

Largest Earthquake in Louisiana History Draws New Attention to the New Madrid Fault

A rare earthquake rattled Louisiana early March 5, setting a new seismic record for the state and renewing focus on the powerful New Madrid Fault Line that runs beneath the central United States.

The U.S. Geological Survey reported that a magnitude 4.9 earthquake struck at 5:30 a.m. CT about 36 miles southeast of Shreveport, Louisiana, at a depth of roughly 3.1 miles. The tremor was felt across multiple states.

“With more than 1,100 reports of shaking so far, the USGS says residents as far north as Shreveport, along with some in southern Arkansas and western Texas, have felt the tremors,” according to the report.

The quake immediately entered the record books.

Local officials described it as the “largest recorded earthquake on Louisiana soil,” a milestone confirmed by authorities in Red River Parish.

“It’s unknown at this time if any damage, injuries or deaths have been reported,” the report noted.

Even without widespread destruction, the event has reignited national attention on the broader seismic system beneath the heartland of America.

The New Madrid Fault Line

The Louisiana quake occurred within a region influenced by the New Madrid Seismic Zone, one of the most powerful fault systems in North America.

Shreveport sits approximately 300 to 350 miles southwest of the New Madrid Fault Line, which stretches from southeastern Missouri through Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky. The city is also roughly 180 to 200 miles west of the lower Mississippi River, the waterway historically reshaped by the massive earthquakes of the early 1800s.

Between 1811 and 1812, the New Madrid Fault produced some of the most powerful earthquakes ever recorded in the continental United States. Entire landscapes shifted. Church bells rang hundreds of miles away. Sections of the Mississippi River reportedly flowed backward as the ground violently heaved.

Those historic quakes devastated communities across the central United States and permanently reshaped the region's geography.

Seismic activity in nearby states has continued in small bursts over the decades. Events like the Louisiana quake remind the nation that the New Madrid system remains active.

Biblical Warnings of Earthquakes

Scripture directly connects rising seismic activity with the final period before the return of Jesus Christ.

In Matthew 24, Jesus warned that the world would experience "earthquakes in various places." He described them as birth pains, signals that events leading toward His return are intensifying.

Earthquakes function as reminders that the earth itself is groaning as history moves toward its prophetic conclusion.



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Bob Jones Prophecy and the New Madrid Fault

The New Madrid region has also been the subject of prophetic warnings for decades.

During a 1997 New Year's Eve conference at MorningStar Ministries in Charlotte, North Carolina, the late prophetic voice Bob Jones described a vision involving seismic activity connected to the United States.

"I have been showing My prophets these things for years. Now walk into it. I am beginning to perform My Word," Jones said he heard the Lord declare.

He described seeing two mighty angels connected to seismic plates.

"I saw two mighty angels. One was holding the 'San Diego plate' and the other, the New Madrid Fault Line," Jones said.

According to the vision, both angels held vessels that would eventually be released.

"When each cup is full, the angel will turn loose, and the quakes will happen. They will be sudden," Jones warned.

Jones specifically pointed to the New Madrid system and described the possibility of an enormous earthquake that could devastate cities across the central United States.

He warned that the Mississippi River itself could dramatically expand after such an event.

The Eclipse Pattern Over America

Another phenomenon has captured national attention in recent years. Two total solar eclipses have traced a massive “X” across the United States.

The Great American Eclipse of 2017 crossed the nation from Oregon to South Carolina. The Great American Eclipse of April 8, 2024 crossed from Mexico through Texas and the Midwest into the northeastern United States.

Together the two paths formed a massive X directly across the heartland of America.

A striking historical parallel exists.

In 1806 a solar eclipse crossed North America from Baja California to Massachusetts. Five years later another eclipse completed a similar X pattern across the same region.

Just months after that celestial crossing was completed, the catastrophic New Madrid earthquakes of 1811 and 1812 began shaking the central United States.

Another unusual event occurred in the skies leading up to the 2024 eclipse. A comet widely nicknamed the “Devil Comet” appeared in the heavens shortly before the eclipse completed the modern X over America.

A Moment Demanding Attention

A magnitude 4.9 tremor may not devastate cities, but it sends a signal that the fault lines beneath the nation remain active.

The events unfolding across the nation call for watchfulness. History shows that seismic shifts often begin with smaller tremors before something far larger follows.

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