

# The Trumpet Herald

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## Scope of Sandy's devastation widens

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(Reuters) - Four days after superstorm Sandy smashed into the U.S. Northeast, rescuers on Friday were still discovering the extent of the death and devastation in New York and the New Jersey shore, and anger mounted over gasoline shortages, power outages and waits for relief supplies.

The total killed in one of the biggest storms to hit the United States jumped by a third on Thursday, to 98...

The financial cost of the storm promised to be staggering. Disaster modeling company Eqecat estimated Sandy caused up to \$20 billion in insured losses and \$50 billion in economic losses, double its previous forecast.

(November 2, 2012 - Reuters)

### *Inspired commentary*

While appearing to the children of men as a great physician who can heal all their maladies, he will bring disease and disaster, until populous cities are reduced to ruin and desolation. Even now he is at work. In accidents and calamities by sea and by land, in great conflagrations, in fierce tornadoes and terrific hailstorms, in tempests, floods, cyclones, tidal waves, and earthquakes, in every place and in a thousand forms, Satan is exercising his power. He sweeps away the ripening harvest, and famine and distress follow. He imparts to the air a deadly taint, and thousands perish by the pestilence. These visitations are to become more and more frequent and disastrous. Destruction will be upon both man and beast. "The earth mourneth and fadeth away," "the haughty people . . . do languish. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant." Isaiah 24:4, 5.

(*The Great Controversy*, p.589, 590)

## Small quake rattles NJ towns in wake of Sandy

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RINGWOOD, N.J. - Some residents in northern New Jersey awoke to a small earthquake early Monday. The temblor, with a magnitude of 2.0, struck at 1:19 a.m. and was centered in Ringwood, a community that's still dealing with downed trees and power outages from Sandy.

(November 05, 2012 - Associated Press)

## Wintry storm brings new misery to Northeast

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(Reuters) - A wintry storm dropped heavy rain and snow on the Northeast on Wednesday, bringing dangerous winds and knocking out power in a region where hundreds of thousands were still in the dark after Superstorm Sandy.

The nor'easter storm meant fresh misery for thousands of people whose homes were destroyed by Sandy, which killed 79 people in the New York-New Jersey area alone when it smashed ashore on October 29, swallowing entire neighborhoods with rising seawater and blowing homes from their foundations.

Some 13,000 homes and businesses from the Carolinas to New York lost power on Wednesday, adding to the 650,000 customers who still lacked electricity from one of the biggest and costliest storms ever to hit the United States...

Cold and snow was particularly bad news to residents who lost heat. "It's coming up on 10 days with people being freezing in their homes," said Peter DiPaolola, town supervisor of Pelham, located north of New York City.

"I lost all my winter clothing in the flood, so I am wearing three layers of things in order to stay somewhat warm and dry," said Wayne Steinman, a resident of Staten Island, one of the parts of New York City hardest hit by Sandy. "Everything becomes overwhelming."

(November 7, 2012 - Reuters)

### *Inspired commentary*

The time is at hand when there will be sorrow in the world that no human balm can heal. The Spirit of God is being withdrawn. Disasters by sea and by land follow one another in quick succession. How frequently we hear of earthquakes and tornadoes, of destruction by fire and flood, with great loss of life and property! Apparently these calamities are capricious outbreaks of disorganized, unregulated forces of nature, wholly beyond the control of man; but in them all, God's purpose may be read. They are among the agencies by which He seeks to arouse men and women to a sense of their danger.

(*Prophets and Kings*, p.277)

## **Homeowners Issue Warnings To Looters Following Superstorm Sandy**

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**NEW YORK (CBSNewYork)** – In the wake of superstorm Sandy, reports of lootings across the Tri-State have been widespread.

Areas hit especially hard by Sandy continue to deal with lawlessness.

Rockaways residents told 1010 WINS reporter Gary Baumgarten that looting and thievery have become such serious threats that taking up arms and fleeing town are the best options for staying safe...

Residents from Staten Island to the Jersey Shore have also seen their share of lootings, prompting some to post their own creative warnings.

(November 7, 2012 - [newyork.cbslocal.com](http://newyork.cbslocal.com))

### *Inspired commentary*

We are living in the time of the end. The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude.

(*Testimonies for the Church*, vol.9, p.11)

John sees the elements of nature--earthquake, tempest, and political strife-- represented as being held by four angels. These winds are under control until God gives the word to let them go. There is the safety of God's church. The angels of God do His bidding, holding back the winds of the earth, that the winds should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree, until the servants of God should be sealed in their foreheads. The mighty angel is seen ascending from the east... This mightiest of angels has in his hand the seal of the living God, or of

Him who alone can give life, who can inscribe upon the foreheads the mark or inscription, to whom shall be granted immortality, eternal life. It is the voice of this highest angel that had authority to command the four angels to keep in check the four winds until this work was performed, and until he should give the summons to let them loose.

Those that overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil, will be the favored ones who shall receive the seal of the living God. Those whose hands are not clean, whose hearts are not pure, will not have the seal of the living God. Those who are planning sin and acting it will be passed by. Only those who, in their attitude before God, are filling the position of those who are repenting and confessing their sins in the great anti-typical day of atonement, will be recognized and marked as worthy of God's protection.

(*Testimonies to Ministers*, p.444, 445)