

Ridgecrest Quake Portends Further Shakings

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HISTORICALLY SPEAKING, large earthquakes in California are normal.

To add some context to this week's major quakes near Ridgecrest, however, it's interesting to note that California has been experiencing a mysterious century-long lull in large, ground-rupturing earthquakes, temblors that actually offset the earth at the surface.

Between 1900 and 1918, California experienced two ground-rupturing quakes, the 1906 San Francisco quake and a magnitude-6.7 temblor on the San Jacinto Fault. Yet, the state's San Andreas, Hayward, and San Jacinto faults haven't experienced one since.

In fact, the last 100-years is the only period in the last 1,000 years to see no ground-rupturing quakes when, according to a recent USGS study, there should be three or four such events every century. Scientists have no explanation for the eerie earthquake hiatus on all three faults but recently warned that "Californians should be ready for a flurry of ground-shattering quakes in the near future."

Could this week's major shakings in Ridgecrest mark the beginning of the forecast flurry?

The other interesting thing, from an eschatological perspective, is that the Ridgecrest quakes brought to an end California's 20-year earthquake drought in 2019—a year of unprecedented prophetic convergence—and on the birthday of the nation proposing a Middle East peace plan (1 Thess. 5:3; Joel 3:2).

Moreover, the California quakes come at a time of increasing seismic events worldwide, corresponding to Jesus' prophecy about earthquakes and other phenomena increasing in frequency and intensity in various places, before His return (Matt. 24).

When citing statistics to show how seismic trends correspond to Bible prophecy, it's important to note that the Greek word translated "earthquakes" (seismos) in Matthew refers not only to shakings of the ground but also to atmospheric disturbances.

So when the Lord said seismos would increase before His return He was referring not only to earthquakes and volcanism but to hurricanes, tornadoes, and every other type of storm.

With all of the above in view, it feels like the shaking in California may not represent merely a "return to normal," as some have called it, but rather the beginning of a new era of seismic activity.

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LINKS:

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