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Isaiah 9:6,7

"6For unto us Child is born, unto us 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 <u>peace</u> 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" (Isa. 9:6,7).

# The Translation of The Septuagint Rendering of The Old Testament

"6Since unto-us Educable-Child [aor. pass.]was-being-beggotten, unto-us Son [aor. pass.]was-given: the principality of-Whom became upon the shoulder of-His: and the name of-His is-being-called Messenger of-Great Counsel, for I-shall-bring peace upon the rulers[magistrates] and health to-Him. 7The principality of-His great![nom. of excl.] and to-the Peace of-His there-is no limit; upon the throne of-David and The Kingdom of-His, to-set-straight and to-establish [loc. v]in-judgment and [loc. v]in-righteousness from the now even forever. The zeal of-The LORD of-Hosts shall-do this" (Isa. 9:6,7 LXX APT).

#### Part 2

#### **Introduction:**

Last time we began a study of the six aspects about The Lord Jesus Christ as **The Prince of Peace**, one of the nearly five hundred names, titles, and offices found in Scripture which designate Him. We noted that The **Lord** God, His Son Jesus Christ, and The Holy Spirit together created the universe, the perfect world, and all the creatures, especially the people to live upon it in the six days. This Triune God created the man and from him the woman to experience perfect peace with The Trinity and placed them in The Garden of Eden without Sin in perfect fellowship with The Godhead. The Godhead also created the means whereby they were to live in harmony and peace upon the Earth, produce offspring, and care for the Earth. Every thing that The Godhead created was very good (Gen. 1:1-31).

Then The LORD God gave Adam one commandment to persistently keep. He said, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die (Gen. 2:16.17). At first they were obedient to that commandment and enjoyed perfect undisturbed peace and daily fellowship with The Triune God (Gen. 3:8-11). But disobedience in partaking of the forbidden fruit on their part brought immediate, painful separation. That perfect peace and fellowship between The Lord God, The Creator and themselves and all creation was radically disturbed and ended at once. The first couple found themselves alienated from The LORD God by their Sin of disobedience, which resulted in persistent enmity between The God and all humans and Satan. The Lord God pronounced a curse upon the serpent, the woman, the ground, and a curse of sorrow and hard labor upon the man. But He promised Satan that the woman's seed (later identified also as The Seed of Abraham in Rom. 4:16, then as The Christ in New Testament Scripture) shall bruise Satan's head and he, Satan shall bruise The Seed's heel (Gen. 3:14-19).

But the Godhead graciously provided the naked, sinful couple with animal skins of sheep or goats (cf. Heb. 9:12,13) that The God in His grace sacrificed to obtain the blood, provide clothing for the naked couple, and restore temporary fellowship from a distance between them.

In the following years The God promised Abraham that his Seed (Rom. 4:16), who was also the Seed of the woman (Gen. 3:15), is The Christ (Gal.

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3:16) Who would be born of the woman and produce Perfect Peace. But because of repeated disobedience by the nation of Israel and her people for many years, Israel has suffered repeated wars, oppression, bondage to other nations, and (in recent years since becoming a recognized nation again in 1948 A.D.) a constant battling ground of aggression and the granting of concessions to her enemies.

Then about 3,415 years after in c. 712 B.C., The God spoke through His Messianic prophet, Isaiah to the nation of Israel, His special people. Isaiah recorded in his Scroll or Book, the passage of Scripture text upon which this series of Lessons is taken (Isa. 9:6,7).

Then another c. 706 years later, The Prince of Peace came to provide a permanent, intimate relationship in close fellowship for and with obedient, trusting humans, who appropriate and identify with the shed-blood sacrifice of The Lord Jesus Christ, receive redemption, and wear the Garments of Salvation that He provided. Then we noted that there are seven facts to be considered concerning The Prince of Peace: I. What is Peace; II. Who The Prince of Peace Is; II. What He Came To Do; IV. When He Came; V. Where He Now Is; VI. When He Comes Again. The Prince of Peace is none other than The Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the Originator, Captain, and Author of Peace. The last time we covered the first fact and half of the second fact concerning this wonderful Peace.

