

**Essay from the bald pastor
#74 - No return to Fukushima -
2 years since the Tohoku Earthquake #4**

As we've already learned from media reports, the decommissioning work of the nuclear power plant in Fukushima will take over 40 years. To make the matter worse, Mr. Idogawa, the mayor of Futaba town, Fukushima, announced in January that he has tentatively set 30 years as an estimated time period required before the residents can return to their homes. Not only did his remark stir a hornet's nest among the anxious residents, but it also shook up the entire nation.

The estimate was based on the fact that Caesium 137 (a problematic fission product) has a half-life of approximately 30 years. Mr. Idogawa, himself, was exposed to a massive amount of radiation when the first reactor exploded and has been suffering from nose bleeding as a result. He revealed that while the Soviet Union set the safe level of radiation exposure at 5 mSv when the incident at Chernobyl occurred, the Japanese government accepted the dose a lot higher to be safe in Futaba.

In the case of Chernobyl, the Soviet government originally ordered evacuation of people from 30 kilometer zone around the plant. However, the affected area spread to 200 kilometers, 300 kilometers, and ultimately to as much as 700 kilometers away. Though the government tried to evacuate everyone from those areas in a frenzy, the task overwhelmed the nation and led to the fall of the Soviet Union. It is clear from this example that Japan is facing a problem a lot bigger than when the evacuees can return home.

While deadly fission products are being released as we speak, Dr. Jorg Schmid of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) claimed during his visit to Japan that people from Fukushima, Miyagi, Tochigi, and Ibaraki need to evacuate and that metropolitan areas are also contaminated. Furthermore, Dr. Chris Busby of European Committee on Radiation Risk (ECRR) gave a warning by pointing out that the Japanese government should be blamed for not evacuating people in 100 kilometer radius from the Fukushima plant and that the whole east Japan is going to be ruined if they don't take necessary measures.

The Bible says;

They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. "Peace, peace," they say, when there is no peace. Are they ashamed of their loathsome conduct? No, they have no shame at all; they do not even know how to blush. So they will fall among the fallen; they will be brought down when they are punished, says the Lord.

Jeremiah 8-11-12

This is a warning God gave 2600 years ago to Israel that turned its back to God and was about to collapse. I see today's Japan in this verse. The government is too busy dealing with weakening yen and high stock prices to see the distress of people in Tohoku. They are not helping the region rehabilitate but rather planning to resume operations of the power plant. All I can hope for is that Japanese people turn back to face God one day, repent their deeds from the bottom of their hearts, complete the rehabilitation, and finally go back to their hometowns.

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Estimated total Cs137 depo. (03/20/11 - 04/19/11)

