

The roaring of the sea

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“ . . . and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring” (Lk. 21:25).

The Indian Ocean

“‘We suddenly saw the sea rising up. Initially it looked quite interesting, then it crashed through the windows’. The sea ‘rose up and just crashed over everything, making an incredible roaring noise’, she said”.

(<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/4129063.stm>, 27 Dec. 2004)

“We heard a roaring noise and could see ripples of frothy water bubbling up fast from the beach. Two or three minutes later, the waves smashed into the hotel, breaking the windows and hitting the tables”.

(*The Independent*, 28 Dec. 2004, p. 5)

“The day’s events have left people in Madras stunned . . . The city’s famous Marina and Elliot beaches have been cordoned off by police, with no one allowed anywhere near them. Several hours after disaster struck, the roar of the sea is still very audible”.

(Sunil Raman, http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/4126473.stm, 26 Dec. 2004)

The people of Ukraine

“The BBC’s Sarah Rainsford in Kiev says that Mr Yushchenko swept on to the stage to a roar of applause from the crowd . . .”.

(<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/4118835.stm>, 23 Dec. 2004)