

Talmud Sanhedrin 37a *Whoever destroys a soul, it is considered as if he destroyed an entire world. Whoever saves a soul, it is considered as if he saved an entire world.* See Mishnah Sanhedrin 37a

Talmud Sanhedrin 57b *Whoso sheddeth the blood of man within man, shall his blood be shed*" A fetus is included in the Noahide prohibition of bloodshed according to R. Ishmael, Who is a man within a man?.....A fetus within the womb of the mother. Sanhedrin 57b:5

Talmud Tosafot Feticide is expressly forbidden under the statutes of the Noachide Code and deduces that feticide is prohibited to Jews by virtue of the talmudic principle, *"Is there anything which is forbidden to a Noachide yet permitted to a Jew?"* Application of this principle clearly establishes a biblical prohibition that applies to Jews. See Contemporary Halakhic Problems Chapter XV



Pesachim 25b *"We don't set aside one life to save another."* This is clearly expressed in the *halachic* principle, "אין דוחין נפש מפני נפש." Human sacrifice is forbidden not only as a form of worship, but as a strategy for alleviating or preventing crises. See Pesachim 25b

Mishneh Torah: Murder and the Preservation of Life Dismemberment of a full term baby in utero was the only medieval rabbinic solution to breech birth. When considering contemporary debates on "Torah vs. science," it's important to consider the Rambam's willingness to accept demonstrated scientific fact. Therefore, dated rabbinic opinion yields to proven science and medicine. Dismemberment of a baby to save the life of the mother no longer applies due to medical interventions that are much safer for mothers and life saving for babies. See Mishneh Torah Murder and the Preservation of Life and Torah vs. Science. Also, The Pro-Life Reply to: "Is Abortion Ever Medically Necessary?"

Zohar Shemot 5 Verse 30(3) There are three evils done that the whole world cannot bear. The Holy One, blessed be He, removes Himself from the world, and destruction and famine and death come to the world. The third is he who takes some action that causes her to abort the embryo. He thus demolishes the building of the Holy One, blessed be He, and His craft. For these evils, the Holy Spirit weeps and the world is judged. Woe to that man, woe to him, better that he was not created in the world. See The Zohar



Judaism: The Original Pro-Life Religion

Judaism was the first religion in human history to provide protections for unborn children. From Genesis to Malachi, our biblical record includes transformative pro-life principles. Many rabbinic, and talmudic sources agree. Jewish history, medicine and science validate our view.

This ground breaking resource cites Torah, Scriptures, Psalms, Proverbs, Prophets, Talmud, the Rambam and other luminaries of Jewish thought. We offer this brochure in respect to our Creator and as a Kiddush HaShem, a sanctification of God's name. May there be abundant peace from Heaven, and good life upon us and upon all Israel. Amen.



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Genesis 4:10 *"The voice of your brother's bloods [demei]," in the plural] cries out to Me from the ground."* The demise of Abel and Abel's offspring are ascribed to Cain.

Genesis 9:6-7 *He who spills the blood of man within man shall have his blood spilt, for in the image of God made He man. And you, be fruitful, and multiply; fill the earth, and multiply therein.*

Genesis 28:3 *May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and increase your numbers until you become a community of peoples.*

Exodus 20:13 *Thou Shalt Not Murder*

Exodus 23:7 *Keep away from fraud, and do not cause the death of the innocent and righteous; for I will not justify the wicked.*

Leviticus 18:5 *You shall keep My statutes and My laws, which a person shall do and shall live by them. I am the Lord.* The preservation of human life is paramount in Judaism. For example, a Jew must set aside all Sabbath restrictions to save a human life.

Leviticus 18:21 *And thou shalt not give any of your offspring to pass through for Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God. I am the Lord.*

Deuteronomy 30:19 *I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before thee life and death, the blessing and the curse; therefore, choose life, that thou mayest live, thou and thy seed.*

Deuteronomy 24:16 *Fathers shall not be put to death because of sons, nor shall sons be put to death because of fathers; each man shall be put to death for his own transgression.*

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 of nations.*

Jeremiah 29:6 *Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease.*

Jeremiah 29:11 *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

Isaiah 49:1 *The Lord called me when I was in the womb, before my birth He had pronounced my name.*

Psalms 139:13-16 *For you created my inmost being: you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made... 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, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to me.*

Proverbs 24:11-12 *Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. 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 everyone for what they have done?"*

Rabbu Yehuda HaNasi, the preeminent French Medieval Torah elucidator, states: *"From the time of conception' from the time the seed has been conceived in the mother's womb, even if the mother miscarried and the child is lost, it has a portion in the World to Come."*



Professor Hymie Gordon, Mayo Clinic Professor zt"l *By all the criteria of modern molecular biology, life is present from the moment of conception.*

Rav Moshe Feinstein zt"l President of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis *Not only are Jews prohibited from having an abortion (except in the most extreme circumstances), but they are prohibited from assisting non-Jews from having an abortion, too.*

Rabbi Elijah Mizrachi, Re'em zt"l *The biblical ban on murder extends equally to all human life, including, he claims, any fetal life which, unmolested, would develop into a viable human being. In theory, continues Mizrachi, feticide should be punishable by death since the majority of all fetuses will indeed develop into viable human beings.*

Rav Joseph B. Soloveitchik zt"l Rosh Yeshiva of Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary at Yeshiva University *And if you kill the fetus, a time will come when even infants will be killed...The mother will get frightened after the baby will be born...and the doctor will say her life depends upon the murder of the baby. And you have a word, mental hygiene, whatever you want you can subsume under mental hygiene...And there is now a tendency for rabbis in the US to march along with society, otherwise they'll be looked upon as reactionaries.*

Rabbi Joseph Karasick zt"l President of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America *To destroy a human embryo is sacrilegious interference with life itself and akin to murder.*

Rabbi Norman Lamm zt"l Ret Chancellor of Yeshiva University *The freedom of parents to crush prenatal life, which now seems to be in vogue, will eventually lead to utter destruction,"* Rabbi Norman Lamm stated in 1970, *"because it is only a small leap of logic from feticide to infanticide, to getting rid of infants who may not fulfill our ideals of mental and physical health, or, eventually, ethnic and genetic respectability.*

Rav Immanuel Jakobovits zt"l Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the British Commonwealth and Jewish medical ethics expert. *Abortion in Israel is "mass slaughter of the innocents ... posing a security problem graver than any threats of war or terror."*