

**Micah 4:9~** **Now why is it that you keep shouting loudly? Is there no king in you, or has your own counselor perished, so that pangs like those of a woman giving birth have grabbed hold of you?<sup>1</sup>**

**Footnote:** You Feminine singular

**1·** Yehowah now turns his attention to the Jews, and what is about to come upon them, at the hands of the Babylonians. Why is it that they keep shouting loudly? They are experiencing a spiritual darkness, for he asks, is there not king in them, have their counselors all perished? As they see the judgment of Yehowah God coming against them, they will feel like a woman in birth pangs, who is about to give birth.

**[Question]** Who does Yehowah God now turn his attention to, for what is coming upon them soon?

**[Question]** What kind of a time are they experiencing, and how does it make them feel?

**2·** Here there is the sound of the cry for help of the daughter of my people from a land far away; Is Yehowah not in Zion? Or is her **king** not in her? Why is it that they **have** offended me with their graven images, with their vain foreign gods? (**Jeremiah 8:19**)

**[Question]** What cry then goes forth, and what question gets asked?

**[Question]** Why has Yehowah God's anger come against them?

**3·** Trembling itself took **hold** of them there, **birth pangs**, like those of a **woman giving birth**. (**Psalms 48:6**)

**[Question]** What then takes hold of his people?

**4·** That is why my hips **have** become full of severe pains. Convulsions themselves **have grabbed hold** of me, like the convulsions of a **woman** that is **giving birth**. I **have** become disconcerted so that I do not hear, I **have** become disturbed, so that I do not see. (**Isaiah 21:3**)

**[Question]** What did Isaiah prophesy would come and take hold of Babylon, when her time of destruction came?

**5·** Ask, please, O men, and see whether a male is **giving birth**. Why is it that I **have** seen every able-bodied man with his

hands upon his loins like a female that is **giving birth**, and all faces **have** turned pale? (**Jeremiah 30:6**)

**[Question]** How would even her mighty men, then come to act?

- 6· What will you say when one turns his attention upon you, when you yourself **have** taught them as confidential friends right alongside you at the start? Will not **birth pangs** themselves seize **hold** of you, like those of a wife **giving birth**? (**Jeremiah 13:21**)

**[Question]** What did Jeremiah prophesy would then come upon them?

- 7· The towns will actually be captured, and her **own** strong places will certainly be seized. And the heart of the mighty men of Moab must become in that day, like the heart of a wife having childbirth distress. (**Jeremiah 48:41**)

**[Question]** How did Jeremiah prophesy similar things for Moab, and how would her mighty men then act?

- 8· The labor **pangs** of a **woman giving birth** are what will come to him. He is a son not wise, for in season he will not stand still at the breaking forth of sons from the womb. (**Hosea 13:13**)

**[Question]** How did Hosea describe the pains Ephraim would feel, when his own judgment came forth from Yehowah God?