



Why Didn't God Stop the Movie Theatre Massacre?

Isaiah 46:9-10: (NRSV) *9remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like me, 10 declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, My purpose shall stand, and I will fulfill my intention.*

It happened just a few short weeks ago, but by now we are almost desensitized to the horror. In many ways we can feel like it's just another story of a senseless killer randomly taking lives. But it's not - what it is, is a chronicle of a world filled with inequity and evil, in which those who are innocent suffer and die and there are no real answers as to how to stop it. Is there someone to blame? Is it parenting? Is it education? Is it religion? Is it atheism? Is it freedom? Is it guns? Is it easy access to violence? Is it God? How do we begin to put these tragedies into some perspective? Stay with us - there IS an answer!

Does God even watch what happens to us here?

Setting the scene, ABC News 20/20

- This should have been a perfect night. A new movie, hundreds of excited people, many of them young. But one man made this the worst night of their lives. Just after midnight, the action on screen was replaced by chaos and it was all too real. It was the biggest movie event of the summer, the premier of the new Batman movie, The Dark Knight Rises. All across the country, diehard fans bought tickets weeks in advance. Lines stretched around the block. Many showed up dressed in costume.*

What do we have? Tragedy by any measure and with tragedy comes explanations of all kinds. Did God save anyone? Could God have saved everyone? Here is an Atheist's perspective:

(Source: Atheistoasis.wordpress.com)

The Part-Time God and the Movie Theater Massacre: I may not believe in god, but I certainly understand why people do. Life is uncertain and the world can be a pretty cold and scary place, no matter what you believe. In such a world, the concept of a benevolent god who watches over each and every one of us and intervenes in events on our behalf can be appealing. The problems begin when one tries to apply that concept to reality.

People have been doing that a lot over the past week.

When James Holmes walked into an Aurora, Colorado movie theater, set off a couple of gas canisters and opened fire on patrons in the dark, some claim god intervened to save them personally. There are a few different versions of what god was doing while the shooting took place. What is certain is this: The god these people believe in allowed 12 people — including a six-year-old child — to be murdered and 58 people to be wounded.

Meet Pierce O'Farrill. He was in the theater with a friend when Holmes entered...O'Farrill was shot twice in the foot by the shotgun and assault rifle, and in his upper left arm with the Glock pistol. He says "there's no doubt in my mind" that god saved him. Specifically.

Several good points were in that blog - most notably that if God did save this particular person, then are we to assume He felt the others - including the six-year old child were merely expendable?

AJ Boik, age 18
Jonathan Blunk, age 26
Jessie Childress, age 29
Gordon Cowden, age 51
Jessica Ghawi, age 24
John Larimer, age 27
Matt McQuinn, age 27
Micayla Medek, age 23
Veronica Moser-Sullivan, age 6
Alex Sullivan, age 27
Alex Teves, age 24
Rebecca Wingo, age 32



Only Christian victims go to heaven?! TYT Network

- I can't help but feel that to some extent we are reaping what we have been sowing as a society. We have said to God to get out of the public arena, lawsuit after lawsuit have chased away any fear of God, at least in the hearts of millions. So I love the idea of God being a bitter and jealous God. ...so God removes His protective hand. So all those people got killed? Great. Because you made Me angry with your lawsuits? Is that the God you believe in? That petty little creature? Who was so offended we did not pray in school that He said it was okay to murder those people? That's your God? If it is, you have a very questionable God.*

Do we have a "very questionable God" or is there more to it?

Romans 8:18-22: (NASB) ¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.

Isn't this the very reason that there are so many questions about tragedies like this one?

²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it,

Aha! The world is subject to evil because God put them there! Why would He do that??? Well, let's finish the sentence.

in hope ²¹that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

That word for hope means "expectation." So God has great expectations!

²²For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

So, does God have a plan to rid the world of tragedy?

