

**Review: Ring of Fire, *The Closest You'll Ever Get to a Volcano*, Graphics
Films Corporation, Los Angeles, CA, 1991**

Runtime (min): 40

Fiery Fury of Creation

This is an awesome documentary of volcanic and seismic power, themselves a reflection of God's power, which by the signs of the times is about to be re-asserted as in days of old, most likely around the Pacific's Rim of Fire:

“And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.”

Luke 21.11, Authorized Version

While the narration, footage and selected volcano chapters are excellent, the philosophical ‘deep-time’ geological baggage is a major detraction. The irony is that catastrophism of events like Mount St Helens and the rapid formation of new geological features of canyons, not to mention the quick return and proliferation of new life, falsifies the hypothesised ‘millions and billions of years’ need for geologic evolution.

A massive earthquake struck San Francisco in 1989 and only lasted for fifteen seconds. Buildings only landfill fared the worst as liquefaction actually magnified the damage.

Japan has over fifty active volcanoes. In 1914, the Tokyo earthquake killed 140,000 (mostly due to resulting fires). In Sakurajima, people practice an annual evacuation drill due to frequent ash eruptions from its volcano. Volcanologists work on the water at its edge closely monitoring it for signs of activity.

In Indonesia people mine calderas for pure sulfur, however, in doing so they breath in sulfuric acid (H_2SO_4) causing death in there thirties. Volcanism makes their land the most fertile on earth.

Mount St Helens erupted in 1980.