

## **The World in Birth Pains**

*Romans 8:22-23, "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."*

How thankful we are for the prophetic Word for this hour, "*whereunto we do well that we take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in our hearts.*" (II Peter 1:19). Now further the words of Brother Branham, God's prophet for the day in which we are living:

**The world is in birth pains now. The old has to be done away with, so the new can be born;** just like a seed has to rot away, **in order to give new life** (John 12:24).

And how the pains, birth pains struck the world! **In World War I**, she had a terrific pain, because they had poison gas, and so forth, that almost could destroy the world. And **in World War II**, she struck another, harder pain; they had block-busters, and also an atomic bomb. She cannot stand another labor pain. With these missiles and things today, one more war will throw her out into space, for she will now be delivered. **And there will be a new earth** (Isaiah 65:17-25). The Bible said there will be.

**Under every prophet's Message, Israel got a birth pain**, because that these prophets would come on the scene after the theologians and clergymen would have the church all in a organization form. And when them prophets come on the scene with **THUS SAITH THE LORD**, they shook them churches, and she had a **birth pain**. Finally, she had birth pains plumb on up until she delivered a Son of the Gospel, **which was the Word Itself made flesh** (John 1:1-3,14).

**So the church really is in birth pains today**, again, for the deliverance of the Son, Son of God to come again. All of our theologians, all of our systems, all of our denominations, has rotted right out from under us. **So we are in birth pains, and a Message from God always throws the church in heavier pain, but after a while she is going to be delivered of a Bride. That'll bring forth Jesus Christ to His Bride.** [1]

Notice, 13th chapter now, of Isaiah. Let's begin here at the 6th verse:

*"Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty."*

**Watch this Sixth Seal opening up here now** -- plumb back here 713 years before Christ come. He's been 2000 years; that'd be about 2700 years ago Isaiah seen this Seal hanging there. All right.

*"Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt."*

What did Jesus say, "**And because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax then** (Matt. 24:12), and man's heart will be failing for fear; sea roaring." (Luke 21:25-28). See, **man's heart will faint**.

*"And they shall be afraid: pangs of sorrow shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames."*

Notice of it here. Oh, their faces ashamed. We'll hold that.

*"Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her lights to shine. And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wickedness of their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible."* (Isaiah 13:6-11).

See there, just exactly, Isaiah saw the same thing that Jesus spoke of, that the Seventh Seal reveals, when He's cleansing the land with tribulations. **That's the tribulation period, this Sixth Seal**. Yes, he was a prophet, and the Word of God was made known to him. That's 2700 years ago.

Truly, I just want to say this: The whole world as Isaiah here... as a woman travaileth, all creation is travailing (John 16:21-22). What's all this groaning and travailing about, like a woman that's to be mother, the earth itself -- nature?

Look at it. Not only here, but the world over, the thing is polluted, and the world, the nature... God, have mercy. **The whole world in its birth pains, the world is travailing**, Isaiah said. **What's the matter? She's trying to bring forth a new world for the Millennium where all the sin is purged out, trying to birth a new world for a new people that won't sin and pollute her**. That's right. She's in travail. **That's the reason that we are in travail. Christ, to bring forth the Bride. Everything is travailing and groaning** (Rom. 8:22-23). See, there's something fixing to happen. **And this sixth plague lets her go**.

Brother, **the earthquake burst open, and the stars shake**; volcanics will come forth, and the earth will renew itself (Rev. 6:12-17). New lava will break forth from the center of the earth...

And I tell you, one morning **when Jesus and His Bride come back to the earth, there'll be a paradise of God there that...** (Rev. 19:11-16). Oh, my. Them old warriors of the battle walk down through there with their friends and loved ones; the anthems will fill the air, of an Angelic host. "Oh, it was well done, my good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of the Lord that's been prepared for you like you should've had back yonder before Eve started the ball to rolling in sin." (Matt. 25:21). Amen.

**Yes, the Sixth Seal's going to do something**. Yes, sir. **Truly the whole world is groaning and paining for the Millennium age**.

**It's time for the Sixth Seal, pretty soon, to be opening up, and when she does, oh, my -- the end!** The Bride has done gone forth. The Queen's done went to take her place. **She's being married now to the King**, while this was going on. And Israel's remnant is sealed and ready to go (Rev. 7:1-8), and then nature lets go. Oh, what a time. [2]

We are told by God's prophets that we are to have a new earth, a new Heaven and a new earth. If you want Scripture of that, it's Revelation 21:1. John said,

*"I saw a new Heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and first earth was passed away."*

It was gone. Now, **if we're to have a new earth, the old earth and the new earth cannot exist at the same time.** Or, the new world and the old world cannot exist at the same time. There can't be two world orders together at the same time. Now, **in order to get the new earth, the old one has to die.** Now, if the old one has to die, **then it's giving birth pains for a new one now.**

One of the first things that doctor does, after he's been watching the patient, **is to time the pains, birth pains. He times the pains, how close they are together, and how much more terrific each one gets.** One is harder to have than the other one. Next one, still harder, get closer together. That's the way he diagnoses the case, **by the birth pains.**

Well, if the world has to give away to the birth of a new world, let's just examine some of the birth pains we're having on the earth, and then we'll see about what day and just about how far she is along in her labor.

