

Outline – September 19, 2021  
Matthew 24:1-8; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5;  
1 Timothy 4:1-3  
Signs Of The Times

The Birth Pains  
The Birth Of A Child Is Amazing

- I. **Jesus mentioned birth pains to describe His return**
  - A. Events and signs
    1. Closer
    2. More intense
    3. Greater
  - B. Today we are seeing the birth pains
- II. **The top five birth pains mentioned in scripture and by Jesus**
  - A. Weather pattern changes
    1. Floods
    2. Hurricanes
    3. Earthquakes
    4. Volcanoes
    5. Wildfires
    6. Drought
  - B. Wars/rumors of wars
    1. China – Taiwan – Australia
    2. Ukraine – Russia
    3. Israel – Hamas (Turkey)
    4. U.S.A. – Iran
    5. Chemical attacks, germ warfare, cyber attack, terrorism
  - C. Lawlessness
    1. 2021 deadliest year in decades
    2. Three primary reasons
    3. Results murder rate rising 33% in 66 major cities
    4. Hate crimes up 150%
  - D. Pestilence
    1. Locusts
    2. Viruses
    3. Division
  - E. Economic turbulence
    1. The World Economic Forum
    2. The Davos Agenda
    3. The great reset
    4. An increase in government reliance
    5. Universal basic income

6. Own nothing and be happy
7. Packaged in a "we know what is good for you"
8. No owning of private property
9. Government owns everything
10. Business and government collaborate

**III. This happens due to the great apostasy. The great falling away.**

- A. Reasons many give for falling away
  1. Deception
  2. Bitterness, lack of forgiveness
  3. Loss of fellowship
  4. Perversion
    - a. How it starts
    - b. Where it leads
  5. When you leave Messiah, you turn to Baal
  6. Inward deception
  7. Apathy
  8. Leaving personal Biblical habits (worship, giving, fellowship, prayer, Bible study, witnessing, learning, sharing, serving, sacraments)
  9. No accountability
  10. Addiction

**IV. When there is no light, darkness prevails**

- A. Like a game of chess
  1. The opening
  2. The middle game
  3. The end game (checkmate)
- B. Beware of the signs of the times
- C. Choose this day whom you will serve
- D. Determine what God is telling you to do
- E. Realize, it's your move
- F. Today is the day of salvation
- G. Don't wait for 'checkmate'

**Admit  
Believe  
Call**