

The Kingdom of God, Then

2) The Beginning of the End

***'All these are the beginning of
sorrows (birth pangs, travail)'
(Matt.24:8)***

***'So you also, when you see all
these things, know that it is
near—at the doors!'***

(Matt.24:33)

***'And there will be great earthquakes
in various places, and famines and
pestilences; and there will be fearful
sights and great signs from heaven
... And there will be signs in the sun,
in the moon, and in the stars; and on
the earth distress of nations, with
perplexity, the sea and the waves
roaring; men's hearts failing them
from fear and the expectation of
those things which are coming on
the earth, for the powers of the
heavens will be shaken'***

(Lk.21:11,25-26)

Wars and rumours of wars

- **300 wars in Europe in the past 300 years**
- **2 world wars in the last 100 years**
- **54,800,000 deaths as a result of World War 2**

Famines

- *South Sudan*
- *Nigeria*
- *Somalia*
- *Yemen*

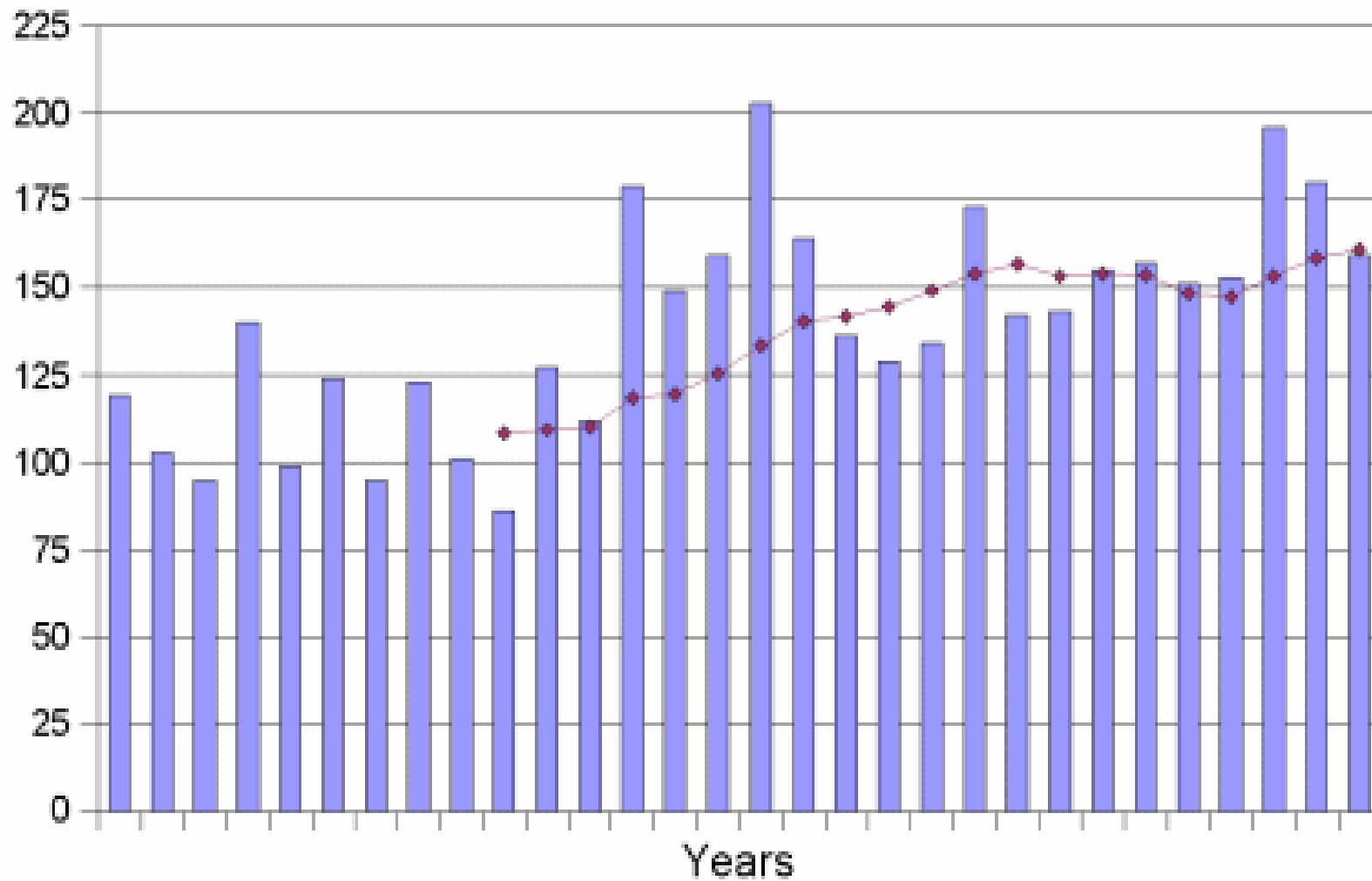
Pestilences

- **The flu after WW 1 was first worldwide epidemic**
- **Once-defeated diseases returning**
- **Smallpox biggest killer – 500 million**
- **Aids became the #1 killer in 1992**

