The 'Birth' Sign

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ISAIAH 26 likens the resurrection—rapture to a birth:

"Your dead will live, LORD; their bodies will rise ... the earth will give birth to her dead. Go, my people, enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until his wrath has passed by. See, the Lord is coming out of his dwelling to punish the people of the earth for their sins (Isa. 26:19–21).

Later, in chapter 66, we find a second allusion to the rapture—birth:

"Before she goes into labor, she gives birth; before the pains come upon her, she delivers Who has ever seen things like this? Can the earth be made to give birth in one day? Or a nation be brought forth in a moment? Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children" (Isa. 66:7, 8).

While the traditional view is that the birth in Isaiah 66 refers to the founding of the Church, it more aptly describes the Rapture because:

- This type of birth has never been seen.
- The birth occurs *before* the labor pains, or judgment.
- The birth occurs "in a moment," like the Rapture (1 Cor.15:52).
- The Hebrew word translated "nation," goy, refers to a "mass or troop" of Gentiles, the main participants in the Rapture.

Viewing the Rapture as a birth, the question arises: when will the delivery take place?

The Book of Revelation may hold a clue:

"A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth She gave birth ... and her child was snatched up to God" (Rev. 12:1, 2, 5).

According to Revelation, when the sign of the woman giving birth appears, the rapture—birth is about to occur.

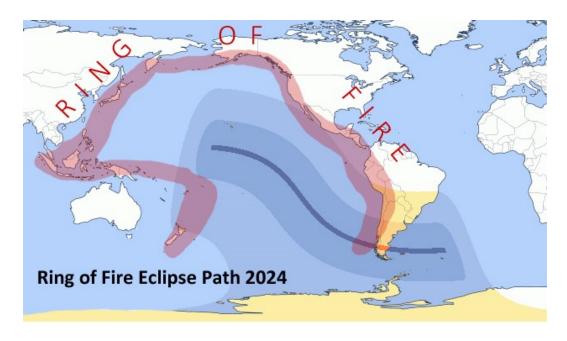
The sign of the woman giving birth occurs annually in the fall, when the Sun and Moon are in the constellation Virgo. Below is a Stellarium image of the sign as it appeared this year, just after the Feast of Trumpets:



What is striking is that the last two occurrences of the sign of the woman, in 2023 and 2024, saw additional birth themed signs:

In 2023, an asteroid named 'Child' exited the belly area of Virgo, signifying a birth.

In 2024, an annular 'ring of fire' eclipse in Virgo traced a path from the center of the Pacific 'Ring of Fire,' the tectonic belt responsible for 90% of the world's earthquakes.



That a ring-of-fire eclipse occurred in the center of the Ring of Fire is significant because 'ring of fire' is a pregnancy term that describes the burning sensation that happens in the final moments of labor, when the baby's head crowns.

Adding to the birth theme of the eclipse:

- The path crossed over one of the most remote locations on earth, Easter Island, which is called the "Navel of the World."
- The viewing location, Easter Island, is named after the Gentile holiday that celebrates resurrection, or rebirth.
- The path mirrored that of the American eclipse of six months earlier, which also began at the center of the Pacific Ring of Fire.



Finally, it is significant that the biblical year bookended by the 'birth' signs, 2023–24, is a leap year, which is called *Shanah Me'uberet*, or a "pregnant year," in Judaism.

What are the odds?

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Isaiah twice likens the resurrection—rapture to a birth.

According to Revelation, the sign of the woman in Virgo signals that the birth is about to occur.

The biblical year spanning 2023–24 is a 'pregnant year' that is bookended by birth themed signs in Virgo:

- 2023 saw the birth of asteroid 'Child.'
- 2024 saw a 'ring-of-fire' eclipse above the 'Ring of Fire' and 'Naval of the World,' Easter (resurrection) Island.

Like a regular birth, no one knows the day. But the signs suggest that it is near.

"Do I bring to the moment of birth and not give delivery?" says the LORD. "Do I close up the womb when I bring to delivery?" says your God" (Isa. 66:9).

NOTES:

- 1. God's judgment is a time of "labor pains" (Jer. 30:6, 7).
- 2. Isaiah 66 commentaries:

https://biblehub.com/commentaries/isaiah/66-7.htm https://biblehub.com/commentaries/isaiah/66-8.htm

- 3. Another indication that the birth in Isaiah 66 refers to the Rapture is that the chapter addresses primarily the end of the age.
- 4. Strong's #1471 goy—nation:

https://www.blueletterbible.org/lexicon/h1471/kjv/wlc/0-1/

- 5. The Greek word translated "snatched up" in Revelation 12, harpazó, is the same word used to describe the Rapture: "Then we who are living ... will be snatched up (harpazo) together with them in [the] clouds to meet the LORD in [the] air" (1 Thess. 4:17). https://biblehub.com/greek/726.htm
- 6. Christians are called "sons" or "children" of God (Matt. 5:9, 45; 8:12).
- 7. Asteroid 'Child' and the Great Sign:

https://tinyurl.com/mudytdxf

8. At the greatest point of the 2024 ring-of-fire eclipse, the Moon obscured 93% of the Sun, creating a 7% ring of fire that was visible for just over 7 minutes.

9. The Pacific Ring of Fire:

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- $\textbf{10. Ring of fire in pregnancy:} \ \underline{\text{https://www.parents.com/ring-of-fire-in-pregnancy-all-about-baby-crowning-7968134}}$
- 11. Pregnant year in Judaism: https://www.timeanddate.com/date/jewish-leap-year.html#:~:text=The%20Jewish%20Leap%20Year&text=A%20Jeap%20year%20in%20the,'uberet%2C%20or%20pregnant%20year.
- 12. The prophetic American solar eclipse: https://tinyurl.com/ts9apvhr