

Midwest Flooding

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MARCH 22 — Weeks before the Trump Administration is expected to unveil a peace plan that appropriates portions of the land God gave to Israel, the heartland of the US is being devastated by record floods triggered by last week's "bomb cyclone." Across a wide swath of the Farm Belt, including Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, Missouri, and several other Midwestern states, fields, drowned livestock, agricultural buildings, and farming machinery lay buried in a vast expanse of water, mud, and debris.

Untold destruction has also been visited upon infrastructure: rural roads, bridges, and rail-line equipment—all critical for the U.S. agricultural sector to move, process, and ship products—have been severely damaged or destroyed. Entire towns such as Craig, Nebraska, and Elwood, Kansas, have had to be evacuated, while others have been totally cut off.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) forecast Thursday that moderate to major flooding will continue into May for the central U.S, which means this potentially unprecedented level of flooding could impact more than 200 million people through spring.

As the damage assessment continues in the Midwest, another major storm is hammering the Northeast corner of the nation— Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, and Boston—with heavy rains, snow, winds, and flooding.

The western US, this week, saw extreme weather of a different type. High temperature records were smashed in Alaska and Washington in an end-of-winter warm spell that sent temperatures soaring to heights never seen this time of year. About 200 miles south of Juneau, temperatures topped 70 degrees a whopping 12 days earlier than a 70-degree temperature has ever been recorded in Alaska. In Seattle, which last month saw its snowiest February in 70 years, thermometers hit 79 degrees, the highest recorded temperature in March in 125 years.

Interestingly, the jet-stream pattern responsible for the record March warmth in western North America has been attributed to an "omega block," a blocking high pressure system over western Canada which diverted the jet stream into a shape resembling the Greek letter omega.

Omega is the last letter of the Greek alphabet and is used symbolically in math, science, and other realms to denote the ultimate limit or end of something.

In the Bible, the letter Omega is ascribed to God:

“Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End” (Rev. 22:12, 13).

The Alpha and Omega told us in advance that seismic and weather events would increase in frequency and intensity in the last days (Matt. 24:7). He warned that the end would come “like a flood” and that those who divide the Land will be judged (Dan. 9:26; Matt 24:37-38; Joel 3:2).

We are living in those days.

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LINKS:

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NOTES:

* The Greek word translated “earthquakes,” in Matthew 24:7 (seismos) refers not only to the ground shaking but to atmospheric disturbances involving wind and water as well (see Strong’s G4578).