

## EARTHQUAKES

Now what of the "Earthquakes" shaking our cities and towns across the globe? Some say "We've always had earthquakes." True... But we only had 21 major quakes in the history of the world before the 1900's that killed more than 10,000 people at a time.

Year	Date	Location	Deaths
526	May 20	Syria, Antioch	250,000
856		Greece, Corinth	45,000
1057		China, Chihli	25,000
1268		Asia Minor, Cilicia	60,000
1290	Sept 27	China, Chihli	100,000
1293	May 20	Japan, Kamakura	30,000
1531	Jan 26	Portugal, Lisbon	30,000
1556	Jan 24	China, Shaanxi	830,000
1667	Nov	Caucasia, Shemaka	80,000
1693	Jan 11	Italy, Catania	60,000
1730	Dec 30	Japan, Hokkaido	137,000
1737	Oct 11	India, Calcutta	300,000
1755	June 7	Northern Persia	40,000
1755	Nov 1	Portugal, Lisbon	60,000
1783	Feb 4	Italy, Calabria	30,000
1797	Feb 4	Equador, Quito	41,000
1822	Sept 5	Asia Minor, Aleppo	22,000
1828	Dec 28	Japan, Echigo	30,000
1868	Aug 13-15	Peru and Equador	40,000
1875	May 16	Venzuela, Columbia	16,000
1896	June 15	Japan, sea wave	27,120

Luke 21:11 states, "...great earthquakes shall be in divers places." ...What I found was quite interesting.

Notice the top chart on the left. It shows that we had 21 Major earthquakes in 1370 years previous to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. That's an average of **0.02 earthquakes per year** that have killed more than 10,000 men woman and children. However, since the turn of the century, and commencement of the end times, we have had unbelievable amounts of quakes occurring. Notice the next chart.

Year	Date	Location	Deaths
1906	Aug 16	Chile, Valparasio	20,000
1908	Dec 28	Italy, Messina	83,000
1915	Jan 13	Italy, Avezzano	29,980
1920	Dec 16	China, Gansu	100,000
1923	Sept 1	Japan, Yokohama	200,000
1927	May 22	China, Nan-Shan	200,000
1932	Dec 26	China, Gansu	70,000
1934	Jan 15	India, Bihar-Nepal	10,700
1935	May 31	India, Quetta	50,000
1939	Jan 24	Chile, Chillan	28,000
1939	Dec 26	Turkey, Erzincan	30,000
1960	Feb 29	Morocco, Agadir	12,000
1962	Sept 1	Northwestern Iran	12,230
1968	Aug 31	Northeastern Iran	12,000
1970	Jan 5	China, Yunnan Prov.	10,000
1970	May 31	Northern Peru	66,794
1976	Feb 4	Guatemala	22,778
1976	July 28	China, Tangshan	242,000
1978	Sept 16	Northeastern Iran	25,000
1988	Dec 7	NW Armenia	55,000+
1990	June 21	Northwestern Iran	40,000+

Again, 21 earthquakes, however these 21 quakes didn't occur over the course of many hundreds of years. NO, they occurred in just **84** years! (1906 - 1990) That's an average of **0.4 earthquakes per year** that have killed more than 10,000 men, women, and children! That's **200 times more** earthquakes in 84 years than in all of the recorded **1370** previous years of quakes! The record books don't lie! I actually deleted over 35 quakes from the years 1906 and on, because they were *under* 10,000 deaths each! Many were over 1,000 2,000 and even 6,000 people dead! The Lord is not to be taken lightly. The prophecy stated

the earthquakes would increase, and as we see so evidently... **they have!**

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In the last 90 years there have been over **one million and a half fatalities from earthquakes alone**. *Discoveries in Prophecy* A World in Turmoil Mark A. Finley p. 5

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We are **now** experiencing over **6000 quakes** per year worldwide of varying degrees of size, and just recently, this total was greatly enhanced in just **three days!**

