

When Will the Earth Give Birth to Her Dead?

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THE BIBLE portrays the Rapture as a time when the earth gives birth to the dead:

“Your dead will live, LORD; their bodies will rise—let those who dwell in the dust wake up and shout for joy—your dew is like the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead” (Isa. 26:19).

Considering the Rapture a type of “birth,” it’s significant that God appears to have a favored time for bringing forth: the spring.

In nature, spring is when animals give birth:

“Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you watch when the doe bears her fawn? Do you count the months till they bear? Do you know the time they give birth? They crouch down and bring forth their young; their labor pains are ended [in the spring] (Job 39:1-3).

Spring is also when principal Bible figures are born:

- King David, Israel’s greatest ruler, was born in the spring, on Pentecost.
- Jacob, the father of the Nation of Israel, was born in the spring.
- Abraham and Isaac, Jacob’s grandfather and father, were born in the spring.
- Enoch, a prophetic type of the Church, was born in the spring, on Pentecost.*
- Some believe that Jesus, the Lamb of God, was born in the spring. This would make sense typologically, as the spring is when baby lambs are born.**

In addition to being a time of birth for Israel’s patriarchs and kings, spring is the season in which Israel was born as a nation—the first time circa 1500 BC, and again in 1948.

“Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Can a land be born in one day? Can a nation be brought forth all at once?” (Isa. 66:8)

Even the restoration of Israel’s capital, Jerusalem, in 1967 occurred in the spring.

Summing up: *spring* is God’s chosen time for birth:

- In nature
- For principal Bible figures
- For His chosen Nation, Israel

Question: knowing that the Lord is consistent and works to patterns, which season seems most likely to see the “birth” we call the Rapture?

Answer: the spring!

“My beloved spoke to me and said, rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For, look, the winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come” (Song 2:10-12).

NOTES:

*According to tradition, Enoch was taken up to be with God, i.e. raptured, on the same day he was born—Pentecost.

**Messianic Rabbi Reveals Christ’s Birth Date: <http://www.wnd.com/2014/11/clue-to-christs-birth-date-revealed/>