

Prince of Peace... How complex is the person of our Lord Jesus Christ! How we like to make Jesus simple...But he is far more than we can imagine or comprehend...

ESV Isa 9:6 or to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.. **Isaiah prophesies in one sentence the names of the characteristics of the Messiah to come...these names are important...for he is these things**

- ☐ He is called Mighty God El Gibbor or Mighty Warrior in the supernatural and he is also a prince of Peace to rebellious humanity...**

In a world filled with war and violence, division, racism, turmoil and trouble... it's difficult to see how Jesus could be the all-powerful God who acts in human history and be the embodiment of peace.

But physical safety and political harmony don't necessarily reflect the kind of peace He's talking about ...

Tim put this up

- **The foundational meaning of peace in scripture is “the spiritual harmony brought about by an individual’s restoration to God and trust in the sovereignty of God.”**
- **And this is the promise of Jesus to humanity: He is our peace with God. and he is the source of our peace in a world of trouble...**

NLT John 14: 27 “I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.

We all deal with troubling times now...But our peace comes in knowing the next sentence of that prophecy given to Isaiah

This will be the rule of the future of Jesus Kingdom on earth...

ESV Isaiah 9:7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Jesus is the King over the whole earth and His Kingdom is one of peace...*Jesus both Mighty God of heavens armies...and the prince who brings peace...*

- **Jesus is the King over the whole earth and His Kingdom is one of peace...*He is passionate or zealous which means Fanatical to carry this out!!***
- **The word "peace" is not just the absence of war, but a positive state of well-being... I am ok.. Peace is a quietness of the soul...and mind in the midst of turmoil and trouble**

*****Lets go Back to the man Isaiah for a couple minutes**

- **Now listen Every prophetic word given to the prophets came to them in the context of them living in a particular time period, and culture**
- **And they all lived under some form of government almost always bad and Surrounded by trouble and injustice!**

*****Isaiah was no different. Here is the nutshell back story of this prophet**

- **He needed these words of comfort as much as God's kids have needed through time...including us!**
- **He was looking forward to the Messiah...and we are looking forward to his return**

In the time of Isaiah The country's situation was in critical condition and going to get much worse, but because Uzziah was a strong and able ruler, the people had confidence that he would know how to deal with these problems.

What was going on then???

- **The Kingdom of Israel that was united under Kings David and Solomon became divided during the reign of Solomon's son Rehoboam beginning in 922 BC (First Kings 12).**
- **The Northern Kingdom of Israel comprised of ten tribes rebelled under Jeroboam, while Judah and Benjamin became the Southern Kingdom of Judah.**
- **There was great animosity between them...the nation itself was breaking down internally...religious faith was weakening and religious practice was corrupted and declining morals were taking a toll, on the Israelites**
- **Though there was great wealth...the way in which it was distributed brought about some serious problems.**
- **The contrast between the rich and the poor reached an alarming state, which brought threats of a revolt from those who were deprived of their lands and other possessions.**

- **Then, too, there was an added threat from without, The most aggressive powerful and cruel world power at the time the Assyrians had advanced against northern Israel**
- **and was an indication that the time was not far off when Judah might expect an invasion.**
- **In fact, The Northern Kingdom of Israel was destroyed by the Assyrians in 722 BC (Second Kings 17). Exiles to Assyria were absorbed into the culture and lost their identity - they are often called the "Ten Lost Tribes of Israel."**
- **The King of Judah at this time was Uzziah one arguably one of Judah's greatest kings.**
- **He reigned for approximately half a century, and during this time, the southern kingdom of Israel, Judah enjoyed its greatest period of prosperity. His Commercial relations with neighboring states, was brilliant and his ability to develop the internal resources of the country enabled Judah to enjoy its greatest period of prosperity.**
- **He was their hope!**
- **Then came the startling news that the king had leprosy and would have to leave Jerusalem and live in a leper colony outside the city.**
- **Uzziah's son Jotham, heir to the throne, possessed none of the strong and admirable qualities characteristic of his father.**
- **Instead, he was a weak and vacillating person quite unable to inspire confidence on the part of his subjects.**

- **Uzziah lived for three years in the leper colony. The news of his death brought shock and consternation to the entire kingdom.**
- **That's the scene.....a leaderless nation, prosperity in decline, trouble from within and a the powerful Assyrians bent on expansion and conquest at the door...**
- **These are the circumstances in which the vision and prophecy occurred in the Temple in the city of Jerusalem. where the religious life of the nation was centered, and to this place Isaiah, turned in an hour when the future of his country looked especially bleak. and going to get much worse...**
- **Isaiah means (Lord is Salvation) was a young man in his early twenties when he received his call to a prophetic life, he was a priest and a member of a fairly wealthy, distinguished and influential family and was on familiar terms with the royal court...**
- **His call to a prophetic life took place in the year that King Uzziah died (740 B.C.), during a critical period in the history of the nation.**

NLT Isaiah 6: 1 It was in the year King Uzziah died that I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of his robe filled the Temple. ² Attending him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ They were calling out to each other, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Heaven's Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!" ⁴ Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was

filled with smoke. ⁵ Then I said, “It’s all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.”

- **His service:** Isaiah prophesied during the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah of Judah (742-687 BC), about 55 years and was grieved by the moral breakdown of the times.
- Isaiah reminded the people of the need to return to God, trust him and live in accordance with his covenant...
- And if not they will not endure ... but his ministry fell mostly on deaf ears...trust in the coming Messiah....
- **Yet it was comforting to Isaiah and all who received this message and believed!**
- **For he is the one in charge beyond what you see...**

*ESV ISA 9: 7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, **establishing** and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.*

Lets bring that down to where you and I live...

*****The source of inner peace: Knowing God is attentive to your situation always and is in control always just like he was in Isaiah’s time...you have the Peace which passes understanding...because I should be going crazy because of some issue...conflict...hurt...trouble**

NLT John 16:33 “³³ I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”

Peace is The stabilizing force in a topsy-turvey world...and can only be received by the prince of Peace!! For he came as a babe and will return as the King!!

- **When you know there will be troubles and trials and battles..and you expect them...you are half way to inner peace...**
- **Take Heart...keep your heart strong! you know that Jesus has overcome them all...before they even come to you..**
- **Evil cannot ultimately win...**
- **It may not be easy to couple Peace with tough trials, but Instead of losing our peace and worrying, scripture tells us to be thankful and pray.**

Phil 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ **And the peace of God,** which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- **Why be Thankful and pray? Thankful that God hears my prayers...and knowing that God answers all my prayers the same way I would If I had His Wisdom Power and Love. Therefore I have peace. ...**
- **and lets even make it more personal ...I don't have to be at war with people...**
- **Jesus said...**

NIV Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called the Children of God

- **Then as children of God...we can be Peace makers to this troubled, violent world we live in... just as Isaiah, Mary and Joseph...we look forward to the prince of peace to restore it all....but right now we have power to live as peacemakers or peace bringers to ourselves and to a troubled world...pointing ourselves our emotions and others to the prince of peace...**

Esv Rev 22: ²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!