity supports abortion. No, they don't! It's only 72 percent of [the Christians who support abortion](#). To be honest with you, I'm shocked that it is not 100 percent.

Andrei Tapalaga: [The argument is very controversial, especially the debate created within the Supreme Court where Christianity is becoming more and more debated.](#) (Emphasis added). Finally, this is a statement I can agree with. Do you know why Christianity is being more and more debated in this country? It's being more and more debated because we have become intolerant of what the Bible says. Our society, as a whole, does not want to hear it. There are Christian pastors who do not want to hear it. They don't want to hear the reality of what God has to say.

Andrei Tapalaga: [One of the most popular passages from the Bible, known by every Christian, “Thou shall not kill,” has been used when it comes to abortion and against pro-abortion Christian protesters. Dr. Jacqui Lewis, a senior minister at Collegiate Church says that the far right —meaning you— is using the passage wrongly as it does not apply to this specific argument: “The frequent conservative rejoinder ‘thou shall not kill’ is improperly applied here.”](#) (Emphasis added). Basically, this is saying the sixth commandment, “Thou shall not kill,” doesn't apply to abortion. Spiritually speaking, that is insane. It goes dead set against the word, but the devil wants people to believe his lies. The devil wants them to eat the forbidden fruit.



Headline: [I'm a pro-choice minister, and I'm far from the only one. We should speak up more.](#) This pro-choice minister says he is far from the only one. Unfortunately, I agree. Like I said, “This is gaining major ground.”



Rolling Stone Headline: [Think Christianity Is Anti-Abortion? Think Again.](#)

Rolling Stone- Alex Morris: [Extremists](#) —Right now in social media, coming out of all the various media outlets, the term “extremist” is used over and over again to describe you. You have to see the cleverness of this wording. I am pointing this out because the extremists hold fast and say, “God said in His word. ‘Thou shall not kill,’ and that applies to the unborn.”

Rolling Stone- Alex Morris: [Extremists have sought to use religion as a tool to dominate women's bodies,](#) —as though the word of God came from us—the Lord Himself delivered His word to man— [but Christians have a long history of being in favor of abortion rights.](#) Did you notice they are hijacking the term “Christian”? Christians who want to abide by the word are called “extremists,” but Christians who support abortion are called “Christians.”

Pay attention to what you're reading in the headlines. These things are not put together on a whim. They are thought through and can be very deceptive. I could show you article after article, specifically in the context of people calling themselves Christians and propagating the pro-choice movement, a movement which is eroding the most sacred tenets of the faith.

Let’s look at the book of Jeremiah because I want to show you what this means. What does everything we are going through and seeing in society, specifically within the church, mean for us? I will show you what it means:

Jeremiah 32:33 — ³³ **And they have turned to Me the back, and not the face; though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not listened to receive instruction.** (Emphasis added).

The LORD sent out His prophets early in the morning and what did a prophet of God do? They didn't speak their own words; they spoke the word of God. They spoke the truth, and the people hated them for it. The people of God hated the prophets because the prophets told them they needed to turn back to the way of the LORD and keep His word and His Commandments.

It's interesting to me to see the imagery the LORD chooses to use. His own people turned their back. It’s interesting because in the book of Ezekiel, you read about men who turn their back to the temple of the living God, so they could worship the sun. Understand when He said, **“They have turned to Me the back,”** that is an imagery of you turning away from His voice, refusing to hear from Him, refusing to abide by His Commandments, and walking away from Him to worship another.

When you want to heed His voice and keep His word and His commandments, you turn to His face. That's what **“seek My face”** means. You can only seek His face if you are drawing nigh to Him. What is the path to **“seek His face”**? It is His word and His commandments.

So, this is the backdrop. The backdrop is eerily paralleling our backdrop today with the church. I'm not talking about a pagan society that doesn't have Jesus; I'm talking about a church that has turned their back on Jesus.

Jeremiah 32:34 — ³⁴ **But they set their abominations in the house which is called by My name to defile it.**

This is not: “Hey, I'm coming up to set up this idol in this temple.” It's way beyond that; it's much broader. It's the fact that His people were not keeping His commandments, and they were coming into His temple with no reservation, whatsoever, to connect with Yahweh. We see this in Jeremiah seven.

Jeremiah 7:8-10 — ⁸ **Behold, you trust in lying words that cannot profit.** ⁹ **Will you steal, —look at this— murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burnt incense to Baal, and walk after other gods whom you do not know, and then come and stand before Me in this house which is called by My name, and say, “We are delivered to do all these abominations”?** (Emphasis added).

