





Last Days Birth Pangs



Jesus explained the Last Days Signs would arise as Birth Pangs...

"... what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?' And Jesus answered and said to them: 'Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. ... For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. <u>All these are</u> <u>the beginning of sorrows</u>" (Matthew 24:3-8).

- The Greek word translated *sorrows* (Gr. odin) literally means *birth pangs*. (See also: Mark 13:8)
- Therefore we should expect the Last Days prophetic signs to increase together like birth pangs as the Day of the Lord approaches.

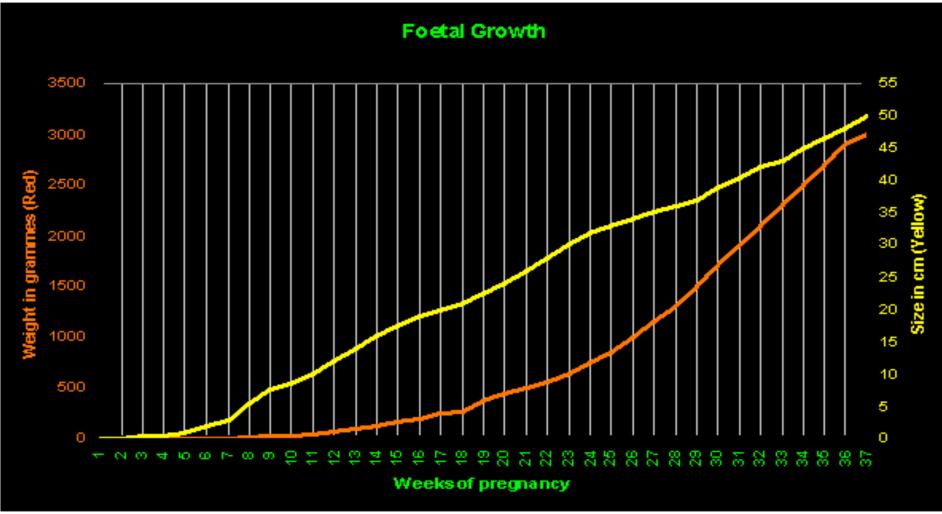
"...The day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, 'Peace and safety!' then sudden destruction comes upon them, <u>as labor pains upon a</u> <u>pregnant woman</u>. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief." (1 Thessalonians 5:1-4)

Pregnancy

During pregnancy there is gradual growth. Similarly, we've witnessed the gradual positioning of every Last Days' trend during the past 2000 years (The Last Days began in the 1st century – Acts 2:16-17; Hebrews 1:2; Revelation 22:10)

Yellow = length

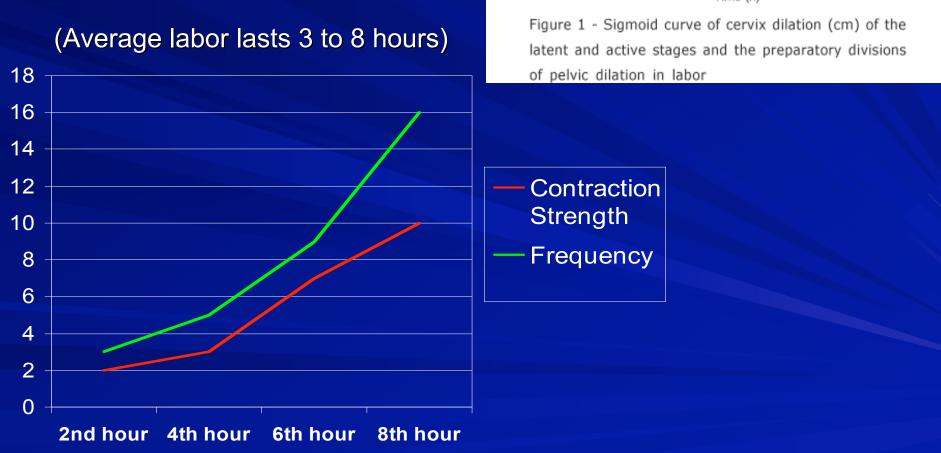
Orange = weight



But once the labor contractions begin, delivery is very rapid!

Three signs of Delivery

Dilation of cervix
Contraction strength increases
Contraction frequency increases



Latent Stage Stage Stage of 12 maximum Cervical Dilation (cm) inclination 10 Deceleration 8 Acceleration stage Stage 6 4 2 0 2 8 0 4 6 10 12 14 Time (h)