**The First World War showed great birth pains.** It showed one of the first birth pains of her going into labor. Because of that time for her, we had brought forth the bombs, and we had machine guns, and poison gas. **The earth went through, had its first birth pains.**

And we find out now, **we've had a Second World War, and her pains were much greater.** It's more terrific all the time, **the birth pains of the earth.** She almost had to give away, during the time of the atomic bomb, because it would destroy a whole city. It was much greater than the pains of the First World War, **of destruction to the earth.**

Now, she knows that her time of deliverance is at hand. That's the reason she's so nervous, flustered, as she is, is because that there is a hydrogen bomb, and missiles of the air that could destroy the whole world. One nation is scared of the other, no matter how little it is. They got those missiles that they claim they can direct them by the stars and drop them anywhere in the world they want to.

People's science has broken into God's great laboratory, **until they're going to destroy themselves.** God lets, always lets wisdom destroy himself. **God doesn't destroy anything. Man destroys himself by wisdom,** as he did at the beginning, taking Satan's wisdom instead of God's Word. Now, she knows she must give away. She cannot stand it.

**So, the world knows that her birth pains is so great, she's got to give away. There's going to be a new birth, at hand.** I'm thankful for that. I'm tired of this one. **Anyone knows that here is the place of death and sorrow, and all kinds of discrepancies.** I'm glad that she has to give away. I'm glad that time is at hand. As John said, of old, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." (*Rev. 22:16-17,20*).

Now, **she must rot, of course, as I have said, in order to bring new birth.** Look what she has rotted into. Notice, my brethren! **She's totally rotten. Her politics and systems is just as rotten as they can be.** There isn't a sound bone in her, in her world systems, her politics and her religious politics, and whatever it is. **The whole thing is rotten to the core.** There's got to be something given

away. She can't stand. If you put a George Washington or an Abraham Lincoln in every county in this United States, it still couldn't come back. **It's beyond redemption.**

**There's only one thing can help her, that's the Coming of the Creator. Amen.**

She knows she must give away. She's in pain and distress. One don't know what to do. One is looking this way, and one that way. One is scared of the other. One trying to do something will destroy this one. This one trying to contradict that one, destroy the other. Until, **now they got it in the hands of sinful men, who could destroy the whole world in a five minutes time.** So she knows she can't stand it. The people know she can't stand it. And the world knows that they're going to, **it's going to happen.**

For, God said it was. "The whole heavens and earth is going to be on fire." It's going to be a renovation of the whole thing, so a new world can be born. God has prophesied it (*II Peter 3:8-10*).

**She's rotten, in all of her systems, and she's got to do that, to rot away. That's why she is so nervous and red in the face, and flusterated. And earthquakes, everywhere, and up-and-down the coast. And tidal waves, and shaking up-and-down the coast, of earthquakes and things. And people writing, "Shall we leave it? Shall we leave it?" See? They don't know what to do. There's no safety zone but One, that's Christ, the Son of the living God. All outside of There will perish, just as certain as God said so.**

Now, Jesus told us just exactly what would take place just at this time. He told us, in Matthew 24, that the **Church natural and Church spiritual would be so close together** (*Gal. 4:21-31*) – impersonators -, **until it would deceive the very Elected, if it was possible** (*Matt. 24:24*). How that it was in the days of Noah, how they were eating, drinking, marrying, given in marriage, and all this immorality of the world that we see today (*Luke 17:26-30*). The Bible, the Doctor's Book said it would happen. **So, when we see this happening, we know that the birth is at hand.** It's got to be. Yes, sir. Now, we look at that, as the nation; as not a nation, but a world.

Now, Israel, the church, let's start back with her a few minutes. **Israel had birth pains under every prophet that came to the earth. She had birth pains at his Message.** For what did it do? **The prophet had the Word.** And she had sown so much rottenness and made so much systematic orders in her being, until this prophet shook her off of her foundation. They were hated by everybody. **So, therefore, when God sent a prophet, the church itself went into birth pains.** Because, "The Word of the Lord comes to the prophet, and him only." (*Amos 3:6-7*). That is, the Word that's spoken for that day is made manifest **by the prophet of that age,** always has been. And, the churches, they build so many systems around the Word, until he shook her off her rocker when he come. She had birth pains.

