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There are few subjects that are as emotionally charged as this one. And what makes this even more difficult is when we are forced to face this question in the context of rape or incest. However, as tough as it may sound, we must be VERY CAREFUL not to allow our circumstances to "color" our understanding of the Truth in a particular area. Unless the Bible teaches that the Truth or the ethics in a situation is to be directly dictated by that situation... we must seek to discover the plain Truth of the matter, and then allow that Truth to dictate the ethics and our actions in that circumstance in which we may be found.

Carefully study the following passages from the Bible. Answer each of the questions listed with the passages. The answers to the following questions can be clearly seen within the passage. As you locate the answer within the Bible verses given, compare the Bible's answer to how you might have otherwise answered the questions. Remember! We are not looking for human opinions or feelings here. We are looking for God's answer to these important questions!

1. Jeremiah 1:5

- 1. Some are saying that until the fertilized egg begins to be formed into a human-being, or until you are actually born, you are NOT a person and are "just two cells" or "a lump of cells"..... But......
- 2. According to this passage, when did God know Jeremiah as a person?
- 3. When was Jeremiah consecrated?
- 4. At what point in Jeremiah's life was he appointed as a prophet?
- 5. Does God individually know and recognize us as a person *before* our being formed and birth?

2. Galatians 1:15

- 1. When did God set Paul apart for his ministry?
- 2. Where was Paul when God is said to have called him to his ministry for Christ?
- 3. Does this appear to be an impulsive act of God only after Paul's birth?

3. Ecclesiastes 12:7; Zechariah 12:1

- 3. Who forms the spirit of a man within him?
- 4. Does this passage teach that the spirit enters into a man when they are born? Or is it "formed within him?

4. Ecclesiastes 11:5

- 1. Where are the bones of a person formed?
- 3. Therefore, whose activity might one be interfering with by having an abortion?

5. Hebrews 12:9

- 1. We've already learned that God is the One who forms our spirit within us... correct?
- 2. From this verse, Who is the Father of our spirit within us?
- 3. So if we end a life within the womb, are we terminating a spirit which belongs to God?

6. Isaiah 44:24; Job 31:15

- 1. Does God take credit for being the One Who forms us in the womb?
- 2. Are those "made in the womb" spoken of as people, known by God?

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7. Psalm 71:6

1. Does this passage indicate that God can have a purpose for a person even before they are born?

8. Job 10:18-19

- 1. Wouldn't one have to be alive first, in order to then have died?
- 2. In order to die, wouldn't you first have to be considered alive?
- 3. What did Job here wish for *before* he was born?
- 4. Desiring to be as though he had not been, carried from womb to where?
- 5. Taken from the womb, so that no eye had seen him sounds like what?

9. Isaiah 49:1-5

- 1. Where was Isaiah when he was first called by God?
- 2. Where was Isaiah when God knew him and named him?
- 3. From v.5, did God have a purpose for this person from within his mother's womb?

10. Psalm 139:13-17

- 1. Who is credited with forming the inward parts of a man in the womb?
- 2. V.13 Does it say that a person is considered a formed individual only after exiting the womb? or before?
- 3. V.14 Are we just the result of a simple biological process? Or are we fearfully and wonderfully MADE?
- 4. V.15 When we are secretly being formed in the womb, does God see us and know us as a person?
- 5. V.16 When the egg is first fertilized, and our substance is yet "unformed" are all our days ordained for us by God, before a single day outside the womb begins?

11. Exodus 21:20-25

- 1. Some abortion advocates use this passage attempting to justify... But read it carefully!!!
- 2. V.22 How is the pregnant woman here literally described? What is she "with"?
- 3. V.22 Understanding that in Hebrew, it literally doesn't say "miscarriage", but rather, "so that her children come out", but that there is "no harm" to the mother or the born baby..., what was the penalty for the incident to the woman and her child?
- 4. V.23 However, if the was "any further injury, (it does NOT distinguish whether it was limited to just mother or child), then what was the penalty?

12. Jeremiah 20:17

- 1. As Jeremiah here laments his very existence, notice the description.
- 2. According to this verse can one be "killed" *before* birth or "in the womb"?
- 3. But according to abortionists, is the unborn "killed" or just "terminated"?
- 4. According to the inspired writer's understanding, what would his mother's womb become for him if he was "killed in the womb"?

13. Psalm 127:3

14. Amos 1:13

- 1. For what crime did God say He would not revoke the punishment of the sons of Ammon?
- 2. What did they do?

15. Some medical questions?????

- 1. If the law and medical science says that a person can be declared "legally dead" when they no longer have a heartbeat, why wouldn't consistency demand that a "fetus" with a beating heart only 20 days into pregnancy be considered "alive"?
- 2. If the law and medical science says that a person can be declared "legally dead" when they no longer have measurable brainwaves, why wouldn't consistency demand that a "fetus" with measurable brainwaves only 6 weeks into pregnancy be considered "alive"?

Yes, the Bible clearly teaches that God knows us for the very moment the egg is first fertilized and we begin the formation process. Genetically, we ARE ALL that we will ever be, the moment the egg is first fertilized in our mother's womb. It is then that God, in the womb, puts our spirit or soul within us. The Bible speaks of us as ALIVE within the womb! Therefore, abortion is the taking of that life! Plain and simple.

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