

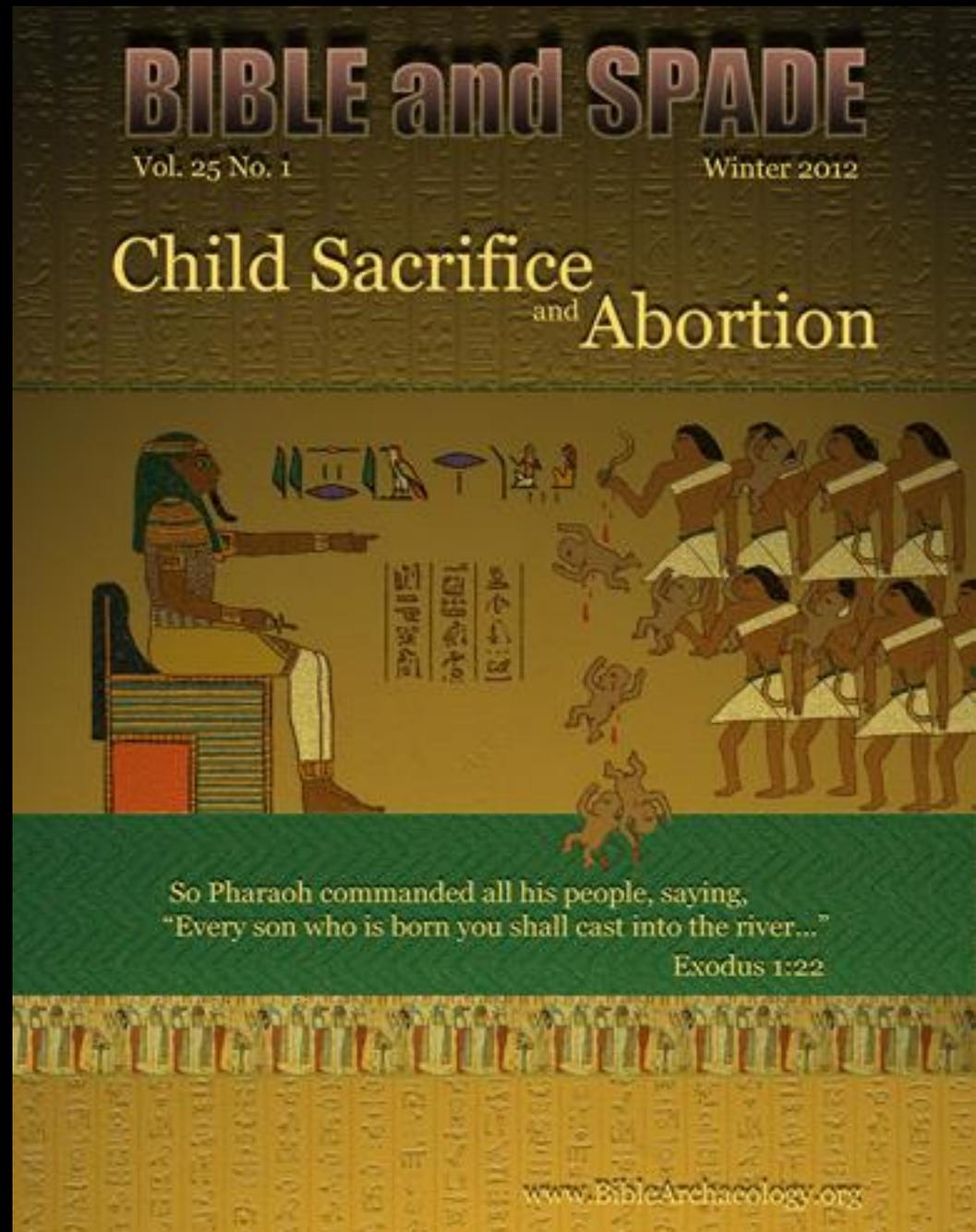
# OT Child Sacrifice and Modern Day Abortion

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# The Image of God

## 1. Genesis 1:26-27

26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Jesus in Mark 10:6 “But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’”

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## 2. Genesis 5:1-3

1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. 2 Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created.

3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.

# The Image of God

## 3. James 3:9

8... no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.

