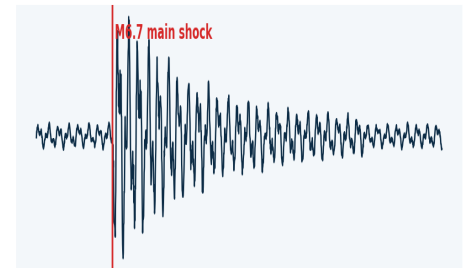
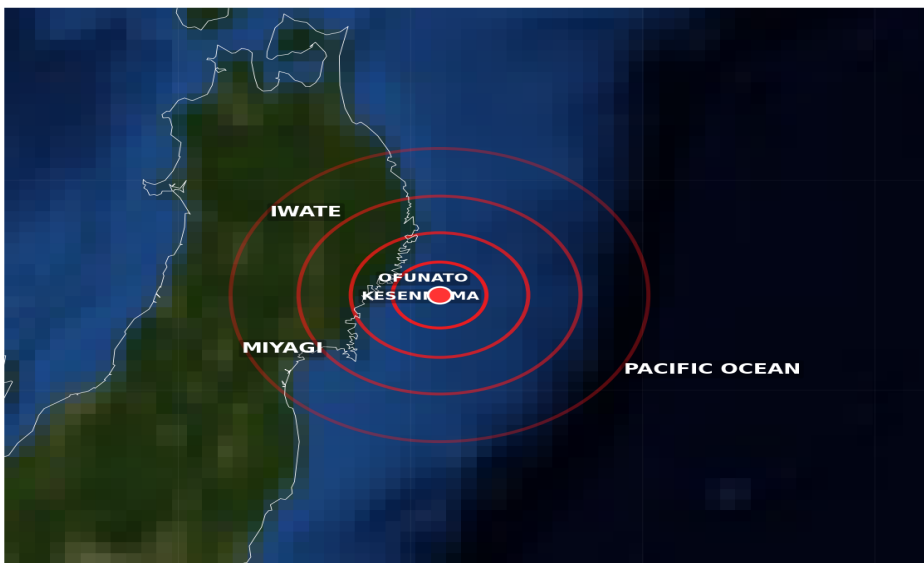


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# Strong M6.7 Earthquake Shakes Northeastern Japan



A very strong earthquake struck offshore near northeastern Japan on Friday, May 15, 2026, at 8:22 p.m. local time (11:22 UTC). Reviewed USGS and GDACS information lists the quake as magnitude 6.7, centered east-southeast of Ofunato, Iwate, near the Miyagi coast, at a depth of about 43.6 km.

WAJD is sharing this for awareness, prayer, and preparedness - not fear. Earthquakes remind us that the earth is fragile, but God remains our refuge.

**QUICK FACTS**

<b>Magnitude:</b>	M6.7 (reviewed USGS/GDACS)
<b>Time:</b>	May 15, 2026 - 11:22 UTC
<b>Local:</b>	8:22 p.m. Japan time
<b>Location:</b>	49 km ESE of Ofunato / offshore Miyagi-Iwate Region
<b>Depth:</b>	about 43.6 km
<b>Tsunami:</b>	No tsunami warning in Reuters/JMA report

**WAJD REFLECTION**

When the ground shakes, hearts often become alert. Let us pray for Japan, the coastal communities, travelers, emergency workers, and families. May our response be steady, truthful, compassionate, and rooted in faith.

**God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. - Psalm 46:1 KJV**

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# Where It Happened



### WHY JAPAN SHAKES

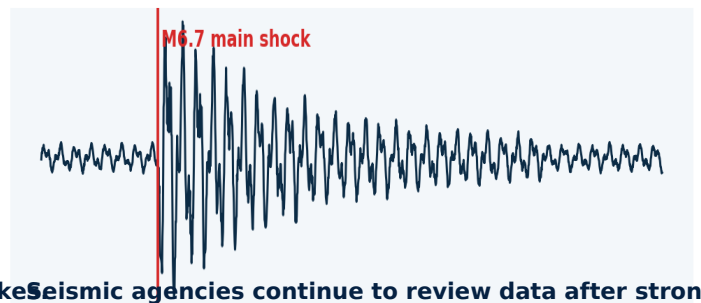
Japan sits along one of the most active earthquake zones on earth, where oceanic and continental plates meet. Stress builds along major faults and subduction zones. When that stress releases, the ground can shake strongly and suddenly. This quake occurred offshore in the North Pacific, near the Japan Trench region east of the Tohoku coast.