Earthquakes of Magnitude 6 or more

- 1900/09 averaged 28.9 quakes
- 1910/19 averaged 32
- 1920/29 averaged 31.7
- 1930/39 averaged 37.8
- 1940/49 averaged 46.6
- 1950/59 averaged 45.1
- 1960/69 averaged 65.5
- 1970/79 averaged 103.1
- 1980/89 averaged 108.5
- 1990/99 averaged 149.2
- 2000/09 averaged 161.1

USGS 1980-2009 Major Earthquakes ($\geq M6$)



Persecution

'Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another'
(Matt.24:9-10)

Deception

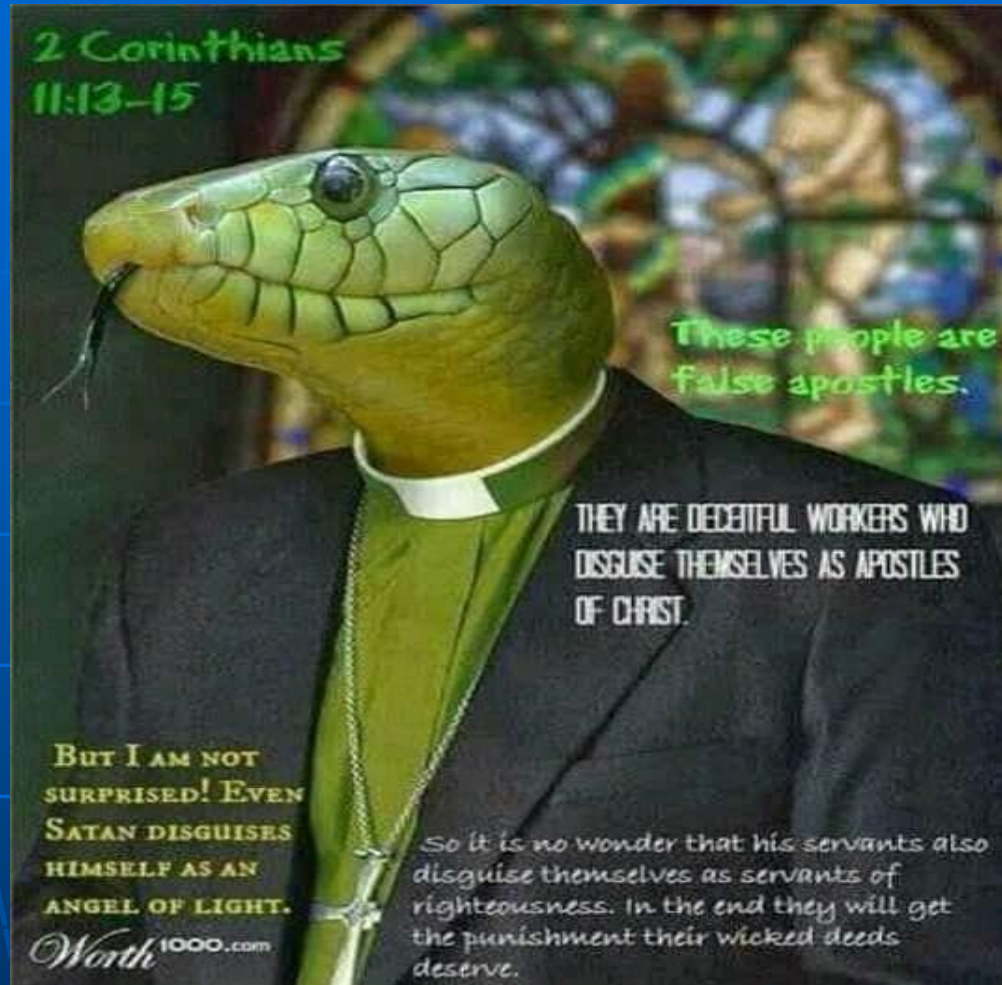
*'Jesus answered and said to them:
"Take heed that no one deceives
you. For many will come in My name,
saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will
deceive many'"*
(Matt.24:4-5)

***'Then many false prophets will
rise up and deceive many'***
(Matt.24:11)

***'For false christs and false
prophets will rise and show
great signs and wonders to
deceive, if possible, even the
elect'***

(Matt.24:24)

'Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition'
(2 Thes.2:3)



False Teachers

***'For the time will come when
they will not endure sound
doctrine, but according to their
own desires, because they have
itching ears, they will heap up
for themselves teachers, and
they will turn their ears away
from the truth, and be turned
aside to fables'***

(2 Tim.4:3-5)

***'And this gospel of the kingdom
will be preached in all the world
as a witness to all the nations,
and then the end will come'
(Matt.24:14)***