

A black, scribbled, and textured mass representing Samson's long hair, located at the top left of the image.A blue silhouette of a muscular man, Samson, shown from the back. He is wearing a yellow singlet and has a black chain with a padlock around his waist.

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“The lesson of Chernobyl isn’t that modern nuclear power is dangerous. The lesson is that lying, arrogance and suppression of criticism is dangerous.”

(Craig Mazin on Twitter, April 8, 2019)







“It was the incontrovertible position of the Communist regime that the Soviet Union’s nuclear reactors were so impeccably designed, built and operated, and so technologically reliable, that the disaster that was now unfolding at Chernobyl simply could not take place. And therefore, that the safety measures considered routinely essential in the West weren’t necessary.”

(From David Horowitz’s article *When Hubris Meets Nuclear Fission: A Chernobyl Liquidator’s Warning to Humanity* at [timesofisrael.com](https://www.timesofisrael.com), July 3, 2019)



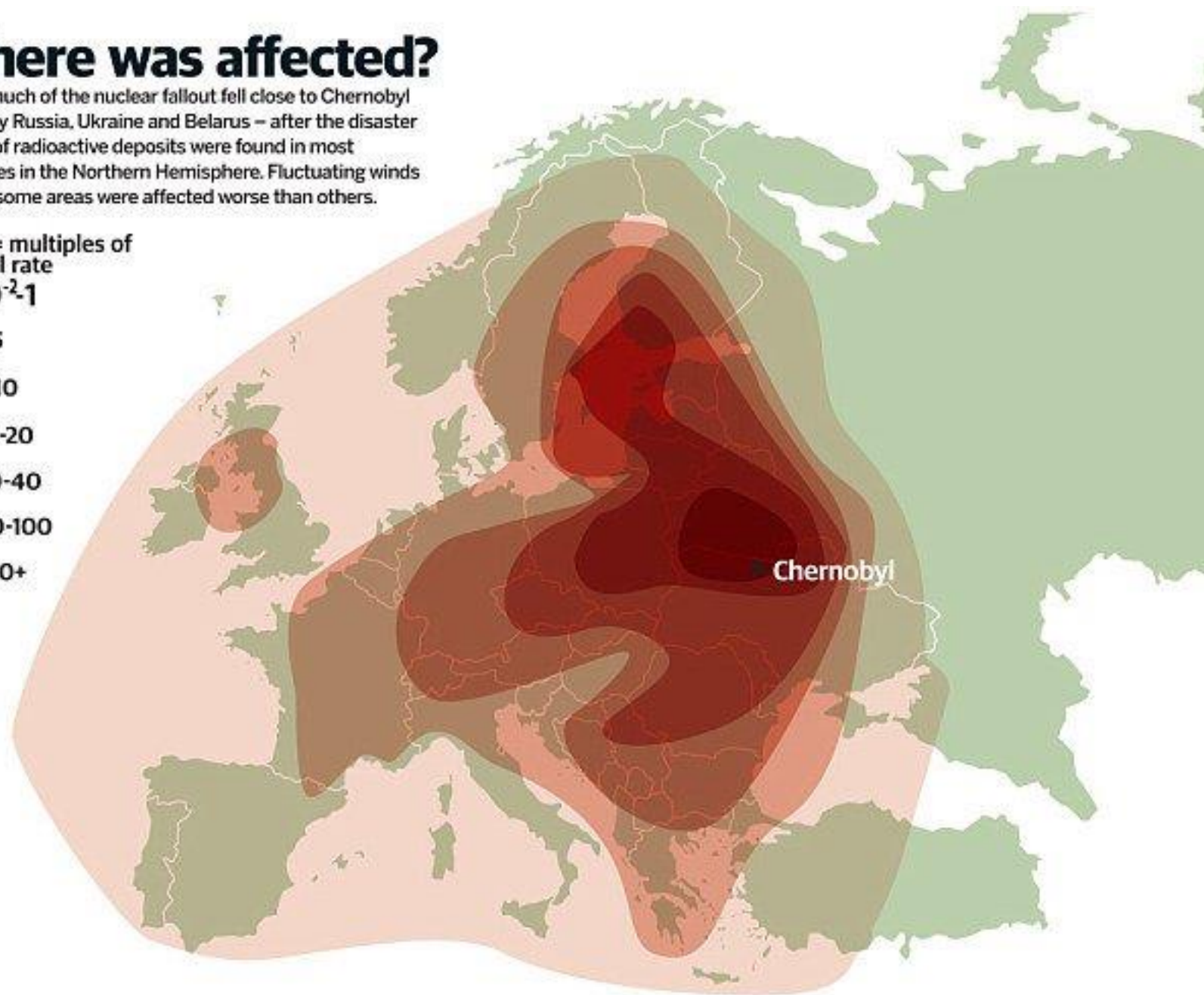




Where was affected?