They made the holy place of God a den of thieves. These people of God thought they were fine. They continued to go to the temple to worship the LORD. In their minds, they felt they were connecting to Yahweh because they offered sacrifices and praises to Him, but then they came in and mixed the holy with the profane. We know this because we read:

Jeremiah 32:35a — ^{35a} **And they built the high places of Baal which are in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom,**

When you go to Israel, specifically Jerusalem, it's so weird because you get a totally different perspective on the passages you read in Scripture. I'll share with you my perspective when I was on the Temple Mount. An archaeologist and I went down the Temple Mount into the Valley of the Son of Hinnom. I went down there to see the tomb of Annas, who's mentioned as a high priest in the book of John. As you go down there, the tour guides say, “Welcome to hell” because it's Gehenna. That's what it's called.

When I got down to the valley, it gave me a perspective of this story in Jeremiah that I never appreciated before. From the Temple Mount, I could look down and see the Valley of the Son of Hinnom clearly. When I was down in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, I could look up and see the Temple Mount just fine. What's my point? I thought about how close they built these high places of Baal to the temple. They did not go to the caves of Qumran and do this hidden in the night. This ancient ecclesia of these people of God had no shame. They openly did this. They freely went up to the temple with no shame. Why did they build the high places of Baal?

Jeremiah 32:35b — ^{35b} **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, to cause Judah to sin.**

This generation of God's people confessed Yahweh and went up to His temple, yet down in the valley they erected all these high places to sacrifice their children to Molech. The greatest expression of devil worship is child sacrifice, and this is not my opinion alone; this is from devil worshipers. This is how they view it:



Headline: [Satanic Temple Raffles Free Abortion, Says Killing Unborn Babies Is 'Ultimate Offering to Satan.'](#)

Satanists understand that the greatest thing they can do to pay homage to Satan is to give an abortion. This is where things get serious. The very same sins you see Christians in the church today promoting and engaging in are the very same sins the people of God, in the days of Jeremiah, embraced. Do you understand what that means for you today? Do you understand the implications of that? Do you see the signs of where we are at? We as a nation are looking at judgment in the face. It's ready to fall. It's here. Whatever you have conjured up in your brain as far as how bad things will get, you have no idea. Whatever you're thinking doesn't come close to what is coming. I've only read about the stuff that is coming. I've never experienced anything like what is going to hit this country.

The prophets are crying out, right now, and I am terrified because nobody's listening. Let me jump to Ezekiel chapter 16, and we'll go back to Jeremiah in a second.

Ezekiel 16:20a — ^{20a} **Moreover you took your sons and your daughters, whom you bore to Me, and these you sacrificed to them to be devoured.** (Emphasis added).

Notice, God took possession. We always want to say, "It is my choice. These are my children," and the LORD says they are His. Understand, if you want to "terminate the pregnancy" (a euphemistic term), you are touching that which belongs to the LORD.

Ezekiel 16:20b-21 — ^{20b} **Were your acts of harlotry a small matter,** ²¹ **that you have slain My children and offered them up to them by causing them to pass through the fire?** (Emphasis added).

Isn't that amazing? The LORD identified the hearts of His people who acted like this was not a big deal. That's eerie because people today think it is not a big deal to sacrifice His children that were made in His image.

Ezekiel 16:22 — ²² **And in all your abominations and acts of harlotry —look at the LORD's wisdom— you did not remember the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare, struggling in your blood.** (Emphasis added).

When the LORD speaks, His wisdom cuts to the heart. He brought perspective to these people by saying, "Don't you understand the Golden Rule? Don't you remember being the recipient of kindness, mercy, and love when you were young, defenseless, and helpless? You only survived because someone cared for you." There is no thought of that as they move into the termination phase.

Jeremiah 19:3 — ³ and say, ‘Hear the word of the LORD, O kings of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem. —Jeremiah was to convey this message to the ancient church in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom— Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: “Behold, I will bring such a catastrophe on this place, that whoever hears of it, his ears will tingle. (Emphasis added).

“I am bringing hell to your doorstep. I will bring a wrath that is unimaginable and so horrific that the ears of people will tingle, who weren’t even there and only heard of this event.” When I say you have no idea what is going to happen in this country, know that it will be to the extent that the ears of people across seas will tingle. Why did the LORD bring such horrific judgment on His people?

Jeremiah 19:4-5 — ⁴ Because they have forsaken Me and made this an alien place because they have burned incense in it to other gods whom neither they, their fathers, nor the kings of Judah have known, and they have filled this place with the blood of Innocents. —he is bringing hell and unimaginable judgment because they're shedding the blood of the Innocents— ⁵ (they have also built the high places of Baal —why— to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings to Baal, which I did not command or speak, nor did it come into My mind), (Emphasis Added).

