

7,500 Earthquakes Hit Shattered New Zealand City



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Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: For those wanting to understand the origin of earthquakes and the Pacific Ring of Fire, I suggest you read Dr. Walt Brown's Hydroplate Theory at <http://www.creation-science.com/onlinebook/>, specifically - <http://www.creation-science.com/onlinebook/Trenches.html>. Evolutionary minded seismologists are unable to answer questions pertaining to why earthquakes are causing earth movements in directions contrary to their Plate Tectonic Theory. This is because the premise of their theory is flawed (earthquakes are caused by the slow grinding motion caused by mantle currents over millions of years). Dr. Walt Brown's theory explains why earthquakes happen and why the movements are in the directions expected by his Hydroplate Theory. His chapter titled, "The Origin of Ocean Trenches, Earthquakes, and the Ring of Fire" explains the forces, energy, and mechanisms that move the plates, something that evolutionary seismologists do not explain.

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand (AP) — It's been 10 months since the first big earthquake struck New Zealand's second-largest city. It's been nearly five months since a far more devastating one killed 181 people and crippled the downtown. But it's been just a few hours since yet another aftershock startled Christchurch residents during the night.

"I stop breathing," said Sheridan Cattermole, a bartender and a mom. "I get pins and needles all over. I either freeze or run. I just want things to be back to what they were like this time last year. I had my veggie garden, and my sunflowers."

Seismologists have recorded 7,500 earthquakes in Christchurch since September — an average of more than 20 a day. The rumblings are rattling the psyche of the still-battered city. They have left the land under thousands of homes unsafe to build on. Some people have left town entirely. Yet many have proven resilient, and some now see a reconstruction boom on the horizon.

Christchurch is the disaster that the world forgot. When the deadly quake toppled the iconic Cathedral spire and flattened buildings in this city of 390,000, people around the globe paid attention. But two weeks later, the massive earthquake and tsunami that killed more than 20,000 in Japan took center stage.

In New Zealand, the events in Christchurch continue to reverberate. In a country of 4 million, the cost of the quakes — estimated at more than \$12 billion — amounts to eight percent of the country's annual economic output. Compare that to Hurricane Katrina, whose costs were less than 1 percent of U.S. gross domestic product. Christchurch will likely eclipse the Japan disaster in cost per person.

And nobody knows if the worst is over. Not even the experts. When Kevin Furlong, a professor of geosciences at Penn State University, came to Christchurch...

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