#### I. What Is Peace?

We noted two ways to define peace: the dictionary definition and the Scriptural meaning. The dictionary defines peace as a state of quiet, calmness, serenity, or tranquility; freedom from disturbance or war; and without agitation. The Scriptural meaning carries the dictionary meaning **plus** the additional thought of setting at one again with the result being reconciliation of enemies. Since the title The Prince of Peace is Scriptural, it is expected that The Scriptural meaning is always intended in doctrinal explanation and teaching.

În Old Testament Scripture the noun translated peace is 'shalowm {shaw-lome}' or shalom {shaw-lome}' which means 'peace, friendship, completeness, soundness, and/or welfare.' In The New Testament Scripture the noun translated peace is ερήνη (eh-eerynay which 'means peace, rest, quietness, rational tranquillity, plus the additional concept of setting at one again' with the result being reconciliation of enemies. We must keep in mind the full significance of this noun Peace when it is used in reference to The Lord Jesus Christ and the Peace that is connected with and obtained from Him. The kind of Peace that The Lord Jesus Christ proffers is perfect, persistent, prevailing peace that surpasses all comprehension (Phil. 4 7 APT). It results in forgiveness of sins and redemption (Eph. 1:7 APT), uniting sinners once separated from The God to reconciliation (Col. 1:20,21 APT) and to union with The Godhead, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Jn. 17:21-23; Eph. 2:13 APT). Peace is a very costly product, the price of which no ordinary human being can pay for oneself, let alone for others!

### II. Who The Prince of Peace Is!

There are seven aspects depicting **The Prince of Peace**: A. <u>The Person of Peace</u>; B. <u>The Possessor of Peace</u>; C. <u>The Personification of Peace</u>; D. <u>The Producer of Peace</u>; E. <u>The Procurer of Peace</u>; F. <u>The Proclaimer of Peace</u>; and G. <u>The Perpetuator of Peace</u>.

# A. The Person of Peace

There are two Greek nouns translated prince in The New Testament. One is **ρχων** (arkhn) meaning ruler used to refer to the Devil or to humans. The other Greek noun is used to refer only to The Lord Jesus Christ as Prince, Captain, or Author (AV) translated as Originator (APT).

This noun is *pxnyos* (ar-khay-ghs) which means originator, chief military leader. Both meanings are applicable to The Lord Jesus Christ who fulfills all these aforementioned offices. He indeed is Ruler forever as well as He indeed was and shall be Chief Military Leader in the Battle of Armageddon (Rev. 16:13-16; 19:14-21). **The Prince of Peace** is none other than The Person of The Lord Jesus Christ, Who is The Originator, Captain, and Author of Peace.

# B. The Possessor of Peace.

The Lord Jesus Christ, **The Prince of Peace** is The Possessor of Peace. He Himself must possess Peace if He is to impart Peace to others. Peace is a precious and extremely costly possession! It cannot be bought by humans because the price to provide peace was far beyond the ability of a mere human to pay. Only The Lord Jesus Christ, The Perfect God-Human could pay the price for humans to obtain peace. That payment required an extremely painful death in agony by a perfect human bearing the wrath and anger of The Righteous and Holy God in crucifixion-death as our substitute in crucifixion-death and pay the price of the agonizing fiery death under the eternal wrath that all humans are destined to endure forever in Eternity. A substitute stands in for another for a short time. The Lord Jesus Christ spent three agonizing hours under the fire of The God's wrath in the supernatural darkness of fire and brimstone that covered the earth (Mt. 27:45; Mk. 15:33; Lk. 23:44,45 cf. Isa. 9:19). This fiery death in darkness in the agonizing heat of brimstone (burning sulfur) is the same burning in the Lake of Fire for all faithless, unregenerated sinners (Rev. 14:10; 21:8)

