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 3

### Introduction:

We have begun 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 reviewed the details of creation of the universe, the perfect world, and all the creatures, especially the people to live upon it in the six days. The Trinity created man and woman to experience perfect peace with Them 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.

Then we noted that 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 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. A curse by The God was pronounced upon the serpent, the woman, the ground, and a curse of sorrow and hard labor upon the man. But The God 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) Who shall bruise Satan's head and he, Satan shall bruise The Seed's heel (Gen. 3:14-19). Then The Godhead graciously restored temporary fellowship from a distance between them.

We highlighted the process of the fulfillment of that promise concerning the seed of the woman through Abraham and ultimately the woman, Mary 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.

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Eventually about 4,123 years later in 4 B.C., 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 shedding of His own blood sacrifice of The Lord Jesus Christ, receive redemption, and wear the Garments of Salvation that He provided. Then we noted that there are six facts to be considered concerning The Prince of Peace: I. What is Peace; II. Who The Prince of Peace Is; III. What He Came To Do; IV. When He Came; V. Where He Now Is; VI When He Comes again. The last time we covered the first fact and half of the second fact concerning this wonderful Peace.

## I. What is Peace

We explained the two ways in which 'peace' is defined: the dictionary definition and the Scriptural meaning. We observed that The Scriptural meaning carries the dictionary meaning of peace 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 Bible teaching.

We noted the meaning of both The Old Testament use of the noun **shalowm** {shaw-lome} or **shalom** (shaw-lome) and The New Testament use **εἰρήνη** (eh-eeráynay). 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 into union with The Godhead, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Jn. 17:21-23; Eph. 2:13 APT). It is important to review these Truths frequently and keep them in mind. 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.

Then we began to expound the seven aspects depicting **The Prince of Peace**: A. The Person of Peace; B. The Possessor of Peace; C. The Personification of Peace; D. The Producer of Peace; E. The Procurer of Peace; F. The Proclaimer of Peace; and G. The Perpetuator of Peace.

Our last time together in our study of The Prince of Peace we covered and considered the first three aspects of **II. Who the Prince of Peace Is** including <u>The Person</u>, <u>The Possessor</u>, and <u>The Personification of Peace</u>.

A. The Person of Peace.

We noted the two Greek nouns translated 'prince' in The New Testament: ἄρχων (arkhōn) meaning 'ruler' and ἀρχηγός (ar-khay-góhs) which means 'originator, chief military leader' used to refer only to The Lord Jesus Christ as 'Prince,' 'Captain,' or 'Author' (AV) and translated 'Originator' (APT). 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. The Prince of Peace is none other than The Person of The Lord Jesus Christ, Who is The Originator, Captain, and Author of Peace.

We must carefully examine the full significance of this name and title given by The Father to The Lord Jesus Christ c. 726 years before He was born in a stable of Bethlehem's Inn in Tebét (Dec.-Jan.), 4 B.C. That title was given to Him at birth two thousand and seventeen years ago, before the time that this was written in late 2013 A.D. **The Prince of** 

**Peace** was the last of five names foretold in this prophecy of Isaiah. B. The Possessor of Peace.

The Lord Jesus Christ, **The Prince of Peace** is <u>The Possessor of Peace</u>. 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 to obtain peace for all humans. That payment required an extremely painful death in agony by a perfect human bearing the wrath and anger of The Righteous and Holy God as our substitute in crucifixion-death and pay the price of the agonizing fiery death under the eternal wrath of The God that all humans are destined to endure forever in Eternity. This fiery death in darkness in the agonizing heat of burning sulfur (brimstone), is the same burning of Satan and all disobedient humans in the Lake of Fire (Rev. 14:10; 21:8).

It was absoluterly necessary for this substitutionary death to be followed by Resurrection-Ascension into Heaven with the offering of His shed-blood being applied to The Mercyseat in Heaven. The high priest of The Old Testament applied the blood of a goat or lamb upon the Mercyseat in The Holy of Holies on Earth on behalf of the people of Israel once a year to obtain forgiveness and temporary cleansing for the people of Israel. 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 the Peace that He possesses as a gift from **The Prince of Peace** after complying with <u>all</u> the conditions of Peace. This compliance calls 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**, peace becomes one's 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 '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 obtained from **The Personification of Peace** 

The Lord Jesus Christ Himself personifies Peace. He continuously <u>is</u> our Peace (Eph. 2:14 APT). When He is in full control of all one's being by means of His Holy Spirit, our Paraklete, **all** is **peace** and overcoming victory. Without Him there can be no real, lasting Peace and only repeated defeat! In the midst of all the enmity and turmoil in so many homes throughout the world, The Crucified, Resurrected-ascended **Prince of Peace** proclaims and provides His own Perfect Peace for all His bondslave-disciple-saints who meet His conditions of peace.