While much of the nuclear fallout fell close to Chernobyl – mainly Russia, Ukraine and Belarus – after the disaster traces of radioactive deposits were found in most countries in the Northern Hemisphere. Fluctuating winds meant some areas were affected worse than others.

Dose = multiples of
normal rate



“An accident occurred at the Chornobyl Atomic Power Plant and one of the reactors was damaged. Measures have been undertaken to eliminate the consequences of the accident.”

(From Robert McConnell’s article *Remembering the Soviet Response to Chornobyl* at nationalreview.com, April 26, 2011)





“Attempting the high-risk test in a fog of arrogance, misinformation, and incompetence that blinded the reactor’s operatives and overseers to the devastation they were about to unleash, they blew up their own flawed, misconceived, ill-built and mismanaged reactor, killed and maimed unknown numbers of innocent victims near and far, and bequeathed damage to the planet that will take essentially forever to fully dissipate.”

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Judges 14:1-4 (ESV): “Samson went down to Timnah, and at Timnah he saw one of the daughters of the Philistines. **2** Then he came up and told his father and mother, ‘I saw one of the daughters of the Philistines at Timnah. Now get her for me as my wife.’ **3** But his father and mother said to him, ‘Is there not a woman among the daughters of your relatives, or among all our people, that you must go to take a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?’ But Samson said to his father, ‘Get her for me, for she is right in my eyes.’ **4** His father and mother did not know that it was from the LORD, for he was seeking an opportunity against the Philistines. At that time the Philistines ruled over Israel.”



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Deuteronomy 7:3-4 (ESV): “You shall not intermarry with them, giving your daughters to their sons or taking their daughters for your sons, 4 for they would turn away your sons from following me, to serve other gods.”



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Romans 8:26-31 (ESV): “Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. **27** And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. **28** And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. **29** For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. **30** And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. **31** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”



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Judges 14:5-7 (ESV): “Then Samson went down with his father and mother to Timnah, and they came to the vineyards of Timnah. And behold, a young lion came toward him roaring. 6 Then the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and although he had nothing in his hand, he tore the lion in pieces as one tears a young goat. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done. 7 Then he went down and talked with the woman, and she was right in Samson’s eyes.”



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Judges 14:8-18 (ESV): “After some days he returned to take her. And he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion, and behold, there was a swarm of bees in the body of the lion, and honey. **9** He scraped it out into his hands and went on, eating as he went. And he came to his father and mother and gave some to them, and they ate. But he did not tell them that he had scraped the honey from the carcass of the lion. **10** His father went down to the woman, and Samson prepared a feast there, for so the young men used to do. **11** As soon as the people saw him, they brought thirty companions to be with him....”



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“...**12** And Samson said to them, ‘Let me now put a riddle to you. If you can tell me what it is, within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothes, **13** but if you cannot tell me what it is, then you shall give me thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothes.’ And they said to him, ‘Put your riddle, that we may hear it.’ **14** And he said to them, ‘Out of the eater came something to eat. Out of the strong came something sweet.’ And in three days they could not solve the riddle. **15** On the fourth day they said to Samson’s wife, ‘Entice your husband to tell us what the riddle is, lest we burn you and your father’s house with fire. Have you invited us here to impoverish us?’...”



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“...**16** And Samson’s wife wept over him and said, ‘You only hate me; you do not love me. You have put a riddle to my people, and you have not told me what it is.’ And he said to her, ‘Behold, I have not told my father nor my mother, and shall I tell you?’ **17** She wept before him the seven days that their feast lasted, and on the seventh day he told her, because she pressed him hard. Then she told the riddle to her people. **18** And the men of the city said to him on the seventh day before the sun went down, ‘What is sweeter than honey? What is stronger than a lion?’ And he said to them, ‘If you had not plowed with my heifer, you would not have found out my riddle.’”



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Judges 14:19-20 (ESV): “And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon and struck down thirty men of the town and took their spoil and gave the garments to those who had told the riddle. In hot anger he went back to his father’s house. 20 And Samson’s wife was given to his companion, who had been his best man.”