In order for this payment to be complete, this substitutionary death must be followed by Resurrection-ascension into Heaven with the offering of His shed-blood on The Mercyseat in Heaven as the high priest of The Old Testament applied the blood of a goat or lamb upon the Mercyseat in The Holy of Holies first in The Tabernacle, then later in The Temple on behalf of the people of Israel to obtain forgiveness and temporary cleansing. **But The Lord Jesus Christ** applied His own shed-blood on The Mercyseat in Heaven once for ever for **all** people. Now the only way for a human to obtain peace for oneself is to come to The Lord Jesus Christ, receive Peace as a gift from The Possessor of Peace after meeting the conditions of Peace. These conditions call for absolute and complete surrender to **The Prince and Possessor of Peace**. In this way by entering into union with The Lord Jesus Christ, The Possessor of Peace. In this way Peace becomes ones own personal possession forever.

# C. The Personification of Peace.

The Lord Jesus Christ Himself is The Personification of Peace. He is continuously our peace. Peace cannot be found anywhere else, except in The Person of **The Prince of Peace**, Who has all authority over Peace. Personification is a word frequently found used in Poetry, Literature, courses in education, and in The Poetic Books of Scripture. It is defined as: 1. The act of personifying. 2. A person or thing typifying a certain quality or idea; an embodiment or exemplification. 3. A figure of speech in which inanimate objects or abstractions are endowed with human qualities or are represented as possessing human form. Thus the second and third uses of this word personification means the embodiment of an abstract thing as a person. Peace is an abstract quality or state of tranquility and freedom from mental and / or physical disturbance, the permanence of which can only be obtained from The Person and Prince of Peace.

The Lord Jesus Christ is **The Personification of Peace**. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself personifies Peace. He **is** our peace. When He is in full control of all ones being by means of His Holy Spirit, our Paraklete, **all** is **peace** and overcoming victory. Without Him there can be no real lasting Peace, but only repeated defeat!

Since **The Prince of Peace** is our peace and thus <u>The Personification of Peace</u>, personification was intended in that praise that the angels sang at His birth (Lk. 2:13,14). It also applies to Paul's declaration that The Lord Jesus Himself is continuously our Peace (Eph., 2:14). There are at least two reasons for this conclusion. <u>Firstly</u>, there never was lasting world peace or national peace on Earth before the birth of the Lord Jesus since Adam and Eve sinned and neither has there been such lasting world peace on Earth since He was born. Additionally Scripture indicates in numerous passages that there will not be peace on Earth until The Lord Jesus Christ comes back to Earth to set up His Kingdom of Righteousness and Peace as prophesied throughout The Old and New Testaments. <u>Secondly</u>, The Lord Jesus Christ told His disciples that He did not come to send peace on Earth, but rather a sword (Mt. 10:34-36).

This is the reason for much of the family turmoil, trouble, upset, and heart-rending division in homes, especially where just one or more but not all are regenerated bondslave-disciples. But why must this be? Did He not come to cast peace upon the Earth? We have been taught that this bringing peace is the reason He came. And it was so, but the world and the nation of Israel were not ready and willing to receive His Peace but rejected Him and His Peace. He was crucified to make peace readily available to all humans. But so many refuse to receive it.

First of all, the conclusion of the natural sin-affected mind propounded by Satan in this Sin-cursed world has misunderstood His teaching and offer of peace and refused to comply with His conditions of Peace. Then on the other hand after tribulation, sorrow, and affliction is replaced by joy, the joy is more ecstatic and lasting. Tribulation provides a circumstance for The God to provide comfort. But even more importantly it provides an occasion for The One Who overcame the world to give His bondslave-disciples overcoming victory for growth and maturity in the Absolute Life in union with The Lord Jesus Christ, **The Prince of Peace**.

But in the midst of all this enmity and turmoil in the home, The Crucified, Resurrected-ascended **Prince of Peace** proclaims and provides His own Perfect Peace which He continuously experienced, pronunced, produced, proclaimed, personified, promised, and proffers to all His bondslave-disciple-saints who meet His conditions of peace.

