The city of Manchester has been hit by an earthquake for the <u>sixth</u> time this month. According to the Reuters news article, Britain experiences around eight to nine minor earthquakes per year, with most usually occur in remote areas. But it seems earthquakes and other unusual phenomenon hitting major population centres is becoming more commonplace. Between October 2002 and January 2003, the Manchester region experienced around 150 minor tremors, one of which measured around 3.9 on the Richter Scale. At the beginning of Israel's disengagement from Gaza, Britain experienced

two tornados

in the cities of Birmingham and Bristol within the space of one week.

Quote: "People reported wardrobe doors rattling and buildings creaking as the earthquake measuring an initial 2.4 on the Richter scale shook the city centre at about 5:45 a.m. Julian Bukits, assistant seismologist at the British Geological Survey, said: "About a dozen people have contacted us saying they had heard faint to moderate rumbling." "It was a gentle wake-up call." It was the sixth earthquake to hit the city in the past month, all measuring between 1.4 and 2.5 magnitude.

In the Psalms, Isaiah, Zechariah and the book of Revelation, prophecies regarding the end times seem almost synonymous with an increase in earthquake activity. Isaiah 2:19-21, 13:13 and 24:18 state that during the tribulation period, the Lord will " arise to shake terribly the earth ". Isaiah 24:19

says the earth is "

moved exceedingly

" and verse 20 says that the planet shall "

reel to and fro like a drunkard

" - perhaps literally out of its orbit as we witnessed in December 2005. Revelation 16:18-19 states that during the tribulation period, there will come an earthquake so great that it will destroy all the cities of earth. The earthquakes we are seeing now, in places where they would have previously been unheard of, are like birth pangs leading up to the tribulation period and the Second Coming of Christ to the earth. Are you ready to meet the Lord Jesus Christ? Have your sins been forgiven? Will you be taken to be with Christ, or will you be left behind to face the judgement of this world? Trust in Jesus Christ for salvation today.

Isaiah 24:17-18

Fear, and the pit, and the snare, [are] upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth. And it shall come to pass, [that] he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake.

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