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## How Does God View and Respond to Abortion? And a call to repentance for the United States to preserve the nation.

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*Truth about Abortion* is a GLC Series designed to awaken people to God's deep concern about abortion, its evil nature, magnitude, and impact on nations worldwide. Much of the content for this article is from Part VIII of the *Abortion Worldwide Report (Informe Mundial del Aborto)*, by Thomas W. Jacobson and Wm. Robert Johnston (GLC Publications, 2018).

Many people have been expressing astonishment and outcries that some states within the United States are authorizing, or considering authorizing, child murder immediately after birth – stunned that our nation has degraded to this terrible place. Yes it is stunning! Yes it is terrible! But is it not the same as murdering the child a few minutes before birth, or a few weeks or months before birth, or very early in the pregnancy? Whether the child is intentionally put to death before or after birth, is it not still murder of the child? Have we become so accustomed to children being aborted – over 60 million – equivalent to a 9-11 tragedy every day – that we are not even conscious of the daily innocent bloodshed until we hear of it being done after birth?

So how does GOD view abortion, the greatest evil of our time, the Greatest Genocide in history? We can know by what He said in the Bible, including by how He responded to child sacrifice, evident in the history of the nations in the Middle East area—the world capital of child sacrifice at that time—that God gave over to Israel. Abortion was rare at that time, and until the A.D. 1800s, because of the high death risk to women, of 50 percent or higher, so they waited until after birth to sacrifice the child.

When God called Abram (1925 B.C.) out from his people and promised to give his descendants certain lands, the peoples that inhabited those lands were exceedingly idolatrous and immoral, and sacrificed many of their children to their idols.<sup>1</sup> About 400 years later, when God actually gave that land to His people Israel, He used Israel to destroy those wicked nations, commanded them not to practice their abominations, and gave His Law prohibiting murder, including of children.<sup>2</sup> About 700 years later, when Israel and later Judah were practicing idolatry, immorality, and child sacrifice, the LORD brought enemies against them who removed them from their lands, except for a remnant.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Genesis 12:1-8; 15:13-21; Leviticus 18.

<sup>2</sup> Exodus 20:1-14; 21:22-23; Leviticus 18:1-3, 21, 24-30.

<sup>3</sup> 1 Kings 14:21-26; 2 Kings 16:1-4; 17:6-23; 21:1-16; 23:26-27; 24:1-4; Psalm 106:34-43; Jeremiah 7:31; 19:3-6; 32:1, 26-35.

## **The Bible reveals that:**

- Idolatry and immorality lead to child sacrifice (Psalm 106:35-39).<sup>4</sup>
- Child sacrifice is innocent bloodshed that results in bloodguiltiness, bringing a curse upon the persons, place, community, and nation involved.<sup>5</sup>
- Abortion is equivalent to child sacrifice.
- Abortion is murder.
- Human blood sacrifices unleash the power of evil (2 Kings 3:26-27).
- Of this, God said that it never “entered My mind that they should do this abomination” (Jeremiah 32:26-35).

## **So how does God respond?**

- If there is no true repentance and change in policy and practice, then His judgment is inevitable, irreversible, and severe, even if delayed because of His patience.
- Yet His mercies are guaranteed to every person who repents (1 John 1:8-10).
- God judges nations—yes even today—according to His Law and standards of righteousness and justice (not our standards).

## **How does a nation know if it is experiencing God’s judgments?**

The history of nations in the Bible reveals that God relates to nations in similar ways as He does to individuals. How can a nation know if it is experiencing judgments of God? The first step is self-examination for sin, based on His words and teaching. The first signs to look for are indicators of Him withdrawing His presence, peace, and protection, with results such as:

- Attacks by enemies, especially within the country.
- Lawlessness increases, undermining morality and the rule of law.<sup>6</sup>
- Loss of good, wise, discerning leaders.<sup>7</sup>
- Leaders dismayed, and cannot solve overwhelming problems.<sup>8</sup>
- Irreconcilable political divisions that break apart a nation or lead to civil war.
- Despised, a reproach to, and mocked by other nations.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Leviticus 18; 20:1-5; Deuteronomy 12:31; 18:9-12; 1 Kings 11:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:20.

<sup>5</sup> Genesis 4:8-12; Number 35:33; Deuteronomy 19:10; 2 Kings 21:6, 16; Psalm 51:4.

<sup>6</sup> Proverbs 29:18; Jeremiah 18:18; Lamentations 2:9; Matthew 7:23; 24:12; Romans 6:19; 2 Peter 2:7–10; 1 John 3:4.

<sup>7</sup> Isaiah 3:1–3; Hosea 7:7–11; 13:10.

<sup>8</sup> Ezekiel 7:26–27; Hosea 13:9–10.

<sup>9</sup> Ezekiel 22:4–5; Obadiah 1:2.

## **Call to repentance in the United States to preserve the nation (applies to many other nations too)**

In the United States, we are experiencing all of these judgments and much more, except for civil war. Lawlessness and open rebellion are spreading throughout our land, including through many leaders in government, tearing us apart. Divisions between people and belief systems are so deep that respectful discussion and unity seem impossible. Many of us are praying for restoration and healing of our broken nation, and those prayers are being answered in part, such as by the courageous and righteous efforts of many in government at the state and federal levels to protect human life and religious liberty. But full restoration of peace and unity in our land will not come until we genuinely humble ourselves and repent of this massive innocent bloodshed and all our other national sins, and cry out to God for His mercy and forgiveness.

From the beginning, from the time of the first murder, when innocent blood is shed, that blood cries out to God Himself “from the ground” (Genesis 4:10). The innocent blood of more than 60 million babies in the United States is constantly “crying to Me from the ground.” The blood of the children sacrificed has also released the power of evil across our nation, and its power to divide, dismember, destroy, and tear down all that was good in our nation, which may not be abated until there is true repentance. This repentance, or signs of turning back to God, and righteousness and justice according to His unchanging standard, have already begun to be evident in some states within the U.S., such as by the enactment of heartbeat laws to protect preborn children. The future of the United States, and whether it remains intact as one nation, likely hinges on how we—God’s people within the nation—respond to GOD for our sins of idolatry, immorality, and abortion. If we turn back to God, humble ourselves before Him, pray and seek His face, confess our personal and national sins, turn from our “wicked ways,” and change our laws and policies to protect children and pregnant women from the moment of conception or fertilization, we have assurance from God Himself: “then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:13-14).

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"And the LORD sent against . . . bands of (foreign warriors and armies) . . . bands . . . and bands . . . So He sent them against . . . to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD, which He had spoken through His servants the prophets. Surely at the command of the LORD it came upon . . . to remove them from His sight because of the sins of . . . according to all that he had done, and also for the innocent blood which he shed, for he filled . . . with innocent blood; and the LORD would not forgive" (2 Kings 24:2-4).

"If . . . My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:13-14).