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God's Design in the Greek Scriptures: Revelation

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Series: The Life of Christ The 2nd Advent of Jesus

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 This figure of Israel as a woman laboring to deliver is frequent in the Old Testament (cf Isa13.8; 21.3; 26.17-18; 61.7-8; 66.7ff; Jer4.31; 13.21; 22.23; Hos13.13; Mic4.10; 5.2-3).
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The first part of Ch13 in the English text is typically connected with Ch12 in the Greek text of The Revelation.