



# The Zion Letter

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## The Water has Broken The Seals of Revelation

**A WORD CAME TO ME** the day following the Christmas 2004 Tsunami, that killed more than 250,000 people from Indonesia to Sri Lanka to Thailand. The Word was **"The water has broken, the seals are beginning to break and the birth pangs are about to begin."** What follows is prophetic teaching I wrote some months later:

One year after September 11, 2001, my wife Dawn was in her last month of pregnancy with our (now almost 20 year old) son Isaac. Her pregnancy was a true education for me. One of the things I learned from it is that it is common for a woman to experience contractions before she goes into labor. These contractions are known as Braxton-Hicks contractions. They are indicative that the real birth pangs are coming, but they are false labor and are not the real thing. I was praying and asking the Lord whether September 11, 2001 was the beginning of birth pangs here in America. The Lord gave me an understanding that September 11, 2001 was a Braxton-Hicks contraction. In other words, as catastrophic and horrific as September 11, 2001 was, it was merely signaling that the real birth pangs are yet to come.

In October 2005, my wife was once again in the last month of her pregnancy with our second child Joshua. One night she asked me to help her put a special pad on our mattress in case her water should break in the night; it immediately came to my mind that America's water broke when the levees of New Orleans broke during Hurricane Katrina and then again during Hurricane Rita. When a woman's water breaks, it is a sign that labor is coming. A baby cannot survive for too long in the womb without amniotic fluid. Dawn told me that birth pangs

don't always come immediately after the water breaks, but they do come soon! According to *The Well Pregnancy Book*, "about 80 percent of all mothers will spontaneously go into labor after their membranes rupture; the other 20 percent may require hormonal stimulation to get labor going."(1)

### **The Sign of Noah:**

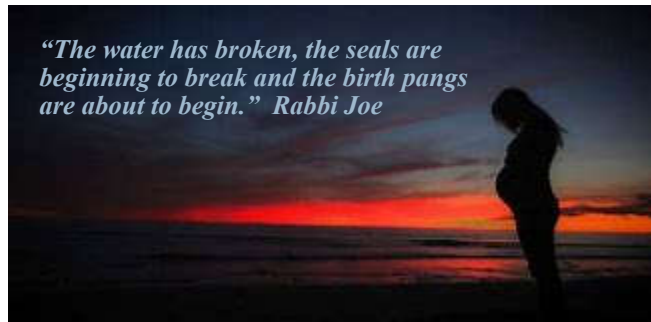
Yeshua said, **"but as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the Ark, and knew not (they did not understand) until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall the**

**coming of the Son of Man be,"** **MT 24:37-39.** He also said, **"There will be signs in the sun, and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the**

**world,"** **Lk 21:25-26.**

Couple of thoughts: **1.** If the return of the Lord will be as the day of Noah and only eight people got into the ark or even thought to join Noah, how many (even of God's people) will have the slightest clue what to do? Answer: not many. **2.** If September 11, 2001 was a preliminary contraction, then Hurricane Katrina was the day America's water broke. Think again about that great tsunami that roared its flood waters over South Asia and Africa in December 2004, killing hundreds of thousands of people in a matter of hours. Those floods hit two continents, and brought virtually the entire world to a standstill. I believe

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that the world's water broke on the day of the Great Tsunami. **If I was hearing the Lord correctly, then the world was about to experience the birth pangs of real labor.**

### **The Beginning of Birth Pangs:**

Yeshua (Jesus) said, ***"Many will come in My name saying, 'I am the Messiah' and will mislead many. You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes, But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs."*** MT 24:5-8. Yeshua

described earthquakes, famines, false messiahs, wars and rumors of wars as the beginning of birth pangs (uterine contractions). The following is what Dr. Mike and Nancy Samuels wrote about the beginning of birth pangs:

*"Contractions during the ninth month still tend to be brief, irregular, and imperceptible to the mother, but they are more frequent and coordinated than earlier ones. These contractions were first described by an English doctor named John Braxton-Hicks in 1872, and hence they became known by his name. During the last several weeks of pregnancy they increase tremendously in frequency and may even become somewhat rhythmic. The period in which this happens is called pre-labor. Pre-labor contractions work toward shortening (e cing) and widening (dilating) the tube-shaped cervix and stretching the bottom of the uterus. The contractions also soften the cervix. This process is called ripening; it indicates that the cervix is becoming ready for labor."* (2)

If the famines, wars, pestilence, false messiahs, earthquakes and floods that we have seen up to this point are just the beginning of birth pangs and we have difficulty dealing with these events; then how unprepared are we for the real thing?

### **Let the Show Begin:**

According to Samuels, ***"Another event, called Show, signals the onset of labor by hours to days. From soon after conception until shortly before delivery, the mother's cer-***

***vix is sealed with a mucous plug. As the cervix dilates and stretches, the opening becomes too wide to maintain the plug, and it slips out,"*** (3) ***is it a coincidence that the seal is broken in order for a woman's labor to begin, just as seals are broken before the birth pangs of the world begin?***

***"When He had taken the Book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying, 'Worthy are you to take the book and to break its seals: for you were slain, and purchased for God with your blood men from every tribe and tongue and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.'" Rev 5:8-10.***

### **The Seal Judgments:**

The signs of the end and of His return, which Yeshua spoke of, correspond to the seven seal judgments mentioned in Revelation chapter six. The first five seal judgments are ***the anti-Messiah, war, famine, pestilence and death by wild beasts***. We have been experiencing terrible wars, great famines,

more and more plague-like diseases such as ***HIV-AIDS, Sars, Avian flu, Ebola and now more recently Covid -19 and Monkey Pox. Experts are perplexed by the surge in attacks on humans by sharks (in knee deep water!), bears, alligators, mountain lions and even elephants.***