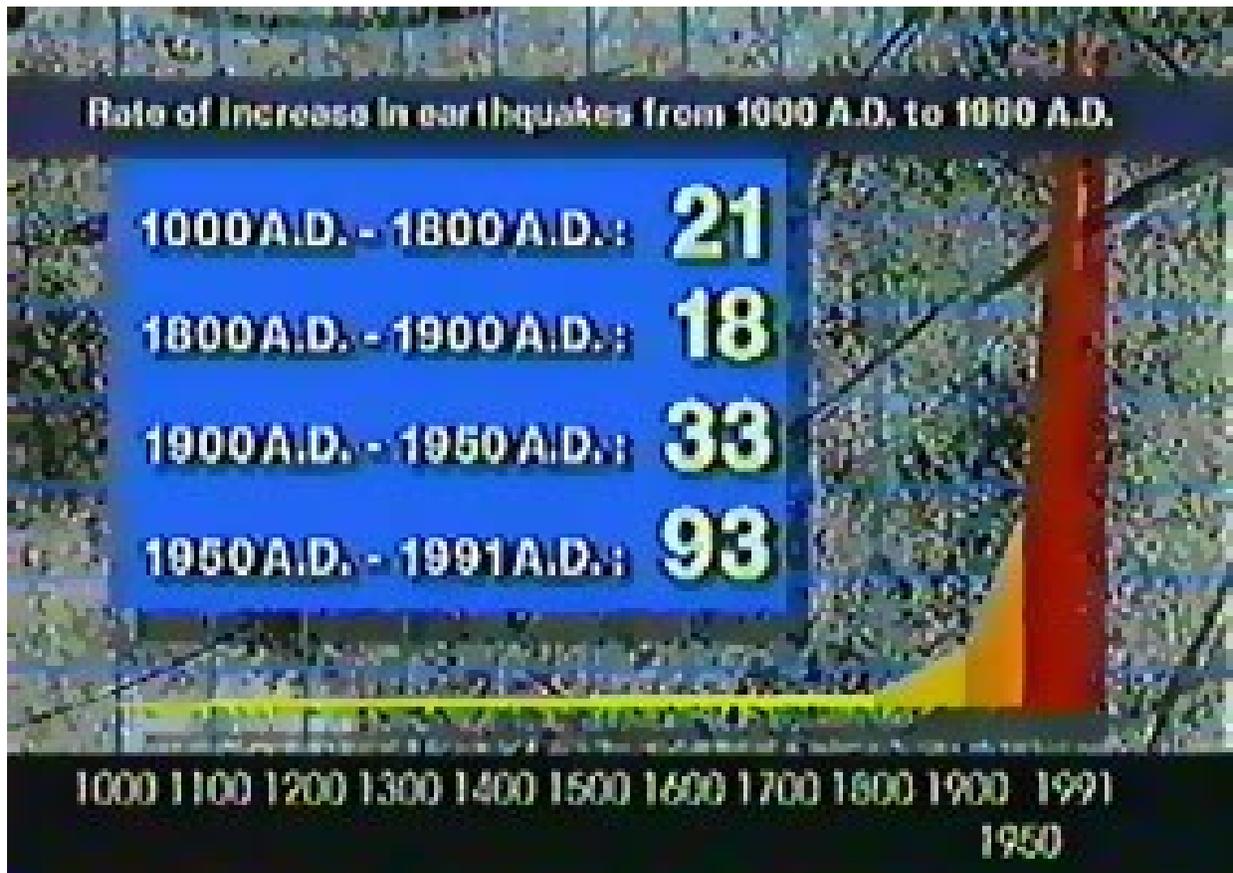
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**4000 Earthquakes** of all sizes reported in Tokyo **in past 3 days**. -*CBN News* 10/18/96

# Earthquakes

*...and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in various places..." (Matthew 24:7)*

March 27th, 1964. Alaska is devastated by a massive earthquake measuring 8.4 on the Richter scale. Amazingly, in the 30 years since the great Alaska quake, there have been as many major earthquakes as in the entire previous 2000 years of world history!



The World Almanac tells us that there were only 21 earthquakes of major strength between the years 1000 and 1800. But between 1800 and 1900 there were 18 major earthquakes. In the next 50 years, between 1900 and 1950, there were 33 major quakes, and between 1950 and 1991 there were 93 major earthquakes, almost tripling the number of the previous half century, and claiming the lives of 1.3 million people around the world.

January 17, 1994, an earthquake measuring 6.6 on the Richter scale causes \$30 billion worth of damage in Los Angeles. Seismologists predict that California's imminent "big one" could be 50 times more powerful.

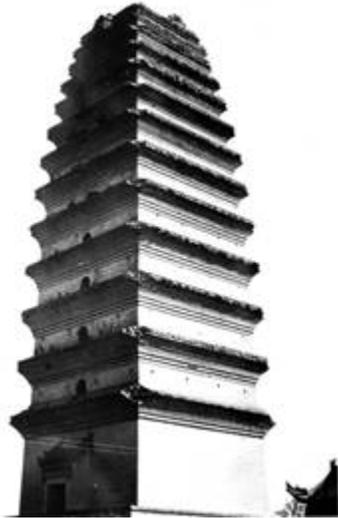


January 17, 1995, Over 5000 people are killed and 26,000 injured in the Great Hanshin quake in Japan. The port city of Kobe is devastated, its infrastructure destroyed, and over 300,000 people made homeless. Japanese scientists at the Earthquake center in Tsukuba predict a much stronger quake measuring over 8 on the Richter scale could hit the Tokyo area in the very near future.

This dramatic increase of severe quakes has led many scientists to predict that we are entering a new period of great seismic disturbances. The Bible also clearly predicts that the Last Days will be a time of great seismic activity, with the earth reeling to and fro like a drunken man & the towers & the cities of the nations falling!

# Nine killer earthquakes

Thousands rattle the Earth daily — but only a few cause utter devastation



Thousands of earthquakes happen every day around the world. Most are hardly felt, if at all. But sometimes pieces of Earth's crust suddenly slip past each other in a massive release of pent-up stress. The jolted Earth rumbles, buildings collapse, streets buckle, and thousands of people die. These movements are nature's most violent act and take a grim toll on human life and infrastructure.

