

“EARTHQUAKE: God’s Seismic Love for Our Broken Planet”—Part Three

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□ Revelation 6:12-13

- “The language here [Rev 6:12-14] recalls the day of the Lord passages in the OT (Is. 13:10-13; 34:4; Ezek.32:7-8; Amos 8:8-10). . . . Similar events [in the sun, moon and stars] are described in Matt. 24:29. Bible scholars associated these harbingers of the end time with specific and remarkable events occurring in the 18th and 19th centuries: the great Lisbon earthquake in 1755 [November 1], the ‘Dark Day’ in 1780 [May 19, when the New England sun appeared to turn dark and the moon appeared red], and the famous ‘falling of the stars’ in 1833 [the November 12-13 Leonid meteor shower, estimated between 100,000 to 200,000 meteors per hour]. Rev. 6:14 makes clear that even greater catastrophes will occur just before the end.” (*Andrews Study Bible* p 1669)

□ Matthew 24:3-7

- *Does it feel to you like earthquakes have been increasing in frequency and magnitude these last few months, years?*
 - Check earthquake frequency and magnitude records at www.usgs.gov
 - Matthew 24:8
 - Matthew 24:29, 30
- Then why did God identify earthquakes as a specific sign—why not tornadoes, hurricanes or cyclones, blizzards, or crazy weather?
 - #1—Earthquakes are nature’s most potent example of life’s _____.
 - I Thessalonians 5:2, 3
 - #2—Earthquakes are nature’s most powerful example of humanity’s _____.
 - #3—Earthquakes are nature’s most profound example of God’s _____.
 - Nahum 1:3-5
 - #4—Earthquakes are nature’s most provocative motivation for our urgent _____.
 - Matthew 24:8,14
 - Earthquakes are the _____ of the countdown, but only the gospel into all the world is the _____.
 - Jesus’ only sign to mark the _____ of the world is the gospel into _____ the world.
 - *Desire of Ages*: “Because we know not the exact time of His coming, we are commanded to watch. . . . With vigilant watching [we] combine earnest working. Because [we] know that the Lord is _____, [our] zeal is quickened to co-operate with the divine intelligences in working for the salvation of souls.” (634)
 - A Celebration of Synergy at www.pmchurch.org/synergy
- “But . . . let her sleep.”

“Jesus is coming again!”

unpredictability, impotency, omnipotency, mission, beginning, ending, end, all, at the door