

The crux of the issue: \_\_\_\_\_?

In the \_\_\_\_\_

Genesis 25:21-22 Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was barren. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. <sup>22</sup>The babies [1121: *ben*] jostled each other within her, and she said, “Why is this happening to me?” So she went to inquire of the LORD. (*ben* used for both born and unborn)

Exodus 21:22 “If men who are fighting hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth [bring out (3318: *yatsa*) with child (2030: *hareh*)] prematurely but there is no serious injury, the offender must be fined whatever the woman’s husband demands and the court allows.”

Psalms 139:13-16 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. <sup>14</sup>I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. <sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, <sup>16</sup>your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Isaiah 44:24 “This is what the LORD says —your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb...”

Isaiah 49:5 And now the LORD says — he who formed me in the womb to be his servant...

Jeremiah 20:17-18 For he did not kill me in the womb, with my mother as my grave, her womb enlarged forever. <sup>18</sup>Why did I ever come out of the womb to see trouble and sorrow and to end my days in shame?

Luke 1:39-45 ...<sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby [1025: *brephos*] leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>42</sup>In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! <sup>43</sup>But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!” (*brephos* used for both born and unborn)

Luke 1:36 “And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son [5207: *huios*] in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. (NAS) (*huios* used for both born and unborn)

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Psalms 51:5 Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

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Jeremiah 1:5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

Ephesians 1:4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

## The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 9:6 “Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man.”

Psalms 139:13-16 ...All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

## Rights

### Arguments and difficult situations

Can't survive on his own

Overpopulation

Child's quality of life

- Poverty
- Being unwanted
- Having ill equipped mother

Life of mother

- Not ready for the responsibility, poor, relational problems, inconvenient (93%)
- Hardship of having a handicapped or deformed child (6%)
- Hardship of a constant reminder of something like rape or incest (1%)

Wikipedia: Another study, in 1998, revealed that in 1987-1988 women reported the following as their primary reasons for choosing an abortion: The source of this information, however, takes findings into account from 27 nations including the United States, so these findings might not be typical for most American women.

## Response

Psalms 82:3-4 Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed.

<sup>4</sup>Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

Proverbs 24:11-12 Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter.

<sup>12</sup>If you say, “But we knew nothing about this,” does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay each person according to what he has done?

Proverbs 31:8-9 “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. <sup>9</sup>Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.”