God's plan starts at the beginning:

- The original promise of prosperity

Genesis 1:27-28: (KJV) ²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. ²⁸And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

- The disobedience to the conditions of prosperity and its consequences

Genesis 3:4-6: (NASB) ⁴The serpent said to the woman, You surely will not die! ⁵For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil. ⁶When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

Genesis 3:19: (NASB) ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you will eat bread, till you return to the ground, because from it you were taken; For you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

- The promise of hope



First, a promise of hope is given within the pronouncement of consequences...

Genesis 3:15: (NRSV) *I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.*

For further views of this promise magnified and repeated,
see the CQRewind Full Edition Bonus Material.

Now let's jump ahead in the process of the fulfillment of God's promise:

- Jesus - the promised seed of Abraham - came to save...

Luke 2:10: (KJV) *And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.*

1 Corinthians 15:22: (KJV) *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

1 Timothy 2:3-4: (KJV) ³*For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior;*
⁴*Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.*

There is a theme of universal redemption which we will explain in greater detail. *Everyone has a chance.* Jesus died for everyone who died in Adam.

Now, some real life inspiration coming out of the tragedy - selflessness on the part of some to save others:



Boyfriends saving girlfriends, *TYT Network*

- *There are new reports about some of the people who were in the theater. There are 4 couples where these girls' boyfriends made the ultimate sacrifice and protected them from the bullets and actually took a bullet themselves...*

By seeing these (and other) selfless acts (others to follow throughout the program) we can more easily identify with the following text:

1 Timothy 2:5-6: (KJV) ⁵*For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;* ⁶*Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.*



So, what observations have we seen so far?

- God certainly does have a plan.
- Allowing the choice for sin and its consequences is in fact a part of this plan.
- God's plan includes a just payment for the original sin - Jesus Christ the righteous.
- Because all are condemned under original sin, all are redeemed by Christ.
- Hope - true hope therefore abounds for all of the human race!

Is this fair? What about all of the evil that some perpetrate?
What are their consequences?

(Source: Atheistoasis.wordpress.com)



The Part-Time God and the Movie Theater Massacre: Seeger herself had to look death right in the eye. But more importantly, other people had to die in order for her to be convinced that this allegedly loving and merciful god still loved her.

That is the kind of love this god offers. And that is what bothers me. I'm thrilled that these people survived such a nightmare. But this belief system, which claims to be all about love and peace and humility, has inspired people to think this way about their fellow human beings ... and about themselves.

They got killed and I didn't! That means god loves me! That means I'm important! Even though I'm a detestable sinner, I must still have some worth in the eyes of god, and he just proved it by saving ME while all those OTHERS died!

That is perverse. It's especially perverse coming from a religion that claims to be all about those other things – you know, love and peace and humility. There is no humility there. It is, whether James O'Farrill and Brad Strait and Jennifer Seeger are aware of it or not, an expression of breathtaking arrogance. I would go so far as to call it a kind of narcissism.



"Tribute," (Part 1) Tyler Ward

Today my heart was torn
Violence finally won the war
The crying and despair
Suffocating in the air

I cannot believe
The images I've seen
What else can I do?
But just pray for you

Cause we'll never really know
What you went through that day
And we'll never really know
All the right words to say
And we'll never really know
Why this took your life away
But it broke down my walls
And it helped me to change
Yes it broke down our walls
I hope we will change

We live in a world overrun by sin, but God's intention is not to leave this world as it is.

This plan is a plan of salvation for every man woman and child who has ever walked this earth:

John 5:28-29: (ASV) ²⁸Marvel not at this: for the hour cometh, in which all that are in the tombs shall hear his voice, ²⁹and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment. (Not a final sentencing, but a time of judgment. The Greek word here is where we get our word for "crisis.")

So the resurrection is to the Day of Judgment for all those who had not proven themselves faithful to God in their life...

Enlightenment - to all of the human race, saved first and then learning:



1 Timothy 2:3-4: (KJV) ³For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;
⁴Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the **knowledge <1922>** of the truth.