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

When **The Prince of Peace** came He produced Peace. The Greek word translated 'making peace' is the aorist participle of means, compound verb form  $\emph{eiphymotoinous}$  (eh-eeraynoh-poiáysahs), using the noun  $\emph{eiphymomoinous}$  meaning peace and the verb  $\emph{moié}\omega$  (poiéō) meaning to make. 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

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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).

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

1. The first Element required is: Provide for Complete Reconciliation of All Things

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 aspects necessary to accomplish this complete reconciliation and thus produce peace:

- 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;
- c. To consummate the transaction through resurrection-ascension by applying His shed-blood on the Mercyseat as payment for ransom. Carefully consider these three aspects, 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 available to all humans (Col. 1:14,20; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9-14; 1 Pet. 1:18,19).

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 shed-blood of The Undefiled Lord Jesus Christ being applied thereon. Paul wrote to the Hebrews based upon the Levitical teaching in The Law (Heb. 9:5,24 cf. Lev. 16:1-16). 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 high priest entered the holy place once a year "to make 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. 16:16).

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 on the one hand, while on the other hand 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).

Here the same word translated 'Mercyseat' (Heb. 9:23) is translated 'Propitiator.' By applying His blood on the Mercyseat, He became The Propitiator for us in offering His 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 become both blameless and righteous in His sight with our sins and gross stupid errors forgiven and

obliterated from His sight (Eph. 1:7). Peter noted that it was the precious blood of The Lord Jesus Christ as An Unblemished and Unspotted Lamb which was the ransom price that was paid to redeem us (1 Pet. 1:18,19).

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 God 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, who were 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.

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.

In our last study we suspended our teaching of The Prince of Peace after considering the first two requirements/aspects necessary to accomplish complete Reconciliation.

- c. The third requirement in order for The God to produce peace is: To consummate the transaction through resurrection-ascension by applying His Shed-blood on The Mercyseat as payment for ransom has a three-fold purpose: (1) to save from anger, (2) to justify obedient trusting enemies, and (3) to cleanse the conscience (Rom. 5:9; Heb. 9:13,14; 10:2; Tit. 1:15,16; 1 Tim. 4:1,2; 1 Pet. 3:21).
- (1) The first purpose for paying the ransom is to save from anger (Rom. 5:9);

"9Therefore much rather being-justified now by-means-of the blood if- His, we-shall-be-saved away-from the anger through Him" (Rom. 5:9 APT).

In the many New Testament translations there are three Greek nouns listed by lexicographers translated 'anger' and 'wrath.' Especially incisive is the work of Richard C. Trench in the mideighteenth century, *Synonyms of the New Testament* in which he unravels the serious problem of numerous Greek synonymous nouns which have different nuances of meanings but were translated with the same English words not only in the first English Translation (AV) but in many translations and lexicons since that time.

However some lexicologists, especially R. C. Trench, have unraveled the confusion, noting that the three synonymous nouns are specific terms for stages of intensity for the negative emotion of 'anger.' The first stage of negative emotion is identified by the noun παροργισμός (parorgismós) "meaning exasperation, embitterment, irritation (Eph. 4:26). The second stage of negative emotion is identified by the noun θύμός (thumós) - passionate-fervid-wrath (Heb. 11:27; Acts 19:28), boiling-agitation soon to subside and disappear or else become (orgáy) translated 'anger,' 'an established state of mind determined to revenge' (Rom. 1:18; 2:5).