What was it? **Back to the Word! Back to the Life!** Systems don't have a Life. **It's only God's Word has Life** (*John 6:63*). The systems that's built around It do not have Life. **It is the Word that gives Life.** His Message rocked the remnant back to the Word. **A little group will come out and believe.** In Noah's

time, only eight people (*Gen. 7:10-16*). But, anyhow, God rocked the remnant. And, destroyed, the rest of it had to rock away. [3]

Now, I want you to notice that **there was a threefold purpose of the Sixth Seal**. There was a threefold purpose of the horse riders. **There's been a threefold purpose in all these things**. That brings us back to a *three* and a *seven* again, seven Seals, seven vials, and so forth.

Now, **in threes and sevens is God's number in His mathematics of revealing His Word**. Now, you notice, like in the riders, now there were three horses went out. One of them was a white one, one was a red one, one was a black one. And then in the fourth horse, why, all of them were mixed together. See, a threefold purpose... (*Rev. 6*).

Now, we find out also in this **that the Sixth Seal now being opened, it was for a threefold purpose**. Now, here were the purposes: The first thing was **that the sleeping (foolish) virgins had to go through the tribulation period for purification** (*Matt. 25:1-13*). **She had to be purged of her sins of unbelief and rejecting the message**. This she was done in the tribulation period. We see they wind up over here in Revelations 7, between the 6th and 7th chapter here, that she had been purged, and she'd been given her robes (*Rev. 7:13-17*).

Now, she's not the Bride, but it's the church, **the pure people that didn't have the opportunity, maybe, to receive the message, or in some way that they were blinded by these false prophets, and they didn't get a chance, and yet they're really sincere in heart, and God knows their heart, and here they're purged during this time**.

You notice that another purging time; that's for Israel when she gathers. **That's the second fold. God purges Israel in the tribulation period**. Out of the millions that'll gather there, there'll be a selected one hundred and forty-four thousand, and they will be purged also (*Rev. 7:1-8; Daniel 12:1-3*). God's purging Israel.

Notice, **there is a whole earth is to be purged** (*Rev. 6:12-17*). There will be such a thing that the moon, stars, and all nature will be purged (*Matt. 24:29-31*). You see what it is? The earth is renewing herself, being purged, **getting ready for the Millennium. The Millennium's coming up. And see, everything that's got any filth in it is to be purged during the Sixth Seal**.

Now, do you notice **on the opening of this Seventh Seal, it's also in a threefold mystery. This one I will speak, and have spoken, that it is the mystery of the seven thunders** (*Rev. 10:1-7*). The seven thunders in heaven will unfold this mystery. **It'll be right at the coming of Christ**, because Christ said no one knew when He would return (*Matt. 24:36*). [4]

And now, we know. We are aware. The earth has just went through some great birth pains. And the church is going through some birth pains. Each one of the prophets, when they came into the world, it was a birth pain to the church. **The world has gone through a First World War, Second World War, and now it's ready for a Third World War**. And it's in birth pains again. But there's only one thing that can bring peace, and that's Christ. [5]

Now, First World War, Second World War, and **now we're ready for the Third World War: brewing everywhere.** What is it? **Israel's in her homeland waiting for her Messiah.** The Gentile church, Luther, Wesley, and now the Pentecostal age have got lukewarm and spued Jesus out, and He's spuing them out: right, the Pentecostal age (*Rev. 3:15-18*). But just at the end before the world is to be destroyed, Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be **in the coming of the Son of man**" (*Luke 17:26-30*), that the Gentile church would receive the same power, the same angel, the same witness... Surely, you can see that. It's just as plain as plain could be. A child could see it. [6]

**Before one drop of water fell, Noah was in the ark. Before the fire could strike Sodom, Lot was gone. Father, we believe, before the atomic powers ever blow this earth to pieces, the Church will be gone** (*I Thess. 1:9-10; Rom. 5:8-9*). We're so glad, Lord.

And we can look towards Heaven and see **the Son of man rising from His Throne to start towards the earth for the Rapture of His Church**, and know that His precious feet won't touch this sinful earth at that time; for as Rebekah rode the camel and jumped off the camel, right between the house of Abraham, out in the field she met her bride(groom) (*Gen. 24:61-67*). O God, and the Church will meet her Bride(groom) in the air (*I Thess. 4:13-17*).

Oh, help us, Lord. Give us sweetness of our Spirits, and take all bitterness and indifference away from us, and may we be so melted with the Holy Spirit. [7]

I always said that in the days of Noah, Noah was in the ark before one drop of rain fell. Lot was out of Sodom before the fire fell (*Luke 17:26-30*). **And the church will be in glory before the atomic falls. That's right, before the atomic falls.** [8]

Now, this is the third Angel's message to the world. And you know what the third Angel's message; it's going forth now in this day. This is the flying of the third Angel's message, if you're a Bible reader (*Rev. 8:13*).

**There were three woes following it** (*Rev. 9:12*). The first one happened in World War I. Second one happened in World War II. You see what we're going in now. All right. **We're at the end of the road.** Positionally, we are bound to be at the end age. How long? I don't know; no one does. [9]

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[Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724]