The usual answer is that we humans are encroaching on the animal's territory, but is it really that simple? The National Geographic channel and other similar TV channels have been producing documentaries on the strange phenomenon related to the rise in deadly attacks on humans by wild animals. Regarding wars, I once heard it said that more people died in the great wars of the twentieth century than in all other wars combined. My point is that I believe we have been living in the time of the first five seal judgments and are about to see the anti-Messiah revealed and come into his fullness. In recent previous articles I wrote about the arrival of the Beast of Revelation 13 and Daniel 7 (see [www.forzionsake.org](http://www.forzionsake.org)); **However, what**

**we have been experiencing is just pre-labor, which is the beginning of birth pangs.** For one, the Great Tribulation will not begin until the Man of



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Lawlessness is revealed to make his covenant with the "Many" (understood as The Nations). Secondly, the stars must fall from the heavens together with the Blood Red Moon and the darkening of the sun. What is upon us now is the judgment of the anti-Messiah and the Beast system, not the wrath of God.

### **The Sixth Seal Judgment:**

The Sixth Seal Judgment is quite different from the first five. When the sixth seal breaks, things will get much worse: ***"I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; and they said to the mountains and to the rocks fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand? Rev 6:12-17.*** Though we have witnessed the types of events and catastrophes of the first five seals which Yeshua told us precede the tribulation, our generation has not seen the likes of what is described above in the Sixth Seal. The Seventh Seal begins seven trumpet judgments which I encourage you to read (Rev 8:1-11:19). The Sixth Seal and the first six Trumpet Judgments are almost unimaginable in scope and terror. The seventh Trumpet Judgment, also known as the "Last Trump" is when the kingdom of this world becomes the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Messiah (Rev 11:15).

### **Reviewing the Birth Process:**

The birth process begins with Braxton-Hicks contractions (false labor), then the **Show** begins: the Show is when the mother's cervix dilates, the mucous plug come out and the seal is broken; this is usually followed by the breaking of the water bag that surrounds the baby. According to Dr. Samuels, "about 80 percent of women will spontaneously go into labor after their membranes (seals) rupture," (4); **Then the real birth pangs begin!** According to

Samuels, when this happens, "contractions become regular, they increase in duration and they increase in intensity." (5)

### **Conclusion:**

***"For My thoughts are not your thoughts. Nor are your ways My ways, says the Lord" Isaiah 55:8. "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven, Ecc 3:1.*** I started to see a pattern develop following September 11, 2001 that related to the birthing process. I have watched my wife go through this process twice. Yeshua related the events of the End-Times to the birthing process as did the Apostle Paul. I believe that God was teaching me about the birthing process in order to help my wife bring our son into the world and also that I might share how it relates to the times in which we are living. I believe that the Second World War, the Holocaust, Vietnam, the San Francisco earthquakes of 1906 and again in the 1990's; the attack on the World Trade Center, etc., were Braxton-Hicks contractions (pre-labor). I believe that the first five seals of Revelation 6 have been broken just as the seal in a woman's cervix and the seal of her water bag are broken. I believe that the great tsunami of 2004 and the levees breaking during Hurricane Katrina are signs that the world's and America's water have broken. The only logical conclusion I can make and the one that prompted me to write this article is that we are about to see the world go through the period of



tribulation where most judgment will come from the Beast and the Man of Lawlessness (False labor). Afterward comes the Day of the Lord or the Great Tribulation. God's End-Time labor will be terrible and traumatic, yet it will birth the wonderful and wondrous Kingdom of our Lord here on earth! The real thing is coming upon us and we are not ready for it; we are not even ready for the judgments of the Beast, the anti-Christ, The Dragon and the False Prophet! Friends, in the days of Noah, He built such a great Ark that it took decades to build. Surely men inquired of Noah as to why he was building an Ark where there was no sea? Still, they did not believe him. In fact when the rains came there is no record that they even tried to knock on the doors to be saved. History will repeat itself, God said it would be like the days of Noah again. This article could have been written last week, but

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except for a few edits, it was originally written in the middle of the Days of Awe, between Yom Teruah (The Feast of Trumpets) and Yom Kippur (The Day of Atonement), Fall 2005. The themes of these Feasts of the Lord (see Leviticus 23) deal with repentance and preparation for the coming of the King. They have to do with birth and with judgment. The Feast of Trumpets sounds the alarm that the King is coming, but His return will be preceded by judgments. The Trumpets of the Feast are shrill, piercing wake-up calls that are types of birth pangs themselves. They are shadows of the Trumpet judgments that will come upon the world. I believe God is calling all who hear this message to repent and to pray with fasting; if not for yourself, for your children and grandchildren. You cannot stop a woman in labor from bringing forth her child; nor can we stop God's judgments, but perhaps we can stay the hand of God and buy some time to seek His face and His instructions before the world goes into labor. I invite you to attend our Fall Feast Services beginning in September and please feel free to share this article or make copies and encourage your friends to sign up for our teachings at [www.forzionsake.org](http://www.forzionsake.org) God's ways are not our ways; perhaps He has a very different plan than you believe? Will you be on the Ark when the proper time comes?

In His love,  
Rabbi Joe and Dawn

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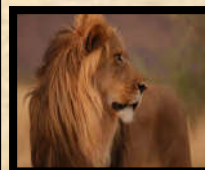


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