

Ridgecrest Earthquake 2019

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“Great earthquakes will occur in various places” (Luke 21:11).

AN unusually powerful earthquake on America’s birthday yesterday was felt by some 20 million people and caught the whole nation’s attention.

The 6.4 temblor centered in Ridgecrest, described by some as being the longest quake they’ve ever experienced, was the strongest to hit Southern California in 20 years.

A common misconception is that a large earthquake lessens seismic stress, thus decreasing the chances of the Big One occurring. However, seismologists say the opposite is true and that the 4th-of-July quake may have actually set up the region for and even bigger shaking.

An example of a large earthquake followed by an even bigger one is the Japan tsunami disaster of nearly a decade ago. On March 9, 2011, a magnitude 7.3 quake off the east coast of Japan led some to be complacent when, two days later, a historic magnitude 9 quake struck.

While a major shaking in California may be dismissed as normal, an increase in unusual seismic activity in diverse places at once cannot be so easily dismissed. For instance, in addition to seeing record earthquake swarms, Yellowstone’s Steamboat Geyser just set a new record for the shortest time ever between observed eruptions. At Mauna Loa in Hawaii—the world’s largest active volcano—a steady increase in quakes and a significant ground swelling caused Federal officials on July 2 to raise the alert level from “normal” to “advisory.”

Similar things are happening worldwide.

What does this surge in seismic activity portend?

According to the Bible, the most awesome and destructive earth-shaking in human history:

“I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake and every mountain and island was removed from its place. Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else ... hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. They called to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can withstand it?” (Rev. 6: 12, 14-17).

In the wake of the Ridgecrest quake, officials are admitting that a new Los Angeles earthquake warning app did not send out a public alert as designed.

In contrast, God's "warning app" is in perfect working order. The increase in seismic and other phenomena the Bible calls birth pains are His signal to humanity that Judgment Day is near. Are you heeding the message?

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