

The Travailing Church

Scripture reading: Revelation 12:2

Revelation 12:2, *"And she (the church; see our previous post) being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered."*

This church is a pregnant church because she is going to bring forth the final church, the thing which God had in His heart and His mind when He looked upon Adam and saw that it was good. She was going to bring forth the final church that would please God. We read so much about this church and we hear so much about this church, but none of us have ever seen it. It is about to appear in the human realm. It is this great called-out people. This church is called-out from the called-out; the assembly that shall come out of the assembly of saints that God is preparing for this hour. As a matter of fact, the only thing that is going to save the world is the coming forth of THIS CHURCH in great power and authority.

Let us look into *"travailing."* Why is she travailing? Should she not have the child easily since she has the glory of God upon her? It is the travail that is going to bring the church into the place where she will please God. Isaiah 13:6-10, *"Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt: And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows 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. 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 light to shine."*

This verse is associated with the great tribulation that shall come. It will also be the time of the travail of the church. For if the church does not bring forth that glorious man child church to save the world, then the world would be completely lost. **The church will bring forth the man child.**

Isaiah 26:17-18, *"Like as a woman with child, that draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and crieth out in her pangs; so have we been in thy sight, O LORD. We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen."* Verse 20, *"Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast."* We see the travail of this church is going to be at a time of great trouble and a time of destruction and distress. The church, in the midst of this pain and suffering, will receive a glorious coming forth in the likeness of Jesus Christ.

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Thought for today: It is the travail that is going to bring the church into the place where she will please God.