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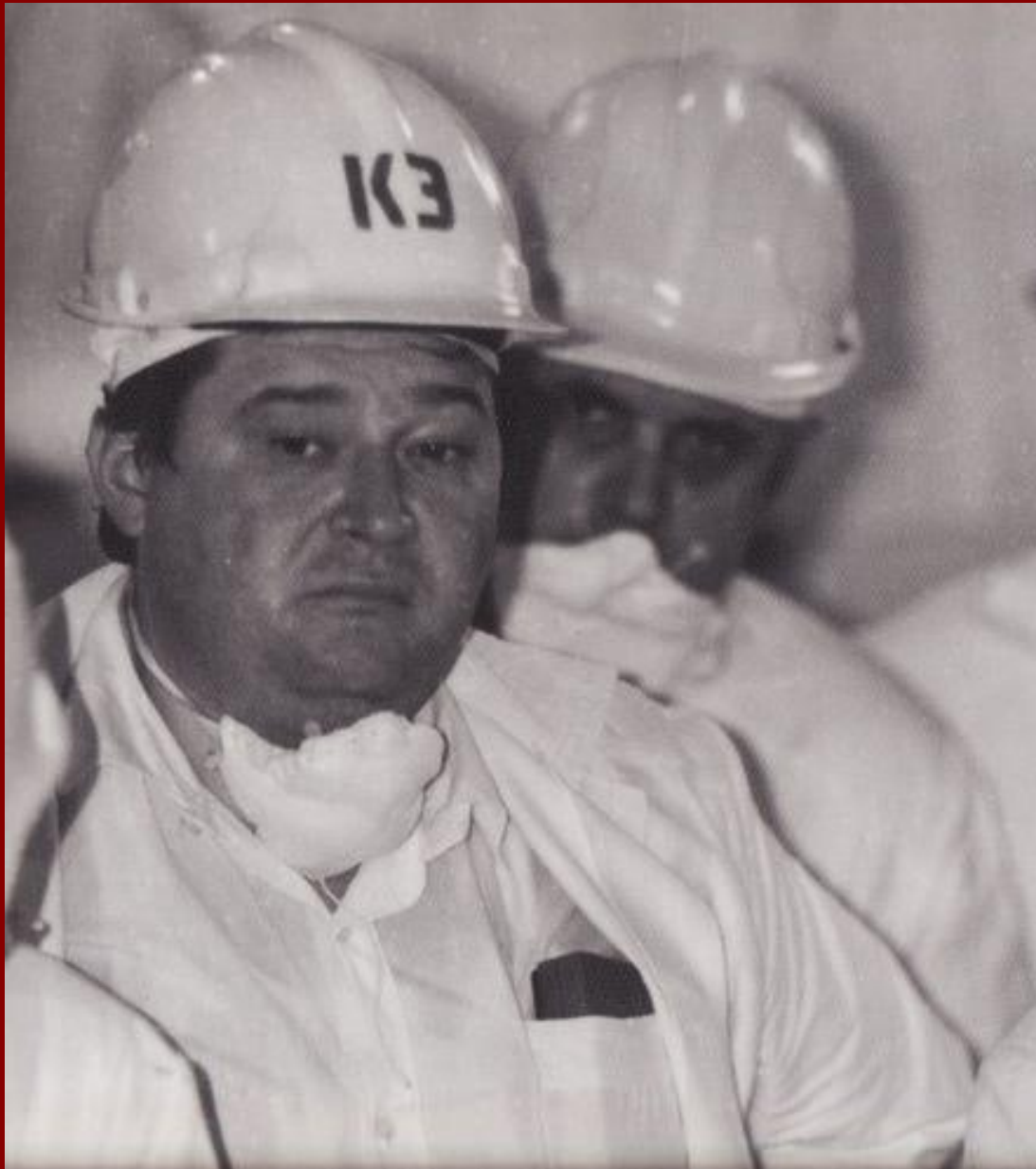
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Romans 12:15-16 (ESV): “Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. **16** Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.”



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A stylized illustration featuring a large, dark, textured mass at the top, representing Samson's hair. Below it, a blue silhouette of a muscular man is shown from the waist up, facing right. He is wearing a yellow tank top. A thick black chain is wrapped around his waist, secured with a black padlock. The background is white.

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NEXT WEEK: JUDGES 15