

Isa 9:6 (pt 4) The Prince of Peace

Isa 9:6-7 KJV For unto us a child is born, unto us a 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***. 7 Of the **increase** of his **government** and **peace** 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.

There is **NO END** to the Increase of His **GOVERNMENT** and His **PEACE**

INCREASE - The same word used in Genesis

Gen 1:28 NIV God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and ***increase*** in number; fill the earth and subdue it.

- It speaks of numerical Increase - **Be fruitful**
- It speaks of geographical increase - **Fill the earth**
- It speaks of power to overcome or prevail - **Subdue**

GOVERNMENT = an empire - To prevail or have power as a Prince

Same word is used in Gen 32 and translated as **OVERCOME**

- Gen 32:28 NIV Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have **overcome**."

PEACE - Hebrew is Shalom - *safe*, that is, (figuratively) *well, happy, friendly*; also (abstractly) *welfare*

- He made relationship with God **SAFE by destroying the that thing that made us enemies** of God - making it possible for reconciliation and relationship with Him

PEACE is possible only through the blood of the cross - PEACE WITH GOD

- Col 1:19-22 KJV For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; 20 And, **having made peace through the blood of his cross**, by him to **reconcile** all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. 21 And you, that were sometime **alienated and enemies** in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he **reconciled** 22 In the body of his flesh **through death**, to present you **holy** and **unblameable** and **unreproveable** in his sight:
- Rom 5:1 - We have PEACE WITH GOD through Our Lord Jesus Christ

How Does His Government and Peace Increase?

The Increase takes place every time someone *Submits to HIS KINGDOM*****

- Mat 3:2 NIV and saying, "Repent, for the **kingdom** of heaven has come near."
- Col 1:13 NIV For he has **rescued us** from the dominion of darkness and **brought us** into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

The Increase takes place every time someone Submits to His Will

- Mat 6:9-10 NIV "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, (10) your **kingdom come, your will be done**, on earth as it is in heaven.
- Job 22:21 NIV "**Submit** to God and be at **peace** with him; in this way prosperity will come to you.

The Increase takes place every time someone Submits to His LORDSHIP

- Act 22:8-10 NIV "'**Who are you, Lord?**' I asked. "'I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting,' he replied. (9) My companions saw the light, but they did not understand the voice of him who was speaking to me. (10) "**What shall I do, Lord?**'

BEAUTIFUL FEET - Let us extend His kingdom by sharing the good news of peace with others

Isa 52:7 NIV How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

His PEACE Must Also Extend to Relationships --- Let the Peace of God RULE Your Heart

- Col 3:12-15 NIV Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. (13) Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. (14) And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. (15) **Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.** And be thankful.
 - Requires things like Humility - Forbearance - Forgiveness
 - Let the Peace of Christ rule in your heart
 - We are one body and called to peace
 - How can we offer hope of peace and reconciliation to others - if we carry broken and unreconciled relationships

His Peace Must Extend to those Things We Are Anxious About

- Php 4:6-9 NIV Do not be **anxious** about anything, but in every situation, 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. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things. (9) Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me--put it into practice. And **the God of peace will be with you.**

His Peace Must Extend To The Troubles We Face in This Life - peace in NOT the absence of trouble - it is calm in the midst

- Joh 16:33 NIV "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have **peace. In this world you will have trouble.** But take heart! I have overcome the world."
- Joh 14:27 NIV Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. **Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.**