Here (Rom. 5:9) the Greek noun is **ôpyŋ** (orgáy) meaning "anger, a persistently, continuing fixed state of mind determined to revenge." Because of disobedience and repeated sinning The God's

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anger has been stirred and has passed upon every human. Unless this transaction of applying The Lord Jesus Christ's shed blood be completed, there could be no Justification and therefore no Salvation from The God's anger. But since His Son <u>did</u> apply His blood on The Mercyseat in Heaven, He <u>did</u> provide Redemption, Salvation, and Justification. Unless a human properly responds and receives those provisions through and from The Lord Jesus Christ and His transaction, His anger is persistently determining revenge in The Lake of Fire with Satan for all unregenerated humans who reject the offer of the terms for Peace.

(2) The second purpose for paying the ransom is to justify obedient trusting enemies and cleanse the conscience (cf. Col. 1:21,22);

To be justified by means of His blood clears from the guilt of one's sins and also cleanses the conscience, thus enabling The God to declare the obedient sinful enemies, who persistently commit personal trust in The Lord Jesus Christ, to be free of all blame and / or penalty and to be declared righteous in His sight (Heb. 9:13.14; 10:2).

of-an heifer by-sprinkling the-ones<sup>+</sup> having-been-ceremonially-unclean<sup>[defiled]</sup> sanctify toward<sup>[to-the-face-of]</sup> the ceremonial-purification of-the flesh, <sup>14</sup>by-how-much rather the blood of-The Christ, Who through <sup>0</sup>Eternal Spirit offered Himself unblemished to-The God, shall-cleanse the conscience of-yours& from dead works in-order-to continually-sacredly-serve The Absolutely-Living God? . . <sup>2</sup>Or-else [repeated-sacrifices-for-sins-every-era] they-of-themselves would- ever -of-themselves-cease to-be-offered, would-they-not? because-of [article of direct thought] the-thought, The-ones sacredly-serving, having-been-cleansed once-for-ever, larel to-have not-one-bit of-conscience of-sins [yet] anymore" (Heb. 9:13,14; 10:2 APT).

When Paul wrote to **Téetohs** (Titus), he indicated that in those who are faithless i.e. refusing-to-commit-persistent-personal-trust-in-The-Lord-Jesus-Christ, their conscience stands polluted even though they are professing believers (Tit. 1:15,16).

con-the-one-hand all-things are clean to-the clean-ones, but-on-the-other-hand not-one-thing lis clean to-the-ones standing-polluted and faithless. But even the comprehension and the conscience of-theirs stands-polluted. 

16 They-persistently-confess to-be-aware of-God. But in-their works they-deny lit [pres. ptcp. of means] by-being-abominable-ones and ones-resisting-persuasion[disobedient] and [after-examination] disapproved-ones with-reference-to[the face of] every beneficially-good work' (Tit. 1:15,16 APT).

Just saying that one knows The Lord does not mean that one is regenerated. Many times the word 'know' is used for the Greek verb **οίδα** (oîdah) which means 'to-perceive' or 'be-aware of' instead of 'know' which really should be reserved for γινώσκω (geenōskō), the Greek verb meaning 'know-from-experience.' There is a great difference between these words, which are often interchanged in everyday conversation and in translation of The New Testament. This is said to alert the reader to be careful in assuming that a professing believer claiming to know The Lord is regenerated, when in reality he or she is faithless with a polluted conscience professing to believe but not yet committing persistent personal trust in The Lord Jesus Christ as one's new Master and therefore not regenerated.

Thus every human is polluted by Sin until Repentance and Regeneration. Some become more wickedly depraved because of

an evil conscience that has been cauterized or seared as with a hot branding iron which has increased the enmity between them and The God. Only through The Lord Jesus Christ, **The Prince of Peace** can the enmity be negated, the conscience purged and purified, the guilt removed, and Reconciliation be achieved.

Paul wrote to Timothy, his son in The Faith, that those who depart from The Faith, separate themselves, and refuse to obey Scripture after initially believing, so that each one's own conscience stands seared as with a hot branding iron (1 Tim. 4:1,2).

"Now the Spirit is-repeatedly-saying declaredly, [loc. &v]During-later appointed-times some shall apostatize[defect] [obj. gen.] from-The Faith and-persistently-hold-fast [subs.dat.d.o.adj.] to-misleader spirits and demons' teachings 2[loc. &v]in-hypocrisy [subv. gen.] by-lie-speakers, ones-standing-cauterized-with-a-hot-iron with-reference-to one's-own[private] conscience' (1 Tim. 4:1,2 APT).

