

Re: Stone Houses in Earthquake Areas

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Silverbackman wrote:

- > *Yea that may all be true, but will a Earthquake happen big enough to*
- > *destroy a stone house in an area over 100 miles away? I don't think I*
- > *felt the 1989 earthquake of San Francisco, so is there a chance the*
- > *hands of an major Earthquake from San Francisco could not really*
- > *effect it as much?*

No one knows when or where big quakes happen on known fault lines, they just know they are more likely there than other places. There may be one tomorrow, or one not until 100 years from now. As Paul says, the fault line under your area is much more of a concern than the San Andreas, however, when the SA moves, all the little ones shake too. Sort of like pushing the tree trunk, and all the leaves shake. Remember, too, you've got the quake, and aftershocks to deal with.

I doubt if anyone here will assure you your location has a low probability of quakes. I think whatever material of which you build your house, I would get a quake rider on your insurance. In fact, I might talk to your insurance person and see what he/she recommends. Materials might affect your premium.