

# 9 Days of Record Breaking Disasters: March 12 - 20

**WAR IN IRAN began February 28, 2026:** This conflict is the most significant and intense military engagement since World War II. Its scale, regional implications, and geopolitical stakes place it among the most consequential confrontations of the modern age. As with all significant wars, its eventual outcome is likely to reshape political alliances and the global economy.

I also find it striking that less than two weeks after the conflict began, on March 12th, the United States experienced a week of record-breaking weather events. To me, it feels almost symbolic—perhaps even a reminder that God may not approve of what is unfolding, urging us to turn our attention toward Him rather than relying solely on military strength. Job 38:22-23 makes this connection between war and weather: “Have you entered into the treasures of the snow? or have you seen the treasures of the hail, Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?” And for what purpose? To bind our hands. To stop our everyday busyness so we can focus on God and return to Him (Job 37:5-7).

**A Week of Disasters:** In a matter of just nine days, from March 12 to March 20, 2026, the United States was hit with a series of record breaking natural disasters, all of them unfolding with a speed and intensity that left communities and meteorologists stunned.

What began as a severe wildfire outbreak in the Great Plains was only the first of a nationwide avalanche of extreme weather: megastorms, tornadoes, historic rainfall, catastrophic flooding, unprecedented snowfall, a meteor explosion, and even an earthquake felt across the Southeast. Each event alone would have been notable. Together, they formed one of the most violent weeks of disasters not seen in my seventy-three years travelling this earth.

Let's look at this historic week:

**March 10-15: Hawaii Shatters a 75-Year Rainfall Record:** While the mainland dealt with wind and snow, Hawaii faced its own extreme. A powerful storm system dumped staggering amounts of rain across the islands, **breaking rainfall records dating back to 1951**. Meteorologists described the event as one of the most intense single-day rainfalls the state has ever documented.

*Link: [March 2026 Kona Low: Historic Flooding Hits Every Hawaiian Island | DisasterAWARE](#)*

**March 12: Nebraska Faces the Largest Wildfire Outbreak in its history:** The week opened with a crisis on the plains. Wildfires erupted across Nebraska, ultimately burning more than **800,000 acres**—the largest wildfire outbreak in the state's recorded history. Fire crews battled fast-moving flames driven by dry conditions and high winds, with containment slowly improving as the week progressed. As of this writing the fires still blaze.

*Link: [At least 1 dead as Nebraska wildfires scorch nearly 800,000 acres](#)*

**March 13-17: A “Triple-Threat Megastorm” Sweeps the Nation:** As Nebraska burned, a multi-system storm spread across the United States affecting more than one half of the nation (200 million people). Known as a **“triple-threat megastorm,”** it delivered a chaotic mix of heavy snow, damaging winds, and severe thunderstorms across multiple regions. Travel came to a halt, power

outages spread, and forecasters warned that the storm's unusual structure made it difficult to predict. The hands of people were stopped from during their normal everyday routines.

[Link: Eye Of The Storm: Dangerous Winds, Power Outages, Tornado Watches, Flooding Hit East Coast | Southampton Daily Voice](#)

**March 15: Eight Tornadoes Crashed Through Central Illinois:** In the storm's wake, the National Weather Service confirmed **eight tornadoes** across central Illinois. The twisters moved through rural communities, damaging homes, toppling trees, and adding yet another layer of destruction to an already turbulent week.

[Link: Illinois Weather Update: 8 Tornadoes Confirmed with 98 MPH Winds Across Central Illinois - Country Herald](#)

**March 15–17: Michigan Buried Under 52 Inches of Snow:** In Michigan's Upper Peninsula, the megastorm delivered a historic blow: **52 inches of snow**, the region's largest recorded snowfall from a single event. Roads vanished under drifts taller than vehicles.

[Link: Record-breaking snow in Upper Michigan. Where 52 inches piled up](#)

**March 17: A 7-Ton Meteorite Lights Up the Ohio Sky:** As if the weather weren't enough, a fireball streaked across the Midwest sky on March 17. A **7-ton meteorite** exploded over Ohio, scattering fragments across several counties. Residents reported sonic booms and bright flashes, with videos quickly circulating online.

[Link: NASA tracks 7-ton meteor linked to Ohio boom, energy near 250 tons of TNT](#)

**March 19: Earthquake Rattles South Carolina:** The nine-day wake-up call closed with an overnight earthquake across South Carolina. Though a relatively small 2.1, the quake added to the sense that the country was experiencing an unusual concentration of natural disruptions.

[Link: 2.1 magnitude earthquake felt near Lake Murray South Carolina](#)

**March 20: Hawaii Hit Again—Worst Flooding in 20 Years:** Just days after its record-breaking rainfall, Hawaii faced **its worst flooding in two decades**. Rising waters threatened a dam, forced evacuations, and left communities bracing for additional rainfall. Officials described the back-to-back storms as “unprecedented in timing and intensity.”

[Link: Hawaii suffers its worst flooding in 20 years with more rain coming | AP News](#)

## **A CONVERGENCE UNLIKE ANYTHING IN MY LIFETIME**

Never in the history of the United States have we seen so many record-breaking disasters come together essentially at the same time—all in one week's time.

- **Largest** wildfire outbreak in Nebraska's history
- **Record-shattering** rainfall in Hawaii
- **Worst** Hawaiian flooding in 20 years

- Michigan's **all-time** 52-inch snowfall record
- A **rare** meteor explosion over Ohio
- An **earthquake** felt across South Carolina
- A nationwide **megastorm** spanning nearly half the country

Now for me, here's the bottom line to all this. Weeks like this don't just happen. Many may call it coincidence; others may just call it mother nature. But when a nation goes to war and, within days, the sky, the land, the sea, and even the ground beneath our feet all start shaking, burning, flooding, and exploding, I think we need to ask what God might be saying.

God is saying something. His voice is especially clear, as we read in Job 37.

Let's look at it like this. We live in a culture that thinks it can out-engineer God, out-strategize God, out-muscle God. We trust our armies, our economies, our politics, our technology—everything except the One who holds the world together. And when God wants to get a nation's attention, the Bible is clear that He speaks through stormy weather as well as the soft breeze that refreshes.

So here's what I think, we need to **Wake up**. Not tomorrow. Not when the next disaster hits. Not when the headlines tells you it's time to panic again. **Now is the time.**

I encourage you to turn your eyes back to the God who commands the wind and the waves, who stores up snow and hail for "the day of battle and war," who can shake the earth with a whisper and calm a storm with a word. He is not intimidated by nations. He is not impressed by missiles. He is not wringing His hands over geopolitics.

But He *is* calling His people—His people—to repentance, to humility, to courage, and to faith.

This is not the hour for lukewarm religion or casual Christianity. This is the hour to stand up, plant your feet, and say: "**As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.**"

If the world is shaking--let it shake—because God is unshakable. If the storms are raging—let them rage—because God still speaks through storms. And if this is a warning, then let's be the people who actually listen.

Let us return to the God who is calling us.

Believe Jesus. Receive Jesus. Live Jesus.

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