



HAVE YOU BEEN DECEIVED?

Deceived regarding what? Jesus said,

Wayne's Weekly Words

And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.

Matthew 24:4 (NKJV)

So, now, I asked, "Deceived regarding what?" Well,

*For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and **earthquakes in various places.** All these are the beginning of sorrows.*

Matthew 24:5-8 (NKJV)

This week the nation of Haiti suffered a massive earthquake. An earthquake in California, the earthquake capital of the country, would hardly make the news.

So, now, I ask ain, has anyone deceived you into thinking this is the beginning of end times? Deceived? Yes, it surely looks like we are close to the end times, but, as I have often written, some times are "more later" than others.

If you are looking at Haiti and wondering, you are looking in the wrong place. In 1948, Israel once again became a nation. That, in my mind, is the first of the signs of His coming. Christ could not descend from heaven, enter the Eastern (or Golden) Gate, cross over the Mount of Olives and enter the temple today. The gate is sealed shut with a graveyard outside of it. The Mosque of Omar is currently on the Temple Mount, not the Temple! There are still things which must take place.

It is true that some of these changes will take

place during the Tribulation, but there are others to occur. *All these are the **beginning** of sorrows.*

I believe we are getting nearer. Dr. McGee wrote,

Are these things beginning to come to pass? I am not in a position to know. I have no inside information. All I can say is that my salvation and redemption is nearer now than when I first believed. I know that He is coming back and that is what is important to me.

Thru The Bible with J. Vernon McGee.

I believe that one of the things that must happen before the Great Tribulation is that America must be brought to its knees.

Look around you today! Today ten women's swim suits can be made with the same amount of material as one used to take! Today the National Debt has become higher than Mount Everest. China owns half of this country! Men who desperately need jobs can not find them.

I have been writing Bible studies for nearly 50 years now. One of the things that has perplexed me over the years is this. Daniel prophesied,

"At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through.

Daniel 11:40 (NKJV)

The Scriptures nowhere speak of the "king of the West." In my mind, the king of the west would be America. Why is it not mentioned? The answer is becoming increasingly clear - America is on a quick downhill slide and will lose it position of power in this world. There re New Testament enough truly "born-again" Christians like our founding fathers who can, by themselves, maintain this country!
