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# Sufferings

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I asked the Lord to give me an encouraging word for a brother in the Lord who is faced with numerous challenges. The Lord told me to assure him that He loves him very much and that he had not abandoned him.

The word that followed is for all of you who are suffering the pangs of giving birth to the male child of Revelation 12. You know who you are.

All that is going on is necessary for a purification of those who truly want to press into Me and fully enter My Kingdom.

Hard times are ahead for all of My holy ones. Hard times are necessary for My holy ones because as My word says, "we must through much tribulation enter the Kingdom of God." Acts. 14:22.

Yet, there are no times too hard for Me to grant peace and joy in the midst of them. Suffering is an essential aspect of birthing, but the promise of that new life makes it all worth the while. Every mom in the world has experienced birth pangs in childbirth. Every time it occurs, it represents, as a type and shadow, the necessity of this male child of Revelation 12 coming forth in the hour.

It is happening everywhere. Thousands and tens of thousand of men and women around the globe among many different ethnic groups have been called and chosen and will be found faithful as they each face their wash pots of trials and sufferings.

What a day of rejoicing it will be when in the end that male child will have been fully birthed within you. On that day, you will look back upon the toil of labor as a faded memory. All you can embrace will be the lovely face of this male child of whom you will have become.

This is all a great mystery. But do not get lost in the sufferings. Rather, look with hope and great anticipation toward that moment of delivery when the Christ child within you comes forth in fullness.

Remember, it is Christ in you the hope of glory. Col 1:27.