

The Purposes of the Birth Pangs Of the Tribulation

Matthew 24:1-8

Romans 8:22

Matthew 6:10

Isaiah 60:1-3

The suffering of the world- Matthew 24:21

The suffering of Israel- Daniel 12:1

“The prophets pictured the last days as a series of birth-pangs before the birth of the new messianic age.” (Arnold Fruchtenbam)

Isaiah 66:8

Jeremiah 30”4-7

Micah 4:10

God has linked together the destiny of the nations and Israel.

Genesis 12:3

Israel is at the center of the nations.

Ezekiel 5:5

The final suffering of the nations

The culmination of the suffering of the nations will be the kingdom of the Antichrist. (pictured as a 7-headed beast)

Revelation 17:9-11: (all these nations were connected to Israel)

Kingdom #1- Egypt- 3000 B.C.- 744 B.C.

Attempted to eliminate the Jews during the days of Moses

Kingdom #2- Assyria- 744-612 B.C.

Defeated the northern tribes and attempted to attack Jerusalem

Kingdom #3- Babylon- 605-539 B.C.

Conquered Jerusalem and destroyed the temple in 586 B.C.

Kingdom #4- Medo-Persia- 539-332 B.C.

Devised a plot to eliminate the Jews in the days of Esther

Kingdom # 5- Greece- 332-167 B.C.

Desecrated the Jewish Temple (Antiochus Epiphanies IV)

Kingdom #6- Rome- 167 B.C.- 4th century A.D.

Conquered Jerusalem and destroyed temple (70AD)

Kingdom #7- Islamic Empire- 638 - 1917

Predominately controlled by Muslims

Kingdom #8 Final Kingdom -(Tribulation)

Revival of the 7th Kingdom- a Global Islamic Empire

The final blessings of the nations

The culmination of the blessing upon the nations is attached to the salvation of Israel.

- God will spiritually refine Israel through the fires of the Tribulation Period.- Zechariah 13:8-9
- All the living nation will be saved.- Romans 11:26-27
- This is the passion of God's heart- Isaiah 62:1-2

Israel is at the center of earth's sorrows

God's passion is the birth of His spiritual first-born at the beginning of the kingdom.

- Prior to Moses' visit to Pharaoh, God told Moses to tell him, "*Israel is my son, even my firstborn.*" (Exodus 4:22)
- God decimated the land of Egypt with supernatural plagues.
- Likewise, at the end, God will decimate the earth with divine plagues.

It will all begin suddenly- 1 Thessalonians 5:3

The sorrow for Israel and the world will not cease until the kingdom comes!- Isaiah 35:10