Knowledge: Strongs #1922 epignosis; recognition, i.e.
(by implication) full discernment, acknowledgement



Boyfriends saving girlfriends, ABC News Nightline

- *In another part of the theater was another man with the same instinct, John Larimer. He jumped over his seat to cover up his girlfriend, Julia. On Fox News, she told her side of it.*
- *He just jumped over and held my head tight and put his body in front of mine and in the process got shot.*
- *These stories are heartbreaking but also inspiring.*

2 Peter 3:7-9: (NASB) ⁷But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. ⁸But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

The whole idea of explaining the coming to repentance in the context of the Day of Judgment being a thousand years shows that there is work and accountability involved. This is ultimately the best possible news for everyone - for even though all of our actions will meet with accountability, there is still a chance for life.

Does this plan of God's really accommodate both Christians AND non-Christians?

This is an interview with one of the survivors - listen to the emotion and the shock in his voice...



Never saw this before, Christopher Ramos, eyewitness on ABC News

- *I have honestly thought I was going to die. This movie came out and I was super excited to see it... it turned into something horrific. ...There were bodies covered in blood and I've never seen that before...You see it on TV but you don't feel it...Me and everyone else in there are feeling it. The image in our heads is stuck in there. Honestly, I'm never going to forget this night because it was the first time I saw something that was real. Like a real life nightmare.*

We are really desensitized to this type of tragedy. There are millions of people who die tragically that we never even notice.



Consider these two distinct sets of conclusions from the Bible - God has a plan for both believers *and* non-believers:

TWO PARTS OF THE SAME PLAN

TWO COVENANTS FOR THE FUTURE

Galatians 3:27,29: For as many of you as have **been baptized into Christ** have put on Christ. ...And if ye be Christ's, then are ye **Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

This promise is to the true Christians - they will be a part of blessing all the families of the earth, the "everybody else."

Hebrews 8:8,10: I will make **a new covenant**...I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people...

This promise is to the "everybody else." Eventually they receive blessings on earth, as administered by the true Christians who are in heaven.

PROMISE #1

PROMISE #2

TWO PARTS OF THE SAME PLAN

TWO

ENLIGHTENMENTS

2 Timothy 1:10: **But is now made manifest** by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ...

Colossians 1:27: ...**God would make known** what is the riches of the glory of **this mystery** among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

This first enlightenment shows a selectiveness. Initially, only a few will see and know.

Hebrews 8:11: **All shall know me**, from the least to the greatest.

Isaiah 40:5: And the **glory of the LORD shall be revealed**, and **all flesh shall see it together**: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

The second enlightenment will be to all flesh in God's future kingdom.

ENLIGHTENMENT #1

ENLIGHTENMENT #2

 **Saving strangers, ABC News Nightline**

- *How do you explain these few? It's almost an impulsive act. Listen to Jarrel Brooks, who is nineteen and got shot in the leg helping a mother and her two*



young children. When I saw them, the first thing I was thinking was, if someone is going to get out, they are going to get out before I do.

We can still see goodness in the face of tragedy.

TWO PARTS OF THE SAME PLAN TWO TYPES OF LIFE

2 Peter 1:4: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the **divine nature**...

Life #1 for the true believers is divine - in other words, life not dependent on an outside source. They have already been tested and found faithful.

LIFE #1

Romans 5:21: ...As sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness **unto eternal life** by Jesus Christ...

Mark 10:30: ...In the world to come **eternal life**.

Life #2 can be eternal based on strict obedience to God after a period of knowledge and testing once Satan is bound.

LIFE #2

TWO PARTS OF THE SAME PLAN TWO TYPES OF BODIES

1 Corinthians 15:44,49: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a **spiritual body**. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body... We shall also bear the image of the **heavenly**.

True Christians are promised a spiritual body as their reward for being faithful now under adverse conditions.

BODY #1

1 Corinthians 15:40: There are also **celestial bodies**, and **bodies terrestrial**: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

Isaiah 35:5,6: Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing...