This is what moved God to unleash hell on His people. Keep in mind, in ancient Israel there were the Canaanites and all sorts of pagans doing paganistic things, but when their practices crept into the ancient ecclesia, the assembly, the *qahal*, of God, He unleashed hell. That's how close we are. This is a sign.

You can scour throughout this land, right now, and we've built high places of Baal all over this country where people sacrifice their children. They don't even see these things for what they are biblically. We have high places, Planned Parenthood and other places not affiliated with them, that have crept up all over this country. How many Planned Parenthoods did we have a hundred years ago? Do you see the problem? Do you see how close we are to judgment? It is on its way.

Jeremiah 19:6 — ⁶ “therefore behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “that this place shall no more be called Tophet or the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter.

Why? Because the LORD is going to fill it with death. This is called reaping and sowing. If you want to sow death, you will reap it. In Numbers 35, we see the LORD brought a horrific sword that did not spare young or old, man or woman.

Numbers 35:30-31 — ³⁰ Whoever kills a person, the murderer —if you kill someone, by biblical definition you're a murderer— shall be put to death on the testimony of witnesses; but one witness is not sufficient testimony against a person for the death penalty. ³¹ Moreover you shall take no ransom for the life of a murderer who is guilty of death, but he shall surely be put to death. This is the Lord. It is capital punishment. (Emphasis added).

Numbers 35:33 — this is where it gets really interesting— ³³ So you shall not pollute the land where you are; blood defiles the land, and no atonement can be made for the land, for the blood that is shed on it, except by the blood of him who shed it. (Emphasis added).

Many Christians who call themselves prophets say, “There will be peace in America; we are going to turn the corner.” They need to go back and read Numbers 35. Where does this put us when we read this in His law? These are the words of the living God. It is called the Law of God, not simply the law of Moses.

When God makes this statement, where does that put America today when we are already tipping the scales with the blood of over 60 million innocent children? We have rivers running with blood. His word says no atonement can be made unless the people, from the legislators to the people involved in doing this, are brought to justice. I want to show you God will make good on this.

2 Samuel 21:1 — ¹ **Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year; and David inquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, "It is because of Saul and his bloodthirsty house, because he killed the Gibeonites"**

Saul shed innocent blood, and what ended up happening? The land was cursed. Remember, Numbers 35 said, **"no atonement can be made for the land."** The land stopped producing, and there was famine because innocent blood had been shed.

Do you think it's a coincidence that the administration, last year and into this year, has started shutting down farms? I have shown you articles about what they're doing. Have you noticed the primary concern in the global chatter right now is famine? (Slide aside the environmental ten commandments that have come out, apparently.)

Did you know that last year the ACLJ, a law firm, came out with a shocking statistic stating the leading cause of death globally in 2020 was abortion? It wasn't heart disease, and it wasn't cancer. Abortions were 42 percent of the deaths globally in 2020. Is it any coincidence we are now reading about famine? I read articles about food shortages almost daily. I am not kidding you; the Lord will make good on this.

If you want blessings in the future, there's no way to have them until you deal with this. Do you know what David had to do, when he was with Saul, to make the famine end? He had to give the rest of the house of Saul, seven men except for Mephibosheth, (David spared him because of his covenant with Jonathan) to the Gibeonites, and they hung them. Atonement was made for the land. Justice was brought forward. This country is in trouble. Unbridled sin will be met with unbridled judgment.

Psalms 106:37 — ³⁷ **They even sacrificed their sons and daughters to demons,**

Even though some people say this is an economic decision, or they just don't want the child, you are offering your children to demons. I want these women to understand from a biblical concept what is happening. You heard Elizabeth Warren on the video despising pregnancy centers. How dare we educate people about what's really going on and give them an option! The devil wants to control the narrative. It's sick and twisted when you don't want people to have a choice to make a decision.

Let me be clear: whether you have Planned Parenthood or not, God has given women the choice of whether to keep the child or not. But know this: for every choice you make, there are implications. God didn't create robots. If you want to be blessed, do the things which bless God. If you want to be cursed, reject them.

Psalms 106:38 — ³⁸ **And shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons and daughters, Whom they sacrificed to idols of Canaan; And the land was polluted with blood.** (Emphasis added). How polluted and defiled of a country we live in now!

