

## WORD OF THE WEEK

### The Subject: Abortion - A Sin Against God

Exodus 21:22-25 - *If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that "her fruit depart from her", and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give "life for life", eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.*

fruit - Hebrew: yeled - something born; offspring

mischief - Hebrew: acown - hurt; suffering, harm, or "death"

Accidental abortion caused by two men struggling near a woman "with child" was punishable by death (if the child died). If accidental abortion is sin that is punishable by death, do we actually believe God, who never changes (Mal. 3:6; James 1:17), will permit us to intentionally kill and take the life of the unborn? Jeremiah said that he was known (personal relationship) of God in the womb (Jer. 1:5). Some will say that a child in the womb does not possess life. The scripture says, "the life of the flesh is in the blood (Lev. 17:11-14)." If there is any blood in an unborn baby, then life is present (Oxygen is carried throughout the body by the hemoglobin blood cells - life is truly in the blood). To take the life of the innocent is "murder", and the debt that must be paid is "life for life" (Gen. 9:6; Num. 35:31; Deut 12:23 - "the blood is the life"). God does not allow the killing of children. The "unborn" in scripture is called "a child". The woman is said to be "with child" (Isa. 26:17; Hos. 13:16; Eccl. 11:5; Luke 21:23). Some will say, "women have the right to do with their body as they please". God says the child in your womb is not your body, but a separate human being. We have elected a man, as president, who has pledged to make sin (abortion and homosexuality) the law of the land. The bad ruler is like Jeroboam and Ahab "who caused Israel to sin", by disobeying the commandment of God. These evil kings instituted idol worship as the national religion and law of Israel, provoking the anger of God (I Kings 12:26-28; 16:31-33; 15:25-26). Evil rulers broadcast sin in the land like the farmer who sows the seed of his crop. The punishment of a ruler's sin brings misery on the nation. The people will reap the consequences of the sins and misdeeds of their princes (and presidents). The people should look well to the character of the man they put in office. We have done this evil for our idols (the economy - houses, lands, money etc). "Covetousness (wanting more) is idolatry (Col. 3:5)." The Lord devastated Israel for this same sin (II Kings 17:1-23; II Chron. 36:11-21). America, prepare for God's anger. Repent!

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