Last time we suspended our study of The Prince of Peace after considering the first three aspects of **The Person**, **The Possessor**, and **The Personification of Peace**. Now we resume the consideration of the other three aspects in relation to **II. Who the Prince of Peace is.** 

D. The Producer of Peace (Col. 1:19-23).

"19Because He-delighted: [ind. dscrs.]that the-fact-of- all the fullness -residing [loc. &v]in-Him, 20and through Him to-reconcile-completely the-all-things" unto Himself [ptep. of mns.]by-making-peace through the blood of-the cross of-His, through Him, whether the-things" upon the Earth, whether the-things [&v w/dat.] in-the-sphere of-The Heavens. 21And you&, once being-alienated-ones and enemies [loc. &v]in-the thinking-capacity by means of the wicked /works, but even now He completely-reconciled 22[instr. &v]by-means-of-the body of-His /flesh through The Death, to-present[t.t.: stand alongside] you& as-saints[holy-ones]

and unblemished-ones and ones-not-judicially-incriminated directlyin-the-judgment of His' (Col. 1:19-23 APT).

Not only did The Prince of Peace pronounce Peace but He produced Peace. The Greek word translated making peace is the agrist participle of means compound verb form **ειρηνοποιήσαs** (eh-eeraynoh-poiáysahs) using the noun **ειρήνη** (eh-eerynay) meaning peace and the verb **ποιέω** (poiéō) meaning to make. The English word produce means . . . to present to the public . . . to give birth to, to cause to exist or form : MAKE esp.: MANUFACTURE. (Websters New Collegiate Dictionary, 1973).

As used in this context it means to make or manufacture. In order to make or manufacture a product and present it to the public there are elements or components that comprise the product that must be supplied by both the manufacturer and the recipients of the public utilizing the offer. So it is with the peace that The Prince of Peace offers. It behooves us to consider The Elements Required to Produce Peace and The Elements required to Procure Peace.

A. The Elements Required to Produce Peace (Col. 1:19-23, read above again).

There are two elements required of The God to produce peace: Provide for Complete Reconciliation of All Things and Provide Justification and Peace for All Peoples.

1. Provide for Complete Reconciliation of All Things Including People.

The reason that True Reconciliation must include all things is because the sin of Adam and Eve brought the curse on all things on the planet Earth thus making it necessary to reconcile all things whether upon the Earth or in sphere of the Heavens (cf. Col. 1:20). There are three requirements necessary to accomplish this complete reconciliation:

- a. To accomplish Redemption and Forgiveness of sins by shedding His blood in crucifixion as the ransom price;
- b. To satisfy the righteous demands of The God by bearing the judgment upon Sin in His body on the cross; and
- c. To consummate the transaction through resurrection-ascension by applying His shed-blood on the Mercyseat as payment for ransom.

Let us begin considering these three requirements, which are necessary for The Godhead to provide in order to accomplish this complete reconciliation of all things and produce peace through reconciliation:

- a. To accomplish Redemption and Forgiveness of sins by shedding His blood on The Cross to provide the ransom-price for release to complete Redemption and Forgiveness of sins, thus providing Reconciliation and through Reconciliation make Peace possible (Col.
  - 1:14,20; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:5,12-14,24; 1 Pet. 1:18,19).

    '13 . . . The Son of His /Love 14[ev w/ dative]in-identificationwith-Whom we-continually-have the Redemption[release-from-bondage-for-the-ransom-paid] [Byz. Mss. div.]/through the blood of-His withreference-to the forgiveness of-the sins, ... <sup>20</sup> and through Him to-completely-reconcile the all-things unto Himself by-makingpeace through the blood of-the cross of-His, through Him, whether the-things upon the Earth, whether the-things [loc. ev]in the sphere of the Heavens' (Col. 1:14,20 APT).