All are promised a resurrection in the kingdom to learn of God, repent for their sins, and with bodies no longer ravaged by sin.

BODY #2



Is this plan of God at all contrary to His traits of justice, wisdom, power and love?



Be strong, *Christopher Ramos, eyewitness on ABC News*

- To the victims that were there in that theater with me, be strong and do not let this evil person take control of us. We are better than this. To the families out there, God bless and be strong. I am really sorry for everyone out there.*

The four potential views of God related to our world:



1. God is **not** able to stop disaster and doesn't care to.
2. God is **not** able to stop disaster though He would like to.
3. God **is** able to stop disaster and just doesn't want to.
4. God **is** able to stop disaster and will absolutely stop it.

What do WE believe? We believe that God **is able** and **will!** This is a learning experience for all of eternity.

Let's look at the big picture from God's perspective:

Isaiah 55:7-13: (NRSV) ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. **This shows us God's love!** ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. **This shows us God's wisdom!** ¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, **This shows us God's justice!** ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. **This shows us God's power!** ¹²For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off. **This shows us God's plan!**



"Tribute," (Part 2) Tyler Ward

Entire generations
Lost in this frustration
Is there hope for what's to come?
Will we raise a family or a gun?

I cannot believe
The images I've seen
What else can I do?
But just pray for you



Cause we'll never really know
What you went through that day
And we'll never really know
All the right words to say
And we'll never really know
Why this took your life away
But it broke down my walls
And it helped me to change
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(Source: Dr. Robert Anthony)

It helps to realize that an airplane spends 90% of its time in error. We need to take a look at that. If you could see that you could get an airplane from New York to London, even while having been in error ninety percent of the time, maybe you could be less critical of yourself... A sailboat cannot get from where it is to where it wants to be by traveling in a straight line. It has to zigzag. So in terms of true course, it's always in error. What is important about an airplane or a sailboat is that the errors cancel out.

Similarly, God's plan accounts for the errors of sin and will in fact guide humanity towards its ultimate destination!



So, what IS the ultimate destination for the sin weary world of humankind?

So, what do we know about God and his permitting tragedy upon the earth?

- It is only temporary!
- It has a purpose - to display the sorrow and hopelessness of sin and death. It displays what happens when God is not in the picture.
- It reveals the folly of life under the rule of Satan. God knew it would serve an ultimate, eternal purpose.
- It leads to the end of this order of things (governments, false religions, false Christian beliefs, etc.).
- It opens the door to the new order.

So, from trouble comes purity:

Zephaniah 3:8-9: (NRSV) ⁸Therefore wait for me, says the LORD, for the day when I arise as a witness. For my decision is to gather nations, to assemble kingdoms, to pour out upon them my indignation, all the heat of my anger; for in the fire of my passion all the earth shall be consumed. ⁹At that time I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that all of them may call on the name of the LORD and serve him with one accord.

Satan's evil order will end.

From trouble comes peace on earth:

Isaiah 11:5-9: (NASB) ⁷Also the cow and the bear will graze, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

This text speaks of Jesus and his kingdom. Prophecy says the future will be completely different from the present. It will be the world God intended it to be. There will be peace on the earth. If God promises it, it will come true.



From trouble comes unity:

Zechariah 8:20-23: (KJV) ²⁰Thus saith the LORD of hosts; It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities: ²¹And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also. ²²Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD. ²³Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.

All the nations together will join together in praying before the Lord. Notice the Jewish people are an important part in the unfolding of God's plan. Jerusalem is the holy city and God will fight for the Jews.

Acts 3:19-21: ¹⁹...when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord: ²⁰And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: ²¹Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.



"Tribute," (Part 3) Tyler Ward

It's breaking my heart
I'm falling apart
But I rest assured
I know where you are
You look from above
Please send us your love
Cause we don't understand

Cause we'll never really know
What you went through that day
And we'll never really know
All the right words to say
And we'll never really know
Why this took your life away
But it broke down my walls
And it helped me to change
Yes it broke down our walls
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From trouble, comes perfection:

Revelation 21:3-4: (KJV) ³And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, (not just Christians, not just Jews) and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. ⁴And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

The "former things" have passed away - sin, dying, injustice, evil. This gives us great hope.



