

# Prince of Peace

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## **For Discussion: Unlike Man's Peace Agreements, Under The Rule Of The True King, Peace Will Not Be Fragile Nor Fleeting**

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### **Why is the pursuit of peace such a high priority?**

Although global peace continues to evade mankind, many world leaders (and almost every beauty contestant) have continued to promote it as man's primary desire.

- Wars are terrible and the reasoning is that peace should be able to be achieved through human effort.

### **Why does the pursuit of peace in the Middle East involve so many nations?**

To many, solving the Middle East peace puzzle is key to bringing peace to the rest of the world as evidenced by a section of the Abraham Accords Declaration which states exactly that: "We pursue a vision of peace, security, and prosperity in the Middle East and around the world."

### **Why is peace in the Middle East impossible before the return of Jesus?**

By the time of the Second Coming, the world will be in complete turmoil.

*Zechariah 12:3 – it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.*

Prior to the Messiah's arrival, all nations would be focused on destroying Israel.

### **Will the nations be able to destroy Israel?**

Although siege warfare has been an extremely effective strategy in past military campaigns, in this case, it will be a complete failure...

*Zechariah 12:9 – It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.*

God intervenes on behalf of Israel. His plan for Israel not only involves freeing them from the brutal reign of the Antichrist and the hostile nations of the world, but it also ultimately leads to the Millennial Kingdom.

### **Will the nations force another Diaspora upon Israel?**

No...

*Amos 9:15 – I will plant them in their land, and no longer shall they be pulled up from the land I have given them," Says the Lord your God.*

They will have to flee Jerusalem at the mid-point of the Tribulation but where they flee to will still be within the land that God gave to Israel.

### **What can we expect for peace attempts before Jesus returns?**

Man's peace agreements, will all be fragile and peace will be fleeting. And men still cry, "'Peace, peace!' When there is no peace" (Jeremiah 6:14 & 8:11).

- But under the true King, peace will not be fragile, nor will it be fleeting...

### **When will there be true peace among the nations?**

Bible prophecy makes clear that humanity will remain stuck with the scourge of war until the Prince of Peace Himself returns and begins His millennial rule...

*Psalms 46:8-10 – Come, behold the works of the Lord, Who has made desolations in the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire. Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!*

Jesus' return will bring an end to the wars between the nations. And His rule will be spectacular... no more will people be able to rationalize they don't know who He is...

*Habakkuk 2:14 – For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.*

### **What is keeping the world from being filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord today?**

Primarily because so many people suppress the truth about God despite the clear evidence of His existence in creation (Romans 1:20).

- Many choose to suppress this truth because acknowledging God requires submission to His authority, which they resist.

### **How does demonic activity impact people embracing the gospel?**

Satan blinds the minds of unbelievers so they cannot see the truth of Christ...

2 Cor 4:3-4 – *But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.*

### **How has Satan blinded people to the truth of Christ?**

Satan and his minions actively work to prevent unbelievers from seeing and understanding the gospel.

- He is called "the God of this world" because he exercises a significant influence over the minds of those who do not believe.

### **How does Satan keep people from knowing the truth?**

It's not that people are inherently unable to understand the truth, but Satan takes actions to keep people from recognizing the truth.

1 Corinthians 2:14 – *the natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them because they are spiritually appraised.*

Satan's goal is to keep people from coming to faith by snatching away the word of God from their hearts, sending false ministers and false gospels, and sowing confusion and deception.

- Evangelism is challenging because people are spiritually unable to comprehend the truth without the work of the Holy Spirit.
- This is why salvation is a miracle of God, as it involves the removal of this spiritual blindness.

### **How will the Millennial Kingdom make the truth of Christ more obvious?**

Because Christ Himself will have direct, visible, and earthly reign over the entire world.

- In this Kingdom, the presence of Christ will be undeniable and tangible.
- People will be able to see Him reigning visibly, and His rule will be characterized by righteousness and justice.
- Because Christ's reign will be so evident and His justice so perfect, the truth of Christ will be unmistakable.

And besides all this, Satan will be confined to the abyss (Revelation 20:2).

### **Will demons be around during Christ's Kingdom on earth?**

Yes, demons will be present during the Millennial Kingdom. While Satan will be bound and confined in the Abyss for 1,000 years during this period, the Bible does not explicitly state that demons will be bound along with him.

### **Will demons have as much influence during the Millennium as they do today?**

Demonic influence will be restrained because Jesus will be reigning with a rod of iron, exercising direct and powerful rule over the earth.

- The Millennial Kingdom is a unique time in history where sin and evil are restrained but not completely removed.
- Demonic activity will be limited and ultimately under God's sovereign control.

### **What is the prophetic significance of all the human efforts to achieve peace?**

While the world clamors for peace, they will believe it is possible only to have their hope dashed in the Tribulation.

1 Thessalonians 5:3 – *For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.*

Also, there is a false peace coming that will cause Israel to be complacent and need to be rescued by God Himself (Ezekiel 38-39).

### **How do we know that Jesus will bring peace on earth?**

God's promises...

Isaiah 2:2-4 – *Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; **they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.***

The mountain of the Lord's house refers to the government of the Lord which will rule over the nations from Jerusalem (Zion).

- The people will convert weapons of war into tools of peace.

### **How will the Lord enforce the peace of His Kingdom?**

Swift justice will be meted out by the Lord Himself...

Revelation 2:27 – *He shall rule them with a rod of iron; they shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels*

### **Why is Jesus called the Prince of Peace?**

Because of the passage that is often read during Christmas referring to how Jesus came into the world...

