

Excerpt from "The Unquenchable Light" by Kenneth Scott Latourette published circa 1950.

Jesus' influence has grown with the passing of the years and has never been so powerful as in the past century and a quarter. Its course has been like that of the incoming tide. Like the tide it has moved forward in waves. Each major wave has been followed by a major recession. But each major wave has set a new high water mark and each major recession has been less pronounced than its predecessor.

That is Christianity moves forward by revivals and then declensions: revival, declension, revival, declension, revival. But, each major revival takes us further and brings more light than the previous, whereas, each declension is not quite so deep as the last one.

Now very long segments of the Middle Ages were times of great revival. There were, of course, serious declensions from the light of Christ especially during the invasion of pagan humanism that wrought such havoc in Church and society from approximately the twelfth century to the fifteenth century, though there had been elements earlier. However, the spiritual, moral, economic and cultural declension of the late Middle Ages was rolled back by a mighty tide of transforming light known as the Protestant Reformation.

SCRIPTURAL EVIDENCE THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD WILL GROW INEXORABLY. wlt

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*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. **Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end,** upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. Isaiah 9:6-7*

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***And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed:** and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Daniel 2:44*

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For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. Habakkuk 2:14

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*Another parable spake he unto them; **The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.** Matthew 13:33*

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*And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock **I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.** Matthew 16:18*

SEE ALSO JEREMIAH CHAPTER THIRTY-ONE VERSES THIRTY-ON THROUGH THIRTY-FOUR.