

Earthquake & Tsunami

Japan's Disaster of March, 2011

What Happened?

- **Earthquake and tsunami hit northern Japan**
- **Entire towns leveled & reduced to kindling**
- **Death toll may exceed 20,000**
- **Millions without power in freezing weather**
- **Nuclear reactors could harm millions more**

What Happened?

- A strong earthquake shifted earth's crust
- Pavement ripped; shelves emptied; houses fell
- A wall of water 30' high came at 60mph
- It smashed most everything in its way
- It receded and took stuff and people with it

What Happened?

- **Death toll is much higher than New Zealand.**
- **Death toll is much lower than 2004 tsunami.**
- **Death Toll is much lower than Haiti in 2010.**
- **Economic toll will be greater than these.**
- **Japan is third largest economy in the world.**

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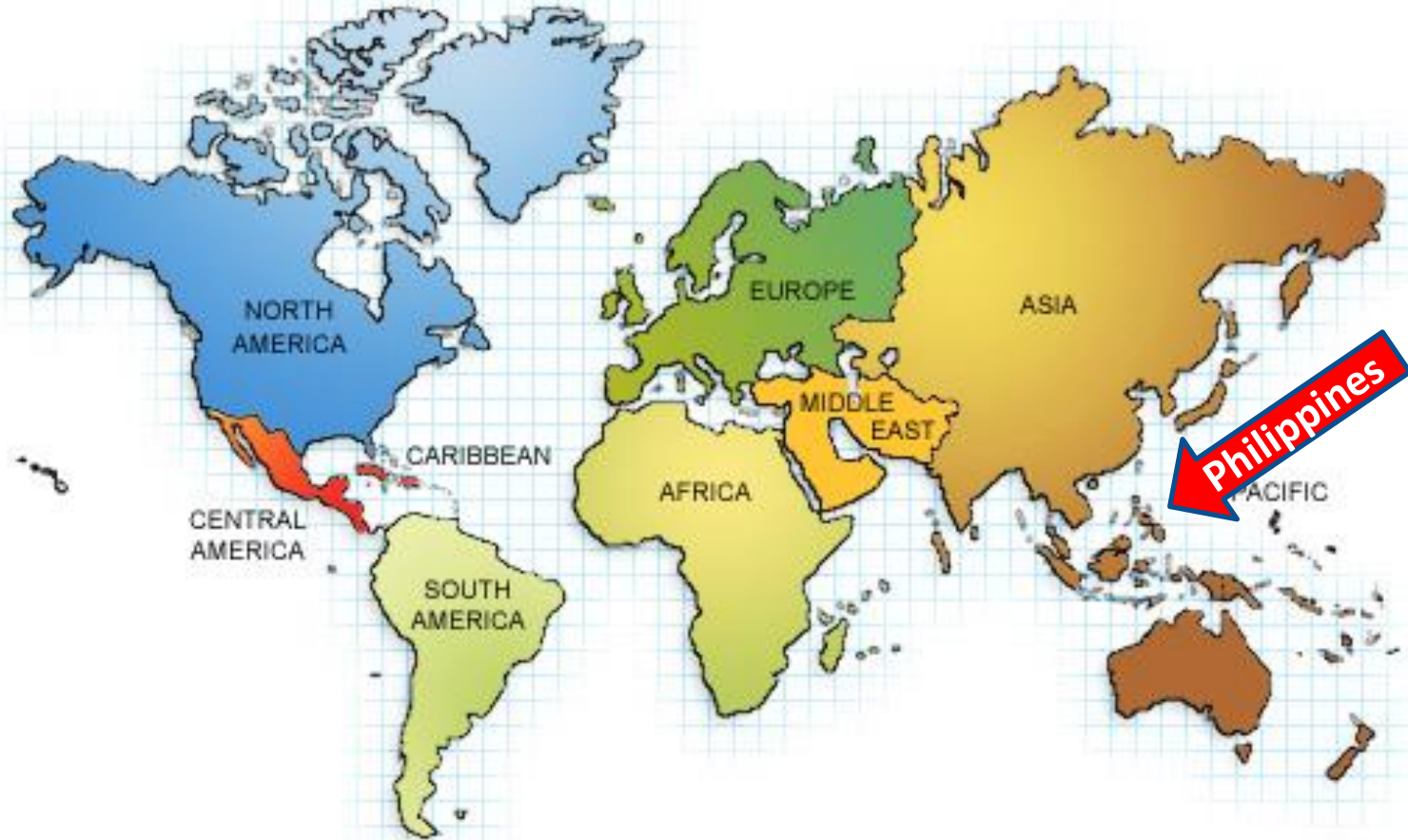
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Tsunami

What Is Japan Like?

