

# THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

## GOD KNOWS EACH CHILD & HIS DESTINY FOR THEM

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“(T)he angel of the LORD said to her [Hagar], ‘I will greatly multiply your descendants so that they will be too many to count. ... Behold, you are with child, and you will bear a son; and you shall call his name **Ishmael**, because the LORD has given heed to your affliction’” (Genesis 16:10-11; see also: Genesis 16:12, 15; 17:20; 21:13, 17-18; 25:12-16).

“Then **Joseph** said to his brothers ... ‘do not be grieved or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine *has been* in the land these two years, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance. Now, therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his household and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, ‘God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay’”” (Genesis 45:4-9; see also: Genesis 30:22-24; 37:2-11; 39:1-6, 20-23; 41:14-16, 25, 38-44; 42:6; 43:26-28; 44:14; 45:4-13).

“The LORD has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has appointed him as ruler over His people ... Now the LORD said to Samuel ... ‘Fill your horn with oil and go; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have selected a king for Myself among his sons.’ ... So [Jesse] sent and brought [David] in. Now he was ruddy, with beautiful eyes and a handsome appearance. And the LORD said, ‘Arise, anoint him; for this is he.’ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon **David** from that day forward” (I Samuel 13:14; 16:1, 12-13; see also: II Samuel 2:4; 5:1-5).

“Then Mordecai told *them* to reply to **Esther**, ‘Do not imagine that you in the king’s palace can escape any more than all the Jews. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father’s house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?’” (Esther 4:13-14)

“Now the word of the LORD came to me [**Jeremiah**] saying, ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations’” (Jeremiah 1:4-5).

“(H)e [**Saul**] is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel” (Acts 9:15).

“God, who had set me [**Paul**] apart, even from my mother’s womb, and called me through His grace” (Galatians 1:15).

See also: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25 (Samson); I Samuel 1:1-28 (Samuel); II Samuel 12:24-25; I Chronicles 22:6-13 (Solomon); Luke 1:13-17, 19, 57-80 (John the Baptist).