Isaiah 9:6 – *For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

### **What does it mean that the government will be on the shoulder of the One who is given to us?**

The Messiah will rule on earth. Mankind was given thousands of years to make government work but has failed to live up to God's standard. So, God will directly rule Himself.

### **How is Jesus Wonderful?**

Because He is unique and incomparable in His nature and work. This title highlights His divine and extraordinary qualities.

- Jesus is wonderful because He is the God-man, fully God and fully man, who came to fix the problem of sin in the world.
- He is the greatest gift to humanity, the Son of God who lived a sinless life, performed authentic miracles, fulfilled prophecy, and provided the ultimate solution to humanity's separation from God through His death and resurrection.
- His wonderful nature is seen in His perfect holiness, righteousness, and love.
- He is gracious, compassionate, and the Prince of Peace who not only makes us right with God but also equips us to live in experiential peace.
- Jesus is also wonderful because He is the Creator, the eternal Son of God who stepped into time to redeem us.

### **Why is Jesus called Counselor?**

Because He is the one who provides perfect guidance, wisdom, and help to His people. This title reflects His divine wisdom and ability to govern and lead with justice and righteousness.

- Jesus, being fully God and fully man, is uniquely qualified to counsel us because He understands our weaknesses and struggles intimately.
- He is not only a counselor in a general sense but also the ultimate advocate who intercedes for us before God.

### **Given Isaiah 9:6, how could the Jews condemn Jesus for claiming to be the Son of God?**

It says right here that the Messiah would be called Mighty God. But the Jews condemned Jesus for claiming to be the Son of God because, from their understanding of the Law, such a claim was considered blasphemy if made by a mere man (Leviticus 24:16).

- When Jesus claimed divine titles such as "I am" (Exodus 3:14) and identified Himself as the Son of Man in fulfillment of Daniel 7:13, the Jewish leaders recognized that He was claiming equality with God.
- Ultimately their rejection was rooted in their misunderstanding and unbelief.

### **Why is Jesus referred to as Everlasting Father?**

Because He embodies the eternal, unchanging nature of God and exercises a fatherly care and authority over His people that lasts forever.

- Although Jesus is distinct in personhood as the Son within the Trinity, He shares the same divine essence as the Father.
- His fatherly role is not about being the Father in the same way God the Father is, but rather it emphasizes His eternal care, protection, and authority over His kingdom and His people.

### **What does Isaiah 9:7 add about the government of Messiah Jesus?**

Isaiah 9:7 – *Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end*

The government of the Messiah will extend beyond the Millennial Kingdom into the Eternal State. That is why many have referred to the Millennial Kingdom as the "front porch" of the Eternal State.

- The Millennial Kingdom foreshadows what the Eternal State is all about.

### **What does it mean Christ's government will increase?**

Certainly, Christ's government will increase during the Millennial Kingdom because mortal people will continue to be born. But it is not clear what this could mean for the Eternal State.

- This is a mystery yet to be revealed and this mystery is reinforced by the statement that there will be nothing that defiles is allowed into the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:27). Is that just rhetorical?
- Speculation: God is the Creator... are we to expect that He will set aside that important aspect of His nature during the Eternal State?

### **Besides the peace between nations Jesus will bring, how else is He the Prince of Peace?**

There is the spiritual harmony brought about by an individual's restoration with God.

### **What is peace?**

The Hebrew word for "peace," shalom, is often used in reference to an appearance of calm and tranquility of individuals, groups, and nations.

- So, peace, has a multifaceted meaning...
- Fundamentally, peace is the cessation of conflict between sinful humanity and God.

### **Why is peace with God important?**

Before trusting in Jesus Christ, we are at war with God because of our sin.

- However, through faith in Christ and His substitutionary sacrifice, that state of enmity is ended, and we receive peace with God.

This is often called positional peace, which means having a right standing before God, justified by faith and no longer under His wrath.

### **How do we experience peace with God?**

Beyond positional peace, there is also experiential peace. This is the inner tranquility and calmness that believers can experience even amid life's storms and difficulties.

- This peace is not dependent on external circumstances, such as health, finances, or worldly success, but comes from the Holy Spirit dwelling within believers.

Jesus promised this kind of peace...

*John 14:27 – Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you*

This kind of peace is a byproduct of having a relationship with Jesus...

*Philippians 4:6-7 – Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

We know that this peace is one of the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

### **How does the peace of God surpass all understanding?**

Because it is a supernatural peace that comes from God Himself, not based on external circumstances or human reasoning.

- Unbelievers don't understand how such inner peace is even possible
- But God can use this to attract unbelievers to Him.

### **How is the peace of God different from the world's peace?**

The world's peace depends on favorable situations or the absence of problems.

- The peace of God is an inner tranquility and contentment that guards our hearts and minds even in the midst of trials, difficulties, and storms of life.

I heard about an art contest where an assignment was given to depict "peace" in a painting. Most of the art showed tranquil scenes like a mountain reflected in a placid lake. But one painting showed a seashore battered by wind and waves. The artist was asked how his painting depicted peace. He directed people to a small ledge on the cliff above the raging waves that supported a bird nest with a parent feeding its hungry young.

- True peace is possible even in the midst of turbulent circumstances.

### **How does the peace of God *guard your hearts and your minds*?**

The peace of God acts like a military guard, protecting our hearts and minds from anxiety, fear, and turmoil.

- In essence, the peace of God is experiential and ongoing, not just positional (peace with God through justification).
- The peace of God is a practical peace that sustains believers through all circumstances by trusting in Christ.

### **What applications do we see from this discussion?**

- There will be no peace between nations until Jesus establishes the Millennial Kingdom.
- Jesus is the Prince of Peace, not just between nations but between people and God & despite circumstances.