

Strange Earthquake Lights Spotted After Deadly Mexico Quake **<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bYy-5-Pltec> Transcript:** **Transcript: <https://dontveter.com/ec/earthquake1.pdf>**

A magnitude 8.1 earthquake struck off the coast of southern Mexico, which caused a rare occurrence of earthquake lights flashing in the night sky.

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Mexico was hit with possibly its most powerful earthquake in a century.

Last night at 11:49 Central time, the magnitude 8.1 earthquake struck off Mexico's southern coast, near Guatemala.

It was followed by at least 20 aftershocks.

Over 30 people have died as a result of the quake, and the damage is still being assessed.

With an earthquake of this magnitude out to sea, many feared a tsunami would devastate the Latin American coast.

Thankfully, experts have given an all clear, saying that the waves have moved further south.

"The earthquakes in this area tend to send their energy down to the south and affect the Southern Pacific much more than the Northern Pacific."

One natural phenomenon that was spotted after the earthquake were rare earthquake lights.

In the moments after the quake, the sky over Mexico lit up with mysterious multicolored flashes of light.

The quake and the lights were felt and seen as far away as Mexico City, which is 650 miles away from the quakes epicenter.

Sean Johnson tweets, "Just had an earthquake in Mexico City and some SUPER SPOOKY alien lights going off everywhere.

Wtf?" Rudy Sanchez asks, "Are there supposed to be lights in the sky during an earthquake?"

And Josh Contreras jokes, "Solar eclipse, earthquake, tsunami, lights in the sky, and hurricanes.

Now they put some money into the Apocalypse! Not like in 2012."

Earthquake lights are rare, but they have been caught on camera before.

Earthquake lights were also observed right after the 2014 quake in Wellington, New Zealand.

One scientist believes he's cracked the mystery behind the earthquake lights.

Physics professor and senior NASA Researcher Friedemann Freund sums up the effect, explaining simply, "When nature stresses certain rocks, electrical charges are activated, as if you switched on a battery in the Earth's crust."

The incredible amount of pressure from a magnitude 8.1 earthquake is squeezing electrical energy out of certain minerals in the Earth's crust.

And that energy travels along veins of other minerals until it shoots right out of the ground.

It's like the earth striking the sky with lightning.

However, the ideal conditions for earthquake lights exist in less than half a percent of earthquakes worldwide.

Have you heard of earthquake lights before? Have you ever witnessed lightning shooting out of the ground? Let us know in the COMMENTS section below.

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