**Matthew 24:30-31 (NIV)** - Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

**"Joy to the World" was written by Isaac Watts in 1719 to celebrate the return of Jesus and His rule on the earth.**

**Birth pains increase in frequency.**
**Birth pains increase in intensity.**

**Birth pains mean new life is about to be born.**

- **Birth pains of false teachings.** *(Matthew 24:4-5, 11)*
- **Birth pains of wars and rumors of wars.** *(Matthew 24:6)*
- **Birth pains of nations and kingdoms rising and enslaving.** *(Matthew 24:7)*
- **Birth pains of famines and earthquakes.** *(Matthew 24:7b)*

**Matthew 24:8 (NIV)** - All these are the beginning of birth pains.

- **Birth pains of persecution and death.** *(Matthew 24:9)*
- **Birth pains of falling away from faith.** *(Matthew 24:10-12)*

**Do not be alarmed.** *(vs 6)*

**God is sovereign.** *(vs 6b)*

**Full devotion to Christ will be required.** *(vs 12-13)*

**Anticipate Jesus' return.** *(vs 27)*

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