



Earthquakes!

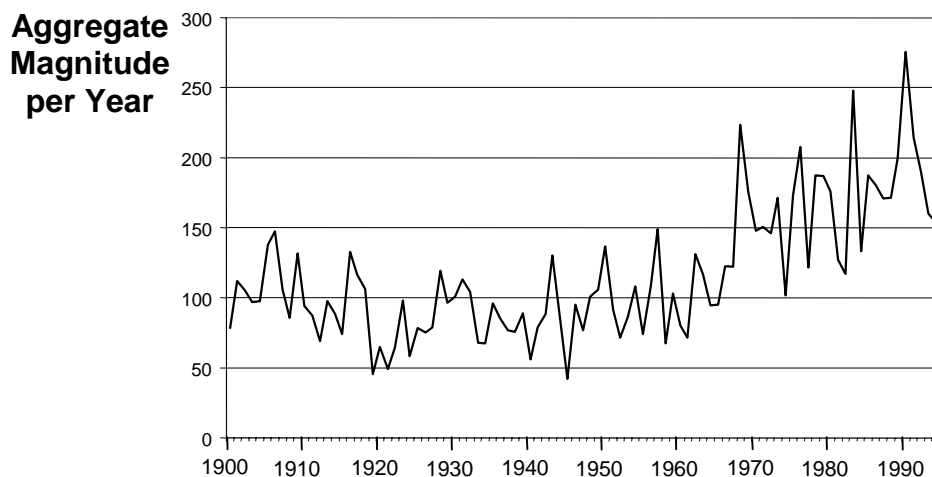
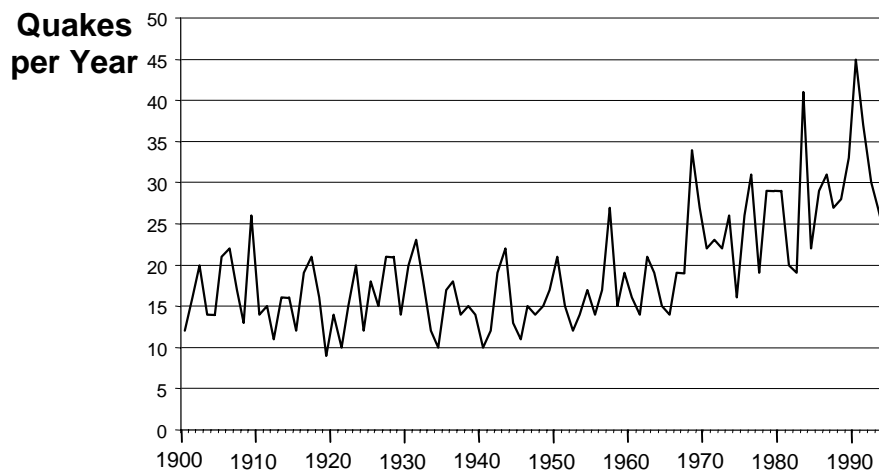
“there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places” (Matthew 24:7)

Jesus said in His Olivet Discourse that earthquakes would be a sign of His coming. We have always had earthquakes so the key to what makes earthquakes a sign is in the next verse: *“All these are the beginning of sorrows”* (Matthew 24:8). The Greek word translated into “sorrows” is “odin” which means “birth pains.” The apostle Paul also spoke of events preceding the return of Christ as birth pains...

1Thessalonians 5:2-3 - *For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman.*

Birth pains increase in intensity and frequency, they become more terrible and more often. Birth pains culminate in the birth itself which is continuous intense pain followed by relief when it is all over. Likewise, the intensity and frequency of earthquakes will combine with other “world-shaking” events like the Gulf war and the September 11th terrorist attack to occur more frequently until they are effectively continuous during the tribulation. The prophet Daniel described the rate to which end time events would begin to unfold in Daniel 9:26, *“the end of it shall be with a flood”*. As a flood comes upon you suddenly, so will the coming of the Lord.

It is interesting to note that we can already see an increase in the frequency and intensity of earthquakes worldwide...



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“when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near” (Luke 21:28)