Genesis 9:5 — ⁵ **Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man.**

The Septuagint translates the words “I will demand a reckoning” as this: **I will seek the life of the human.** Do you know how scary that is? In the Hebrew “reckoning” is *darash* which means “to seek.” We have read those beautiful passages where Yeshua said — ⁴⁴ **No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him.”** (John 6:44). We know Yeshua leaves 99 sheep to seek one lost sheep, but this is a different context of seeking. You are now being hunted by the Lord, and it's not for life; it's for death. This is not an insignificant matter. He will demand a reckoning. God will make good on His word.

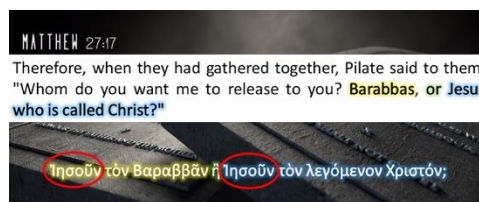
Genesis 9:6 — ⁶ **Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man.**

In other words, there will be a reckoning. If God makes good on His word, we will see a reckoning in this land to a degree we have never known. Whatever you have conjured up in your head of what is coming, you have no clue; you can't imagine it.

Matthew 27:15-16 — ¹⁵ **Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to releasing to the multitude one prisoner whom they wished. ¹⁶ And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas.** (Emphasis added).

This is something I've covered a lot, and many of you have already heard this, but we will go through this again because there's something that I need to get to.

When you go to the Greek manuscripts, there are textual variants regarding Barabbas. Some of the manuscripts read as follows: *lésous Barabban*, which means “Jesus Barabbas.” It gets even crazier because in the Aramaic, Barabbas means “son of the father.” You can see why the translators are very unnerved and comfortable with the translation: “Jesus, son of the father.” Typically, the translations today don't include that. They just lop that off, and call him Barabbas. But that's a great disservice because there's an incredible lesson that we need to draw from this. So, here you have this Barabbas, who is also known as *lésous Barabban*, Jesus Barabbas.



Matthew 27:17 — ¹⁷ **Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?”** (Emphasis added).

In the Greek we read: *lésoun ton Barabban ē lēsoun ton legomenon Christon?* You don't need to know Greek. The Greek word, *lésoun*, meaning Jesus is underlined. Notice, it is the exact same name. So, it says, **“Do you want Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?”** What is the difference between these two?

On one hand, there is Jesus the Christ (*Yeshua Mashiach*), Who gave life and spoke life. He said, **“⁶³ ...The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.”** (John 6:63). I love this when Jesus said, **“⁶⁷ Do you also want to go away?”** and Peter responded, **“⁶⁸ Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”** (John 6:66-67). Instead of murdering, Yeshua raised the dead. He gave life. He healed those who were hurt and broken. He showed compassion and forgave sins. This is Jesus the Christ, *Yeshua Mashiach*.

On the other hand, there is Jesus Barabbas. He is known for one particular interesting characteristic: murder. Do you know what troubles me? We are living in a generation who is hearing this cry, “Who do you want me to release to you?” And the church is saying, “Release to us Jesus Barabbas. We want the murderer. We want to justify. We serve a Jesus who is pro-murder.”

It is terrifying when we live in a generation that is like the wicked and evil generation who asked for Jesus Barabbas. Do you know what they were met with? They were met with one of the most horrific events ever recorded in history. God brought the Romans in, and they slaughtered His people because they asked for Jesus Barabbas. They got Jesus Barabbas, and they got death. It was awful. Hundreds of thousands of Jews died. Do you know what else they suffered? Interesting enough, famine.

The people who asked for Jesus Barabbas were His people. So, if you're living in a generation where Christians are asking for Jesus Barabbas, you're in trouble. What is the takeaway? Am I just here to scare the daylights out of you? Only in part. You need to feel the full weight of scripture because what do we do now? What is the answer for us, knowing the future is bleak for this country? The answer is Jesus the Christ, *Yeshua Mashiach*. It is about turning back to Him and letting go of the things of the world. It's about not allowing the devil to create your belief system.

Proverbs 3:5-6 — **⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will direct your paths.**

Now is the time for repentance; there is hope for you. And let me add to that: for anyone who has had an abortion (our society preys upon women and encourages them at every corner to abort), there is hope for you, and that hope is Yeshua. He is forgiving. If you want to make yourself right, this is the time to confess your sin, and He will forgive you.

Psalms 103:2 — **² Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits; ³ Who forgives all your iniquities, —not some, but all your sins— Who heals all your diseases.**

There is forgiveness. Grab hold of the word of the Lord. You will bring Yeshua joy by turning to Him, confessing your sins, coming home, and standing on His side of the word.