### REGIONAL CONTEXT

The epicenter was offshore, east of Japan's northeastern coast. Reports described shaking across a large region, and Japanese authorities issued emergency warnings for several prefectures. Reuters reported no tsunami warning from the Japan Meteorological Agency in its preliminary report.



Coastal communities remain watchful after offshore quake



Seismic agencies continue to review data after strong events

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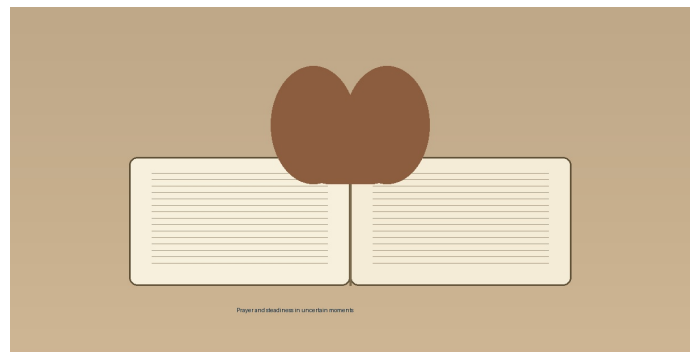
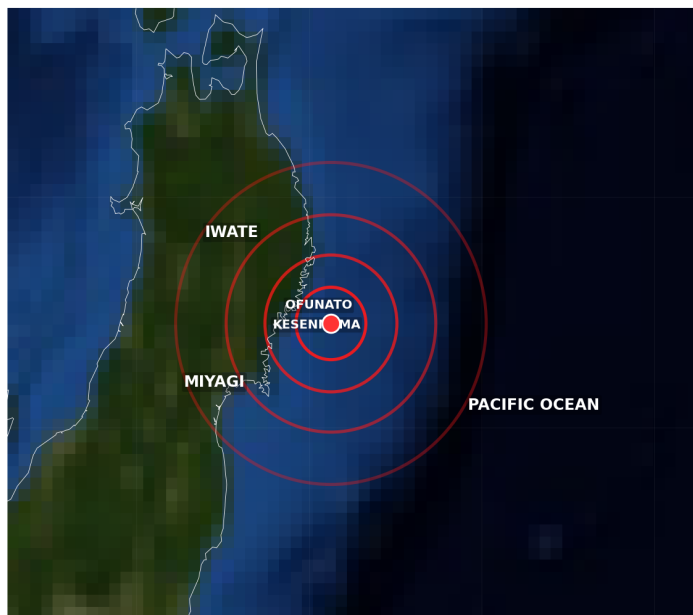
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Early earthquake numbers can change as agencies refine the data. WAJD reports the facts carefully and avoids exaggeration. Here are the main details available from reviewed and public reports.

# What We Know So Far

### EARTHQUAKE AT A GLANCE

<b>MAGNITUDE:</b>	6.7 reviewed by USGS/GDACs
<b>TIME:</b>	May 15, 2026, 11:22 UTC
<b>DEPTH:</b>	43.6 km in reviewed USGS/GDACs data GDACS expected low
<b>IMPACT:</b>	humanitarian impact Reuters/JMA report: no tsunami
<b>TSUNAMI:</b>	warning



### WHAT TO WATCH NEXT

- Aftershocks may follow in the hours and days after a stronger quake.
- Agencies may continue refining magnitude, depth, and location.
- Local officials may release updates about transportation, damage checks, or public safety.
- Coastal residents should follow official guidance after offshore earthquakes.

### HOW WAJD SHOULD FRAME IT

Lead with facts and faith. Avoid panic language. Encourage prayer, compassion, and wise preparedness. Strong earthquakes are serious, but fear should not lead the message - truth and care should.

**We will continue to monitor verified updates.**

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# Preparedness and Prayer



### EARTHQUAKE READINESS

- **WATER** Store emergency water if possible.
- **LIGHT** Keep a flashlight with batteries.
- **ALERTS** Use trusted alerts and radio.
- **FIRST AID** Keep a first aid kit ready.
- **MEDICATION** Have needed prescriptions accessible.
- **CHECK OTHERS** Look out for neighbors and loved ones.

### PRACTICAL REMINDERS

1. Follow official alerts from government and trusted agencies.
2. Keep supplies ready: water, food, flashlight, radio, medicine, and first aid.
3. During shaking: Drop, Cover, and Hold On.

### BIBLE PERSPECTIVE

“Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.”

- Psalm 46:2 KJV

Sources referenced: USGS, GDACS, Reuters, and The Independent. WAJD link: [wajd.com](http://wajd.com)