The deadliest earthquake in recorded history rattled the Shensi province of China on Jan. 23, 1556, and killed an estimated 830,000 people. The death toll was particularly high among peasants who lived in artificial caves that were dug into soft rock and collapsed during the quake. This picture shows a pagoda whose peaked top was lost in the shaking. Earthquake damage is also visible on the corners. Click on to learn about eight more deadly quakes.

-- John Roach, msnbc.com contributor



### 1906: The Great Quake

The California earthquake of April 18, 1906, ranks as the most deadly in U.S. history: About 3,000 people perished. The Great Quake, as the event is known, was estimated at magnitude 7.9 and ruptured along 296 miles of the northernmost section of the San Andreas fault. Broken gas lines, fractured chimneys and toppled chemical trucks sparked a series of fires that torched large sections of San Francisco, as seen in this image taken from Golden Gate Park.



### 1964: Good Friday?

The most powerful earthquake in North American history shook the state of **Alaska on March 27, 1964, the Friday before Easter**. The **magnitude-9.2** temblor triggered a tsunami that was responsible for 113 of the 128 deaths associated with the earthquake, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. **The giant waves** struck along the West Coast down to California, and rolled across the Pacific to Hawaii. This image shows the coastal town of Seward, Alaska, in the wake of the tsunami.



### 1970: Mountains moved

The magnitude-7.9 earthquake that struck just off the west coast of Peru on May 31, 1970, reduced the coastal towns of Casma and Chimbote to rubble and killed at least 3,000 people. Even greater disaster struck the towns of Yungay and Ranranhirca. The shaking sent an avalanche of mud, rock and ice down the slopes of the Cordillera Blanca and buried the cities under tens of feet of debris. An estimated 70,000 lives were lost. Here, a statue of Christ is all that remains in Yungay.



### 1976: Chinese region flattened

The deadliest earthquake in modern times flattened the industrial city of Tangshan, China, in the early morning of July 28, 1976. The Chinese government put the death toll at 255,000, though many geologists believe it was much higher – up to 655,000. Nearly 800,000 more were injured. Tremors and damage from the magnitude-7.5 quake extended as far as Beijing, about 90 miles from the epicenter. Here, a few tents and temporary shelters are visible amid the debris.



### 1985: Mexico shaken

On Sept. 19, 1985, a magnitude-8.2 earthquake off Mexico's Pacific coast wreaked the greatest havoc in Mexico City, about 220 miles from the epicenter. There, hundreds of buildings were toppled, and thousands of people died. Government officials put the death toll at about 9,000, though other sources say it may have been as high as 35,000. A triggered tsunami sent waves rising almost 10 feet crashing into the coastal towns of Lazaro Cardenas, Zihuatanejo and Manzanillo. Here, a 21-story steel-constructed building in Mexico City lies in ruins.



### **2003: Iranian city crumbles**

On Dec. 26, 2003, a magnitude-6.6 earthquake crumpled the adobe city of Bam, Iran, killing an estimated 30,000 people. About 60 percent of the city's buildings were destroyed and nearly all the rest were damaged. The event ranks as the deadliest in Iran's history. Here, one of the victims is carried to the grave.



#### **2004: The Asian tsunami**

On Dec. 26, 2004, a magnitude-9.1 earthquake ruptured the ocean floor off the west coast of Sumatra, Indonesia, and triggered a series of destructive tsunamis that killed at least 225,000 people in 11 countries. Millions more were stripped of their homes. Scientists estimate the energy released in the event was more than 1,500 times the power of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945. Here, villagers walk through a devastated area of Pangdandaran on the Indonesian island of Java.



### 2005: Landslides in Kashmir

At least 86,000 people were killed when a magnitude-7.6 earthquake hit the Kashmir region of northern Pakistan on Oct. 8, 2005. Millions more were left homeless at the outset of the harsh Himalayan winter. Landslides swept away villages and blocked roads for relief and rescue workers, worsening the human toll. At least 1,350 people were killed in neighboring India, and the shaking was also felt in Afghanistan. Here, rescue workers dig through the rubble looking for survivors at a school in Balakot, Pakistan.

## 5.4 quake rocks Illinois; felt 350 miles away

**Tembler appears to rival strongest recorded in the Midwest.**

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**AP** Associated Press

updated 1 hour, 14 minutes ago

WEST SALEM, Ill. - A 5.4 earthquake that appeared to rival the strongest recorded in the region rocked people awake up to 350 miles away early Friday, surprising residents unaccustomed to such a powerful Midwest temblor.

The quake just before 4:37 a.m. was centered 6 miles from West Salem, Ill., and 66 miles from Evansville, Ind. It was felt in such distant cities as Chicago, Cincinnati and Milwaukee, 350 miles north of the epicenter, but there were no early reports of injuries or significant damage.

"It shook our house where it woke me up," said David Behm of Philo, 10 miles south of Champaign. "Windows were rattling, and you could hear it. The house was shaking inches. For people in central Illinois, this is a big deal. It's not like California."