- Population of 126 million (40% of America)
- About the size of New Mexico
- Most of the land (73%) is unusable
- The area has many volcanoes & earthquakes
- Religion: Shintoism (90%) and Buddhism (90%)

Shintoism

- Worship of ancestors and culture (700 A.D.)
- Nationalism to connect with earlier Japanese
- Shrines and memorials to go back to past
- Used mainly for birth and life of Japanese
- Reject Jehovah, Bible, Jesus, in all respects

Buddhism

- Profane philosophy of existence from India
- Rejects existence of individual soul
- Reincarnation gives opportunity for nirvana
- Involves ancestor worship and superstition
- Rejects Jehovah, Bible, Jesus, in all respects

What Is Japan Like?

- Those statistics are by birth certificates, etc.
- 85% of Japanese deny any personal religion
- 64% deny God; 55% deny Buddha
- 99.81% are cremated
- Less than 1% is Christian of any kind
- World ranks it one of most secular nations

Any Difference? Haiti Voodoo



Any Difference? New Orleans



Difference? Japanese Shrine



Any Difference?

19 What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing?

20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

I Corinthians 10

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What Does the Bible Say?

- Worldlings talk about “Mother Nature”
- Worldlings talk about “coping” by strength
- Worldlings talk about the poor Japanese
- We see the mighty hand of God our Father
- We would deal with such an event by faith

What Does the Bible Say?

- Only the Bible tells us the truth
- All human speculation is foolish and vain
- Human sentimentality is not truth or close
- Most of man's "science" is an anti-god lie
- We esteem the Bible and hate other opinions

God and the Oceans

8 Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb?

9 When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it,

10 And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors,

11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?

Job 38

God and the Oceans

1 The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

2 Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.

3 The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

4 The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

Psalm 93

God and the Oceans

5 Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

6 Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

7 At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

8 They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them.

9 Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the ear

Psalm 104

God and the Oceans

26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

Matthew 8

God and Evil like Tsunamis

“Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?

Amos 3:6

- The evil here is destruction/trouble
- Contrary to most opinions – Jehovah sent it

God and Evil like Tsunamis

5 I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:

6 That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else.

7 I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things (Isaiah 45).

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God and Shipwrecks

“Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.”

Psalm 48:7

- The LORD Jehovah said this. We believe it.
- Japan rejects Jehovah and His worship.
- Jehovah and Jesus Christ breaks their ships.

God and Secular Nations

“The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.”

Psalm 9:17

- The LORD Jehovah said this. We believe it.
- Japan rejects Jehovah and His worship.
- Jehovah and Jesus Christ control the oceans.

God and Secular Nations

19 Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight.

20 Put them in fear, O LORD: that the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah.

Psalm 9

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Christian Confusion



Rexella:

“Jack, viewers want to know ... and I want to know ... all these earthquakes everywhere ... Haiti, New Zealand, and now Japan ... does the Bible have anything to say about this?”

Does it, Jack?

What does this mean? Are we close to something really big after all these years?”

Jack:

“Rexella, I am so glad you asked, so I did not have to myself.”

There is something huge ... I mean, HUGE ... coming. I can hardly stand it! Let me tell you about it!

Let me quote Matthew chapter 24 for you.”

Jack:

6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

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Jack:

“Rexella, the Lord is about to come! He could come at any time! This thing in Japan is huge!

I cannot say enough that my knowledge of the Bible has pinned it down to almost any minute!

It is so exciting to live during the fulfillment of Bible prophecy ... watching it right here on CNN.”

Rexella:

“Jack, you are so smart.

I hope all the viewers are as thankful as I am that we have the Bible Answer Man right here.

Did you hear that folks? Jesus is coming very, very soon. How do we know? Because Jack just told us the earthquake in Japan fulfills Matthew 24.”

Jack:

“Thank you, Rexella. Thank you very much.

Folks, it is time to get serious. The Lord is coming! The earthquake in Japan is the sign of the times!

Chuck, it is your turn to ask for donations.”

What Is Wrong with Jack?

- Matthew 24 is 2000 years too old to apply
- Jesus limited it to his generation (24:32-35)
- Earthquakes on a fault (Japan) are ordinary
- These events do not stand out on a timeline
- II Tim 3:1 – 4:4 is our prophecy ... about jack!

What Should We Do?

1 There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

2 And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?

3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

4 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?

5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Luke 13

What Should We Do?

1. Thank our God profusely for the Truth.
2. Praise the LORD for His goodness (Ps 107).
3. Live every day like the Truth is important.
4. As Jesus said, repent, or we could perish.
5. Remember the six words from Psalm 4:4.
6. Reject efforts of 21st century sensationalism.
7. Pray for God's elect in Japan.
8. Pray for visitors to our website (68 visitors from 40 cities in Japan last month).

For Further Study

1. “The Dominion of God” ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/pdf/dominion-of-god.pdf>.
2. “Charity for Haiti” ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/pdf/charity-haiti-earthquake.pdf>.
3. “Charity for Tsunami” ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/pdf/what-about-tsunami-relief.pdf>.
4. “WTC and 9/11” ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/todaysworld/finger-of-god.htm>.
5. “Space Shuttle Columbia” ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/todaysworld/spaceshuttle.htm>.
6. “Prophecy of Perilous Times” ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/pdf/perilous-times.pdf>.

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