

# The Staff and The Sword Ministry

Earthquake!

## **EARTHQUAKE!** **The Earthquake Vision of July 2 to July 5, 1973**

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*“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, and though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains quake at its swelling pride” (Psalm 46:1–3 NAS).*

### **PART 10** **WHAT SHOULD WE DO?** **Spiritual & Physical Preparations**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

*What should we do?*

*Well, if you live in the midwest, making some kind of preparation against this day is a key to enduring troubles.*

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## **SPIRITUAL PREPARATIONS**

The first (and, most important) kind of preparation is to simply get close to God through JESUS CHRIST. Spiritual preparations are foundational to anything else you may do. Read your Bible (or, get one if you don't have one). Pray daily, asking the Lord JESUS to keep you and your loved ones safe through what is coming. Daily prayer is a key to being prepared, asking God to keep you, lead you, undergird you, and safeguard your comings and goings.

## **PHYSICAL PREPARATIONS**

Having sufficient emergency supplies (food, water, batteries, plastic sheeting, tape, etc.) on hand, so that when the earthquake strikes you are prepared already. Running to the store after an earthquake may be a difficult experience. In all likelihood, you will find the shelves stripped clean or face lines of people trying to get whatever is available.

Having five-gallon cans of gasoline in your garage or storage shed is also advised. After a strong earthquake, power interruptions will be very likely and that means the gas stations won't be able to pump the gas they have in their tanks and, where power is on, gas supplies will vaporize. An earthquake of any magnitude in the midwest will knock down overpasses, break up road beds, and down bridges. In all likelihood, you will be on your own for anywhere from two to three weeks (or more) before any relief shows up.

Do you know what is valued in such times more than gold, food, or even water? Toilet paper!

An earthquake can also shut off municipal water supplies, so you may not have water to flush your toilets or to wash dishes or yourself.

Whether or not it will get this serious is not known, but keep this in mind: the first strong earthquake is a WARNING of worse quakes to come. Seriously consider NOT being in the vicinity after the first strong earthquake.