

How Many Warnings Is America Going to Get Before ‘the Big One’ Finally Strikes?

Time is running out for the state of California. Scientists are telling us that “the Big One” is way overdue, but most people living in California don’t seem to care. Every once in a while there is a “reminder” that they live in earthquake country, and those “reminders” seem to be coming a lot more frequently these days.

Two weeks ago, a magnitude 4.9 earthquake hit southern California, but that was quickly forgotten. One week ago, a magnitude 5.2 earthquake hit southern California, but that was quickly forgotten as well. This week, southern California has been shaken by a magnitude 4.4 earthquake, but this one will soon be forgotten.

A magnitude 4.4 earthquake rumbled underneath Los Angeles at 12:20 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12, less than a week after a bigger one jolted much of Southern California.

The U.S. Geological Survey placed the epicenter of Monday’s quake near the Highland Park neighborhood in the city’s northeast and three miles from Pasadena, site of the New Year’s Day Rose Parade. The quake was felt at least as far west as the San Fernando Valley and as far south as Orange County.

Some news outlets are reporting that this quake could be felt as far away as San Diego.

When it occurred, Alexi Lalas was right in the middle of his podcast.

A medical building also shook and inhabitants said glasses

and dishes rattled in many places, while former USMNT star Alexi Lalas was hosting his 'State of the Union' podcast when the earthquake hit.

'Ooh we just had a earthquake... that was a big one,' Lalas said before asking if everyone on his production was 'good' and claiming 'that was big.'

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It was definitely a big quake, but soon everyone will forget it. I just don't understand why more people are not taking these quakes seriously.

Interestingly, this earthquake happened on the very first day of school for the Los Angeles Unified School District.

It struck on the first school day for the Los Angeles Unified School District. At least one high school, John Marshall in Los Feliz, alerted parents that they had evacuated the buildings to check for damage, but didn't see any immediately.

Can you imagine sitting there and your entire classroom starts to rattle?

This new quake has struck less than a week after a magnitude 5.2 earthquake in another area of southern California was quickly followed by 277 aftershocks.

Last Tuesday, a magnitude 5.2 earthquake and a swarm of aftershocks in farmland almost 90 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles didn't do much damage but did send the fire department's 106 stations into earthquake mode, triggering a land, sea and air survey.

More than 277 aftershocks to the Aug. 6 quake, the largest in

Southern California in three years, included two with a magnitude of 4 or greater.

And the week before that a magnitude 4.9 earthquake hit an area near Barstow.

That shake followed a little over a week after a temblor struck to the East of Barstow and was also felt throughout much of Southern California.

When the giant ball of fire that our planet revolves around is very active, we tend to experience more seismic activity.

Unfortunately, solar activity is likely to remain at very high levels for the next couple of years.

We are in a period known as solar maximum, in an 11-year cycle of the sun when increased solar activity erupts.

Every 11 years or so, the Sun's magnetic field flips completely, with the Sun's north and south poles switching places, according to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Solar maximum happens in the middle of the cycle.

Space weather activity and things like this are more likely to happen through the remainder of 2024, through 2025 and even into 2026, Dahl said.

That is certainly not good news.

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And scientists openly admit that “the Big One” is definitely overdue.

Paleoseismologists expect big ones to occur there every 150 to 200 years, Greg Beroza, a Stanford professor and a co-director of the Southern California Earthquake Center, told me: "We're overdue." Teams of scientists have been trying to improve on that chillingly vague forecast, he said, so that the quake's arrival can be predicted days, weeks, or even months ahead of time—but there is no guarantee that they'll succeed.

The Northridge quake in 1994 was not a "Big One". In fact, it wasn't even close.

When "the Big One" finally arrives, it is going to cause a monumental amount of damage.

One team of scientists that has studied this has concluded that "the Big One" could literally "plunge large parts of California into the sea almost instantly."

The Big One may be overdue to hit California, but scientists near LA have found a new risk for the area during a major earthquake.

They claim that if a major tremor hits the area, it could plunge large parts of California into the sea almost instantly.

The discovery was made after studying the Newport-Inglewood fault, which has long been believed to be one of Southern California's danger zones.

I know that I have covered this before.

But I am going to cover it again, because this is important.

Cal State Fullerton professor Matt Kirby says that when "the Big One" finally hits, land on the western side of a major fault line could suddenly drop by up to three feet and if that

happened it would allow water from the Pacific Ocean to come flooding in.

The study showed that land within major Californian seismic faults could sink by 1.5 and three feet instantly.

The last known major quake occurred on the San Andreas fault in 1857.

Seismologists estimate the 800 mile-long San Andreas, which runs most of the length of the state, should see a large quake roughly every 150 years.

'It's something that would happen relatively instantaneously,' Kirby said.

'Probably today if it happened, you would see seawater rushing in.'

A lot of people living in California make jokes about such a disaster, but the truth is that someday this will occur. In my latest book entitled "Chaos", I have an entire chapter that is dedicated to what is going to happen to the state. We have been warned over and over again for decades, but most of those that live in the region are not interested in such warnings.

For the moment, millions of people are partying as if disaster will never come.

But someday time will run out and the geography of the state of California will suddenly be altered dramatically.

Michael Snyder's new book entitled "Chaos" is available in paperback and for the Kindle on [Amazon](#), and you can subscribe to his Substack newsletter at [substack.com/michaelsnyder](#).

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