

What About ... Earthquakes

What Are the Long-Term Trends?

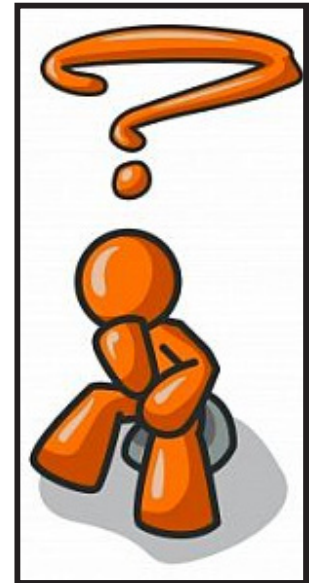
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[Below are graphs and quotes without comment.]

Jesus said: ... in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs (Matthew 24:7-8).



“[To the left] is a graph showing how the number of all magnitude earthquakes has grown [since 1973]. [Graph provided by DL Research. - dlindquist.com] ... those earthquakes registering above 6.9 ... are more likely to be accurately recorded over a longer period of history. It is interesting to note the following statistical records for earthquakes since 1863. It was only in 1897 that a global network of seismographs



was deployed. The numbers shown for the period from 1863 to 1900 may therefore be lower than actual. This report has been based on data available from USGS (NEIC) and other online sources, such as Wikipedia, in an attempt to cover as much of the available data as possible.

Trends since 1986

“For example, between 1986 and 1996 (incl), a period of 11 years, there were “just” 15 earthquakes listed by USGS of magnitude 7.0 or greater. This is not markedly different (albeit a slight decrease) from previous (similar periods) of 20th century, where an average of about 18 might be expected. But between 1997 and 2007 (incl), a period of only 11 years, there were 99 earthquakes with magnitude 7.0 or greater: This is more than a six-fold increase on the previous similar period.”

DATES FROM & TO	PERIOD	NO. EARTHQUAKES (Mag. > 6.99)
1863 to 1900 incl	38 yrs	12
1901 to 1938 incl	38 yrs	53
1939 to 1976 incl	38 yrs	71
1977 to 2014 incl *	38 yrs	136 (to Jan. 2009) predict >180 in total.

Apart from the “long-term” trends shown above, which show an ongoing persistent increase, it is perhaps more stark to record that earthquakes across the planet show a marked increase in activity since 1997. There are more major earthquakes occurring now, and this on an ever more frequent basis.”

[Text and graphs from the following sites: www.earth.webecs.co.uk/index.htm and <http://neic.usgs.gov/neis/eqllst/wqstars.html>]

Number of Earthquakes Worldwide for 2000 - 2009 Located by the US Geological Survey National Earthquake Information Center										
Magnitude	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
8.0 to 9.9	1	1	0	1	2	1	2	4	0	0
7.0 to 7.9	14	15	13	14	14	10	9	14	12	5
6.0 to 6.9	146	121	127	140	141	140	142	178	167	30
5.0 to 5.9	1344	1224	1201	1203	1515	1693	1712	2074	1672	454
4.0 to 4.9	8008	7991	8541	8462	10888	13917	12838	12078	12391	1976
3.0 to 3.9	4827	6266	7068	7624	7932	9191	9990	9889	11729	646
2.0 to 2.9	3765	4164	6419	7727	6316	4636	4027	3597	3858	595
1.0 to 1.9	1026	944	1137	2506	1344	26	18	42	22	5
0.1 to 0.9	5	1	10	134	103	0	2	2	0	1
No Magnitude	3120	2807	2938	3608	2939	864	828	1807	1926	13
Total	22256	23534	27454	31419	31194	30478	29568	29685	31777	3725
Estimated Deaths	231	21357	1685	33819	228802	82364	6605	712	88011	274