A panel of geologists have warned that Israel is not prepared for a major earthquake in the Middle East, in a meeting in Ashdod today. The experts said that Israeli authorities were not equipped to deal with the aftermath of such an event, which could leave up to 16,000 dead and hundreds of thousands homeless. In September, an earthquake measuring around 4.5 on the Richter Scale hit a fault line in the Jordan valley, that also runs through the Mount of Olives. Also in October of last year, another earthquake was felt on the eve of the Jewish New Year, Rosh HaShana. On the day previous to this, Israelis also witnessed a total lunar eclipse.

Quote: *"National Infrastructure Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said the necessary measures are low on the budgetary agenda, and thus cost prohibitive at the present time. "Estimations show that thousands could be affected in the event of an earthquake, but until a disaster does occur, it is unlikely measures will be considered in budget decisions," Ben-Eliezer said. Three earthquakes in the 4 to 4.5 range of the Richter scale in August and September caused no injury and only slight damages.* ***Israel is positioned along a major fault line running through the Dead Sea Basin,*** *and while the country has not faced a high-magnitude earthquake since the early 20th century,* ***authorities have warned that the "big one," is due.***

The Bible mentions several earthquakes that are to strike Israel and the world during the tribulation period. In the middle of the tribulation period after the resurrection of the two witnesses, an earthquake will strike Jerusalem resulting in the destruction of a tenth part of the city and leaving 7,000 dead... So it seems the geologists estimates aren't too far wrong, a big one is due and it will leave thousands dead.

Revelation 11:13
And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

One earthquake will strike Babylon near the end of the seven year period, splitting the city in three parts. The earthquake will be so great that it will shake the whole earth, as was witnessed during the Asian earthquake in December 2004, and all the cities of the nations will fall...

Revelation 16:18

And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, [and] so great. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

Isaiah 24:19-20

The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.

And finally, another earthquake will hit the Jordan valley at the return of Yeshua HaMashiach to the Mount of Olives, splitting the mountain in two, providing an escape route to the Israelis from the onslaught of the Antichrist...

Zechariah 14:4-5

And his (Yeshua) feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which [is] before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, [and there shall be] a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. And ye shall flee [to] the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: **and the LORD my God shall come, [and] all the saints with thee**
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Praise God that those who have trusted in Christ for salvation will have the joy of being with Him on that day, when Christ's enemies are finally put under His feet (Psalm 110:1). Today I am writing about these things, but someday I will be witnessing this for myself.

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