

CALAMITY BY LAND AND SEA

The Saviour declared that before his second coming there would be "wars, and rumors of wars," and "earthquakes in divers places." The reports that have recently reached us of the terrible earthquakes in Italy and Sicily tell of another fulfilment of the signs of the end. The Chronicle, edited in San Francisco, has given startling accounts of this awful disaster which has caused such enormous damage and loss of life and rendered so many thousands homeless.

These calamities are becoming more and more common, but every report of calamity by sea or by land is a testimony to the fact that the end of all things is near. The world is filled with iniquity, and the Lord is punishing for its wickedness. As crime and iniquity increase, these judgments will become more frequent and more marked, until the time shall come when the "earth shall no more cover her slain."--Ellen G. White Letter 12, 1909. (Dec. 23, '09)