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God was giving a number of important pieces of information to the prophet. He made clear that He knew Jeremiah even before he was formed in the womb. Furthermore, He tells Jeremiah that his growth in the womb was as a result of being formed by God Himself. The passage implies that there was a personhood associated with the unborn Jeremiah. Therefore, the unborn child should be considered as a full human being, with all the implications for the value of his life that this entails.

The word fetus sounds impersonal, yet it simply means *little one*. Abortion kills the little one in the mother's womb – the little one who has a personality already, given by God.

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