Why is there this great hope? Jesus! That's why!!

Romans 5:18-19: (NRSV) ¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Who were made sinners? Everyone. Who will be made righteous through Jesus? Everyone. Everyone who was made a sinner under Adam has an opportunity to be made righteous under Jesus. Through the Day of Judgment comes an opportunity to prove yourself as willing to follow the rules of God. There is hope in a world gone mad, where sin, death, sorrow and tragedy are a daily occurrence. The Scriptures tell us this is only temporary and that because Jesus came and died as a ransom for all that everyone will have an opportunity to benefit from that sacrifice.

*So why didn't God stop the movie theater massacre?
For Jonathan and Rick and Christian Questions,
Think about it...!*

*And now even more to think about...
only in the **Full Edition of CQ Rewind!***



First, we look at some really revealing statistics about the plight of man. Many times we hear people complain that people are mercilessly slaughtered in the name of religion and if we would only forsake religion, mankind would be much better off. There is truth in this - the benevolent God of Christianity is NOT behind the slaughter of anyone in the name of Christ! However, the following statistics give us a glimpse of slaughter in the 20th Century - not in the name of any God - but simply by "human decision."

(Source: *Deaths in Wars and Conflicts in the 20th Century*, Milton Leitenberg CORNELL UNIVERSITY PEACE STUDIES PROGRAM OCCASIONAL PAPER #29 3rd ed. ©August 2003, 2005, 2006) "A Beastly Century" It was a phrase used by Margaret Drabble, a British novelist, in an address to the Royal Society of Literature in London, on December 14, 2000. But of course it was no more than a human century. In 1994, the historian Eric Hobsbawm wrote that 187 million people were "killed or allowed to die by human decision" in what he called the "short century"-a period of about 75 years from 1914 to 1991. The period chosen by Hobsbawm spanned the beginning of World War I to the dissolution of the Soviet Union and the end of the Soviet occupation of its Eastern European "allies." Given that Hobsbawm is a Marxist historian, his choice of the category "by human decision" was particularly significant. However, the sum that he provided was low by just about 44 million people for the full twentieth century, during which approximately 231 million people died in wars and conflict and, in very large numbers, "by human decision."

Realize, that by the "human decision" of just three men - Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin and Mao Zedong - there were nearly 60 million people wiped out in the 20th century.



God's promises always come true. The following promise is one of the most pivotal in all of scripture:

Genesis 22:15-18: (ASV) ¹⁵And the angel of Jehovah called unto Abraham a second time out of heaven, ¹⁶and said, By myself have I sworn, saith Jehovah, because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son, ¹⁷that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heavens, and as the sand which is upon the seashore. And thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies. ¹⁸And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed. Because thou hast obeyed my voice.

This promise is repeated...

Genesis 26:1-4: (ASV) ¹And there was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines, unto Gerar. ²And Jehovah appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt. Dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of. ³Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee. For unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I swore unto Abraham thy father. ⁴And I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these lands. And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.

And repeated again - get the idea that this is important to the plan??

Genesis 28:11-14: (ASV) ¹¹And (Jacob) lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set. And he took one of the stones of the place, and put it under his head, and lay down in that place to sleep. ¹²And he dreamed. And behold, a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God ascending and descending on it. ¹³And, behold, Jehovah stood above it, and said, I am Jehovah, the God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac. The land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed. ¹⁴And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south. And in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

We have NOT YET seen the fulfillment of this promise!

Here are a few more results of God's glorious Kingdom:

From trouble comes prosperity:

Micah 4:1-5: (KJV) ¹But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. ²And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ³And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁴But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it. ⁵For all people will walk everyone in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.

From trouble comes the unending reign of God:

Daniel 7:13-14: (NRSV) ¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.