

Prince of Peace

ISAIAH 9 VERSE 6

For 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**.

INFORMATION

This verse from Isaiah prophesies the coming Christ and tells us that his names are "Wonderful Counselor", "Mighty God", "Everlasting Father" and "Prince of Peace". Each of these names deserves volumes of books to be written, but we can gain a small glimpse of the meaning of these names by surveying the gospels of Christ and observing the words and works of Jesus. Jesus continued to seek the lost, heal the sick, set the possessed free of demons, raise the dead and set men free from their sins. The kind of peace that Jesus brings is completely different from what the world provides. The peace of Jesus is eternal while the world provides, at best, a temporary sense of peace. His peace is not a cloak for an underlying restlessness or evil; it is pure and perfect.

Consider what the Bible has to say about a future time period when Jesus rules on the earth. Isaiah 65:25 reads:

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord.

Imagine that!

WHAT IT MEANS TO OUR FAMILY

When there is no peace in our lives we must turn to Jesus, who is the "Prince of Peace." He is able and willing to provide us with peace. Is there strife in our lives right now? If so, is it because we are trying to have our way instead of seeking God's way, which is a peace that passes understanding. (See Philippians 4 verse 7)

Also, imagine the time prophesied in Isaiah 65. It is a good thing to think on the promises found in the Bible. God always fulfills his purposes and is never thwarted. There is a time coming when the wolf and the lamb and the lion will eat together. There is a time coming when there will be peace on earth. Our Savior is coming back! He is coming back for us!

Relevant Passages

Isaiah 26:3-4

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. 4 Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength:

Matthew 5:9

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Romans 12:18

If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. 5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. 6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 12:14

Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all.

1 Peter 3:10-11

For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: 11 Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.