

Letter 880a  
**TreeFall**  
Part 01  
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Dear **Yeshua**,

**Sunday, 14 February 2021, 7:11AM.**

*A very remarkable thing happened...*

(This Letter is transcribed from a Field Report of events which have occurred since Friday, 12 February. Editorial comments are in *(italics)*.)

On Friday, 12 February 2021, in the evening, I was in my house doing one of the things that I normally do at that time, which on this night was sitting at my computer desk working on one project or another. My desk and computers are located in a small front bedroom which was converted long ago to serve as my office/study/computer room.

All that day, and even the day before, we had been having some pretty strong winds up here where we live in the Snoqualmie Valley. But on this Friday, the winds were exceedingly strong.

The wind gusts I was hearing outside my house were the strongest I have ever heard since we first moved into our house in 1986. Gusts that at times seemed to reach hurricane strength.

But, the gusts were momentary, only lasting of a couple of seconds. Most of the time the winds stayed at or above tree top level. But sometimes they would dip down lower to the ground.

At almost exactly 7PM, both my wife and I heard a loud sound of what seemed to be a huge branch hitting the roof. This has happened with some frequency over the years during the fall and winter winds, with no damage to the roofing.

At the same time that we heard (*what we thought was*) the branch hit the roof, the power went out. This is also normal for this time of year. But I then decided to look outside the front door to see if I could if the power outage had any connection to the sound of our house being hit by a tree branch.

Instead of a tree branch, lo and behold, here was an entire tree laying across my front yard. The tree had fallen from one end of my house all the way across the front yard, with the top extending onto my neighbors driveway.

As the tree toppled over, it had torn down the power, TV and phone lines to both our house and our neighbor's house. The upper section of the tree had landed on top of our Chrysler 300, causing great damage, and the very top of the tree damaged two other vehicles which were parked in our neighbor's driveway. A decorative fence in a flower bed between our two properties was also damaged.

When the power went out, (M) was in the bathroom. After I went outside to check on the front yard and discovered the Tree Fall, I came back inside and, standing outside of the bathroom door, said to my wife:

"WELL, I HAVE BAD NEWS, I HAVE BAD NEWS, AND I HAVE BAD NEWS."

The three bad news's I had for her was that

“THE WIND BLEW A TREE DOWN AND...”

1. “...hit the house;”
2. “it hit the Chrysler 300, and”
3. “it hit the neighbor’s cars.”

The tree had glanced off the corner of the roof at one end of the house, causing damage to both the roof and the rain gutter. Continuing to fall, it then struck and damaged the corner of the front porch roof and damaged a section of that rain gutter. Finally it landed on top of our Chrysler 300 (*which later was declared a total loss*). The tree then stopped, but not before breaking the windshield (along with some minor trim damage) on a Chevy Suburban and causing body damage to a Honda CRV, both parked in my neighbor’s driveway.

After sharing the news with (M), I immediately got on my (*cellular*) telephone to the Power Company, letting them know what had just transpired. Then, I called our insurance company.

I had to be careful when making calls, since we had no way at that time to charge our cell phones. Thankfully, there was enough charge on my phone to handle the lengthy call to the insurance company.

The TreeFall resulted in three different insurance claims. There is the claim on our homeowners’ policy for the damage to the house. There is the claim on our automobile policy for the Chrysler. And there is a second claim on our homeowner’s policy for the damage to our neighbor’s property.

The power went out at 7PM which is when the tree fell. The Power Company responded quickly, within about an hour from when I first called, and had the power restored by close to 1AM. But, while they were working on the repairs, it began to snow.

The force with which the tree struck and severed the utility drop lines to the two houses was great enough that it also damaged the transformer, so it had to be replaced.

When the tree first came down there was no snow. But by the time the Power Company was finished, there was at least a couple of inches on the ground. And all the while that the Power Company was repairing our power lines, the windstorm continued unabated.

So, about thirty minutes after the power was restored to our house, it went back out. And this time it stayed out for about 24 hours. The power finally came back on at about 6:45PM last night, which was Saturday. But during this time, the power would come back on for a few minutes, and then go back out and stay out for hours. This happened about three or four times.

All the while that the main power was out, the outside air temperature was at or below 25 DEGF. By the time the power was restored, it had gotten down to about 50 degrees inside some parts of our house.

I did bring the kerosene heater into the kitchen and lit it up. This helped to keep the chill off in the kitchen and the family room, where (M) was snuggled up on her TV chair with warm blankets.

After the power came back on and stayed on, the house was able to warm back up, and I was finally able to get some sleep.

Blessings...

R. C. Theophilus