In order for Redemption to be complete and release sinners from bondage and slavery to Sin, the transaction of the ransom price must take place at the Mercyseat by the undefiled, shed-blood of The Lord Jesus Christ being applied thereon. Paul wrote to the Hebrews based

upon the Levitical teaching in The Law (Heb. 9:5,11-13,24 cf. Lev. 16:1-16).

"5but OCherubim& of-glory[majestic radiant splendor] over-above it directly-shadowing[lit.: shadow-down] The Mercyseat, concerning which it-is not now the-time to-speak [dist. use] part-by-part. . . . <sup>11</sup>But [aorist participle] when-emerging alongside, Christ, High Priest of-the imminent beneficially-good-things through the greater and more-perfectly-complete Tabernacle, not made-with-hands, Othat[this] is not of-this creation, 12neither by-means-of Oblood of-he-goats and of-calves, but by-means-of-His[article as pronoun] own[private] blood He-entered once-for-all into The Holy-Places. after-finding-in-Himself Eternal Ransoming transaction: payment of ransom price for release from bondage]. 13For if [1st class condition] (it-is-true) the blood [Lev. 16:14-16] of-bulls and of-he-goats and 0ashles [Num. 19:2-19] of-an-heifer [participle of means] by-sprinkling the-ones-having-beenceremonially-unclean[defiled] sanctify to [the face of] the ceremonialpurification of-the flesh, . . . <sup>24</sup>The Christ entered not into <sup>0</sup>Holy-Places made-with-hands, figures<sup>[antitypes]</sup> of-The Genuine-Ones, but-on-the-contrary into The Heaven Itself, now toappear-Himself in-the person[the-face] [objective genitive] before-The God in-behalf of-us' (Heb. 9:5,24 APT).

In order for Gentiles to understand the practice of the high priest on the day of atonement under The Old Testament which the Hebrews knew well, we need to read Leviticus chapter sixteen. The particular portion that is pertinent to our study is inserted here, but the whole chapter should be read (Lev. 16:15,16).

"14the high priest . . . <sup>15</sup>Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat: <sup>16</sup>And he shall make an atonement for the holy place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness" (Lev. 16:15,16).

The word atonement is a synonym to propitiation. Both refer to the act to provide reconciliation, which is the result of the act of atoning or propitiating for sins while The Mercyseat is the place of propitiating.

Then the beloved disciple, John wrote indicating that The Lord Jesus Christ is The One who performed the propitiation for the sins of the whole world at the Mercyseat (1 Jn. 2:2).

"2And Himself, He-is <sup>0</sup>Propitiator[Satisfier-of-God's-righteous-demands] in- behalf-of the sins of-ours, but not in-behalf-of ours only, on-the- contrary, also in-behalf-of the sins of the whole world" (1 Jn. 2:2 APT).

Here the same word translated Mercyseat (Heb. 9:5) is translated Propitiator. By applying His blood on the Mercyseat, He became The Propitiator for us in offering that precious blood which propitiates The God by satisfying His Righteous demands so that The God is just and righteous in declaring us free from all Sin, both Sin the root and sins the fruit and both blameless and righteous in His sight with our sins and gross stupid errors forgiven and obliterated from His sight. Paul wrote to the Gentile Ephesians (Eph. 1:7),

"7In-Whom we-have the Redemption[release-from-bondage-for-the-ran-som-paid] through the blood of-His, [acc. of ref.]with-reference-to the forgiveness of the gross-stupid-errors, according-to the wealth§ of-the grace of-His" (Eph. 1:7 APT).

Peter noted that it was the precious blood of The Lord Jesus Christ as An Unblemished and Unspotted Lamb was the ransom

price that was paid to redeem us (1 Pet. 1:18,19).

"18Since-being-aware that &you-were-ransomed not with-corruptible-things", |namely| with-silver or with-gold, out-of the futile- vanity of-your & conduct-of-life belonging-to-forefathers'-tradition, 19but-on-the-contrary with-Christ's 0precious blood, as of- An-Unblemished and Unspotted Lamb' (1 Pet. 1:18,19 APT).