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## 4. Genesis 9:5b-6

5b... From his fellow man I will require a reckoning  
for the life of man.

6 “Whoever sheds the blood of man,  
by man shall his blood be shed,  
for God made man in his own image.”

# The Beginning of Human Life, of the Divine Image

## 1. Psalm 51:5

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Note that only a human being who is alive can be sinful.

# The Beginning of Human Life, of the Divine Image

## 2. Psalm 139:13-16

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

# The Beginning of Human Life, of the Divine Image

3. Job 10: 8a, 9a, 11  
31:15

Your hands fashioned and made me... Remember that you have made me like clay... You clothed me with skin and flesh, and knit me together with bones and sinews.

Did not he who made me in the womb make him [Job's servant]? And did not one fashion us in the womb?

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## 4. Isaiah 44:2

Thus says the LORD who made you,  
who formed you from the  
womb and will help you. . . .

# The Beginning of Human Life, of the Divine Image

## 5. Ecclesiastes 11:5

As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything.

# The Beginning of Human Life, of the Divine Image

## 6. Jeremiah 1:4-5

Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

# The Beginning of Human Life, of the Divine Image

Note Jeremiah's "three-stages" of human existence

1. Before the womb, "in the mind of God"

2. In the womb.

Only a PERSON can be known and consecrated.

3. After birth, he was appointed as a prophet

Theologian Meredith Kline called this a  
"continuum of [human] identity..."

# The Unborn Child Responds to God

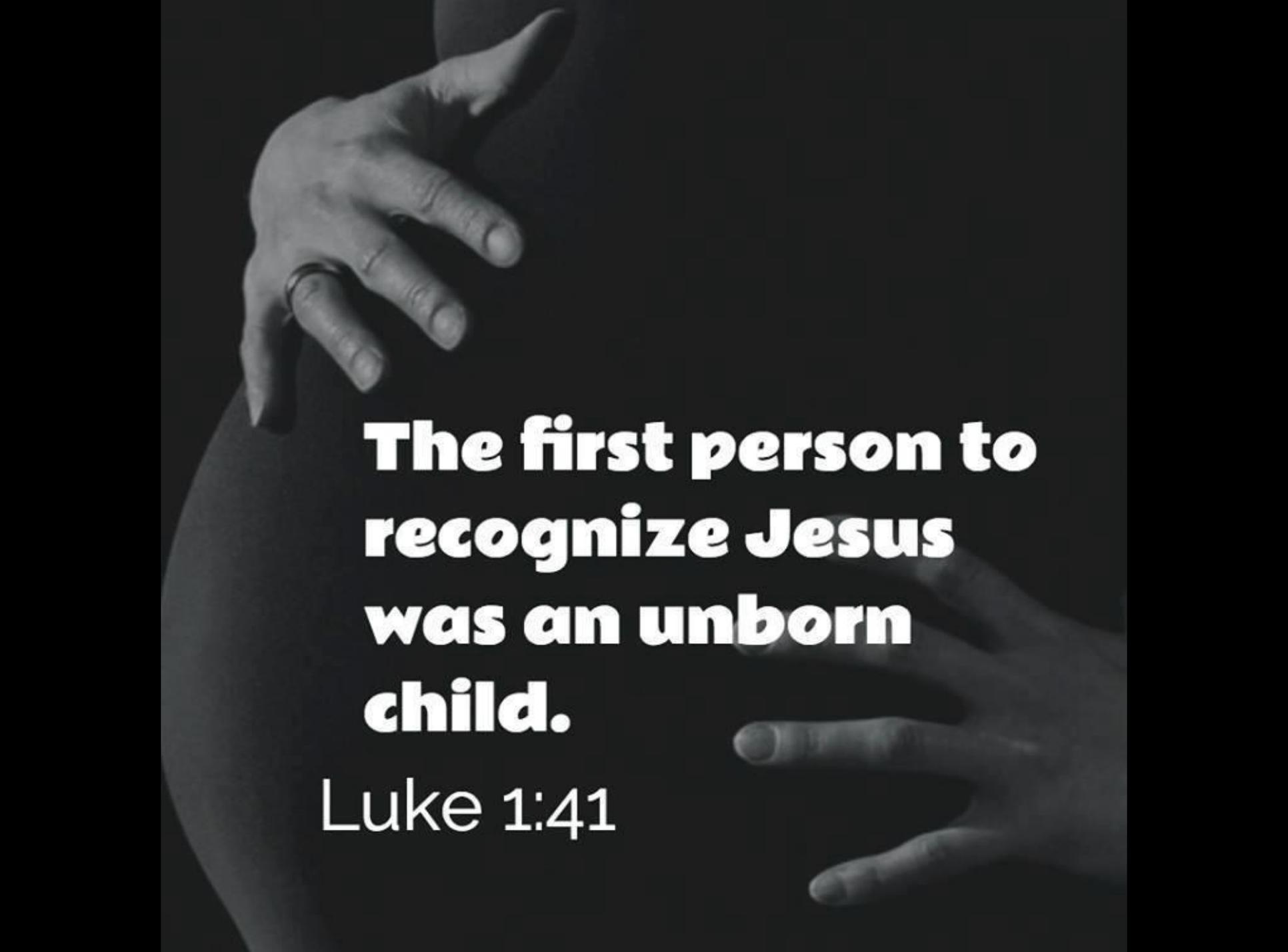
. . . for he [John the Baptist]  
will be great before the Lord  
... and he will be filled  
with the Holy Spirit,  
even from his mother's womb.