Thus every human has a polluted conscience until Repentance and Regeneration. Some become more wickedly depraved because of an evil conscience that has been cauterized or seared as with a hot branding iron which has increased the enmity between them and The God. Only through The Lord Jesus Christ, **The Prince of Peace** can the enmity be negated, the conscience purged and purified, the guilt removed, and Reconciliation be achieved.

(3) The third purpose for paying the ransom is to cleanse and clear the conscience (1 Pet. 3:21).

Peter wrote of the good conscience of those regenerated disciples, who commit persistent personal trust in The Lord Jesus Christ and openly confess Him in disciples' baptism (1 Pet. 3:21).

"20. . 21[in-which also][][the][] baptism as-a[pred acc]figure[antitype] [now] [] also saves us, not a-laying-down-away of-filth of-flesh, but-on-the-contrary, an-answer-to] a-question of a-beneficially-good conscience in-

regard-to <sup>0</sup>God through <sup>0</sup>resurrection of Jesus Christ<sup>9</sup> (1 Pet. 3:21 APT). Disciples' baptism is the baptism that follows regeneration. It requires the taking up the cross dying of to self, to Sin, and to the world. Then to be buried with Christ in water baptism, and come forth to henceforth walk in newness of Absolute Life (Rom. 6:2-4; Gal. 3:27). When this has been done there shall be a good and cleansed conscience and a complete change in life-style, behavior, speech, and interests, all of which are effected by The Holy Spirit and not by one's own initiative and will-power!

Therefore the third requirement necessary to accomplish complete Reconciliation, by applying His blood on The Mercyseat, to save from anger and justify obedient, trusting enemies and clear their conscience, has been perfectly satisfied. All three requirements necessary for The God to produce Peace have been fully fulfilled. This completes the consideration of the First Element tp Produce Peace. Peace has been produced and madde available for all humans everywhere throughout the world. All there is for anyone to do in order to experience this true and lasting Peace is to persistently commit trust in Him and completely comply with all His conditions for Peace.

## **Conclusion:**

Today we continued the study of the seven facts about The Lord Jesus Christ as Prince of Peace. We reviewed our previous consideration of the first two facts: **What Is Peace** and **Who The Prince of Peace Is!** We examined the first three of seven aspects depicting **The Prince of Peace**: A. The Person of Peace; B. The Possessor of Peace; C. The Personification

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of Peace and reviewed the last lesson's content of the First Element Required to Produce Peace which is Provide Complete Reconciliation of All Things Including People. In order to do this three requirements must be accomplished. Firstly, The Lord Jesus Christ had 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. Secondly, He had to satisfy the righteous demands of The God by bearing the judgment upon Sin in His body on the cross.

Then in this lesson we examined the third requirement in order for Peace to be available to all humans. In order for The God to make peace available the transaction that The Lord Jesus Christ made by paying the ransom price of shedding His precious sinless blood to redeem all sinners must be consummated. The Lord Jesus Christ accomplished this through His Resurrection-Ascension by becoming High Priest and applying His Shed-blood on The Mercyseat as payment for ransom in order to save from The God's anger, justify obedient trusting enemies, and cleanse and clear their conscience.

We noted the distinction between the three Greek synonymous nouns that were translated 'anger' are specific terms for stages of intensity for the negative emotion anger which is used to convey 'an established state of mind determined to revenge.' His anger is persistently determining revenge in The Lake of Fire with Satan for all unregenerated humans who reject the offer of the terms for Peace. Then we observed that every human has a polluted conscience until Repentance and Regeneration.

Finally, we saw that the third purpose for paying the ransom is to cleanse and clear the conscience and renew it to become beneficially-good to God.

All that remains is for lost guilty sinners to recognize their need for complete reconciliation through Redemption, take their place as lost guilty sinners, confess their plight, and seek to meet the requirements that The Godhead has required in order to procure Peace. 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, discord, indifference, and in enmity against The Godhead or you can continue to battle against Him or you can begin taking steps toward procuring His Peace for yourself!

# Application:

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

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For next week: Read and meditate upon: THE PRINCE OF PEACE: Who He Is part 4: The Producer of Peace, Second Element: Provide Justification and Peace for All Peoples (Isa. 9:6,7; Col. 1:19,20; Eph. 3:14-17).