Therefore the first requirement necessary to accomplish complete reconciliation, by consummating redemption and forgiveness of sins by means of shedding His blood in crucifixion as the ransom price, and completing the transaction at The Mercyseat, is perfectly satisfied. Now consider the second requirement necessary to accomplish complete reconciliation.

b. The second requirement in order for The Lord Jesus Christ to produce peace is: To satisfy the righteous demands of The God by bearing the judgment upon Sin in His body on the cross (Col. 1:21.22; 1 Pet. 2:24).

Paul indicated that The Lord Jesus Christ completely reconciled sinners, being alienated as enemies from The Godhead even in thinking of and engaging in wicked works, by means of the body of His flesh enduring the wrath of The God on Calvary's cross during those three hours of supernatural darkness over the whole Earth (Col. 1:21,22).

"'21 And yourselves, once-being-ones alienated and enemies in-the thinking-capacity [instr. Év]by-means-of-the-works of-the wicked-ones, but even-now He-completely-reconciled <sup>22[instr. Év]</sup>by-means-of-the body of-His /flesh to-present[t.t.: stand. alongside] you as-saints[holy ones] and as-unblemished-ones and as-ones-not-judicially incriminated directly-in-the-judgment of-His'' (Col. 1:21,22 APT).

Then Peter also indicated the sufferings of The Christ in His Body upon wood (metonymy for the cross) became the means whereby sinners become cured in order through spiritual death (to self, Sin, and The world) but absolutely alive spiritually and live in the Righteousness (1 Pet. 2:24).

of-His upon the wood [mtmy.: cross], [instr.] by-the laceration of-Whom &you-became-cured, in-order-that we-, ones-becoming-departed-in-death [spiritually] to-the sins, absolutely-live [loc.:sphere] in-the righteousness' (1 Pet. 2:24 APT).

Thus the second requirement necessary to accomplish complete reconciliation by bearing the judgment upon Sin in His body on the cross has been perfectly satisfied.

We shall suspend our study here and consider the third requirement necessary to accomplish complete reconciliation as The Producer of Peace and consider The Procurer, The Proclaimer, and Perpetuator of Peace next time.

### **Conclusion:**

Today we continued the study of the seven facts about The Lord Jesus Christ as **The Prince of Peace**, one of nearly 500 names, titles, and offices

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found in Scripture which designate Him. We covered the first fact and the first aspect of the second fact: The Elements Required to Produce Peace. The Godhead <u>must</u> Provide for Complete Reconciliation of All Things. The first two of three requirements necessary to accomplish Reconciliation of all things were noted:

- a. By shedding His blood on The Cross to provide the ransom-price for release to complete Redemption and Forgiveness of sins, thus providing Reconciliation and through Reconciliation making Peace;
- b. To satisfy the righteous demands of The God by bearing the judgment upon Sin in His body on the cross.

True Peace has been provided by The Godhead, but must be procured by humans. The **only** solution to true world peace internationally and true personal peace within individually is found in The Lord Jesus Christ, **The Prince of Peace** exclusively. You can ignore Him, continue rejecting His Peace, continue in misery, disturbance, worry, discord, indifference, in faithlessness, and in enmity against The Godhead and continue to battle against Him or you can comply with the conditions which The Godhead has set for humans to meet in order to procure Peace. Begin now taking steps toward procuring His Peace for yourself! When you have met all these requirements, you shall know that He has become your Prince of Peace and you shall experience His Perfect Lasting Peace.

Application:

What will you do today with the offer that The Lord Jesus Christ, **The Prince of Peace** sets before you in order to meet all His requirements or conditions and possess His peace?

For next week: Read and meditate upon: THE PRINCE OF PEACE: Who He Is part 2: The Producer of Peace (Cont.) The First Element Required to Produce Peace (Isa. 9:6,7; Col. 1:14-23; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:11-14; 10:2; Titus 1:15-16; 1 Pet. 1:18,19; 2:24; 3:21).