Luke 1:15

# The Unborn Child Responds to God

“And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.”

Luke 1:41-44



**The first person to  
recognize Jesus  
was an unborn  
child.**

Luke 1:41

# Prohibitions against unlawful killing

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by man shall his blood be shed,  
for God made man in his own image.”

Genesis 9:6

# Prohibitions against unlawful killing

“You Shall Not Murder.”

Exodus 20:13

# Prohibitions against unlawful killing

“Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, “When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live.”

Exodus 1:15-18

# Prohibitions against unlawful killing

“When men strive together and hit a pregnant woman, so that her children come out, but there is no harm, the one who hit her shall surely be fined. . . .

But if there is harm, then you shall pay life for life.”

Exodus 21:22-23

# Prohibitions against unlawful killing

“But if there is harm, then you shall pay life for life.” Exodus 21:23

Note the severity of the punishment in the Law of Moses for the *accidental* killing of the unborn child. How much more so if the act is deliberate!

The Moral Status of the Unborn Child in the Old Testament is as FULLY HUMAN.

# Ancient Jewish Authors on Abortion and Infanticide

“The [Mosaic] Law . . . forbids women to cause abortion of what is begotten, or to kill it afterward; and if any woman appear to have done so, she will be a murderer of her child, by killing a living creature and diminishing human kind.”

The Jewish Historian Josephus, ca. 90 AD  
*Against Apion* 2.202

# Ancient Jewish Authors on Abortion and Infanticide

“Do not apply your hand violently to tender children” and “Do not let a woman destroy the unborn babe in her belly, nor after its birth throw it before the dogs and the vultures as a prey.”

An Anonymous Jewish Writer  
ca. 100 AD

# New Testament

“The moral law binds all people at all times to obedience, both those who are justified and those who are not. The obligation to obey the moral law is not only because of its content, but also because of the authority of God the Creator, who gave it. In the gospel, Christ in no way dissolves this obligation, but greatly strengthens it.”

The Westminster Confession of Faith 19:5

# Early Church Writings

“You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not corrupt children, you shall not fornicate. You shall not steal...

You shall not murder a child, whether by abortion or by killing it once it is born.”

*The Didache 2:2, ca. 90 AD*

# Early Church Writings

“Do not abort a fetus or kill a child that is already born. . . . For they love what is vain, and pursue a reward, showing no mercy to the poor nor toiling for the oppressed; they are prone to slander, not knowing the one who made them; murderers of children and corruptors of what God has fashioned.”

*The Epistle of Barnabas 19.5; 20.2*

# New Testament

We can conclude from the content of Scripture that moral admonitions found in the law of the OT are still binding on all people.

An abortion would fall under the sin of murder, which is expressly forbidden in the NT (Matt 5:21, 19:18; Mark 10:19; Luke 18:20; 1 Tim 1:8-11; Rom 1:29, 13:9; Jas 2:11).

“Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead, expose them.”

Ephesians 5:11