

~PEACE (1037)

[Hebrew, *Sha-lohm'*, Greek, *ei-re'ne*]

- Acquiring Peace
- Peaceful Rule
- Peace Between Man And Animals

· *Sha-lohm'*, the Hebrew word rendered, peace, refers to the state of being free from war or disturbance.

- As for Sisera, he fled on foot to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite, for there was **peace** between Jabin the king of Hazor and the household of Heber the Kenite. (**Judges 4:17**)
- And the cities that the Philistines had taken from Israel kept coming back to Israel from Ekron to Gath, and the territory of them Israel delivered from the hand of the Philistines. And there came to be **peace** between Israel and the Amorites. (**1 Samuel 7:14**)
- For he was holding in subjection everything this side of the River, from Tiphseh to Gaza, even all the kings this side of the River, and **peace** itself became his in every region of his, all around. (**1 Kings 4:24**)
- And in those times there was no **peace** for one going out or for one coming in, because there were many disorders among all the inhabitants of the lands. (**2 Chronicles 15:5**)
- Their houses are **peace** itself, free from dread, and the rod of God is not upon them. (**Job 21:9**)
- A time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for **peace**. (**Ecclesiastes 3:8**)
- It can convey the idea of health, safety, soundness.
- So he said to him; Go, please. See whether your brothers are **safe and sound** and whether the flock is safe and sound, and bring me back word. With that he sent him away from the low plain of Hebron, and he went on toward Shechem. (**Genesis 37:14** Footnote)

- **Welfare,**
- **At this Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying; I need not be considered! God will announce **welfare** to Pharaoh. (Genesis 41:16)**
- **Friendship,**
- **Also the man at **peace** with me, in whom I trusted, who was eating my bread, has magnified his heel against me. (Psalms 41:9)**
- **Entirety or Completeness,**
- **The cities of the south themselves have been shut up, so that there is no one opening them. Judah in its **entirety** has been taken into exile. It has been taken into exile completely. (Jeremiah 13:19)**
- **The **Greek** word for **peace**, *ei-re'ne*, has taken on the same broad connotations as the **Hebrew** word *sha-lohm'* and may express the ideas of well-being, salvation, and concord, in addition to the absence of conflict.**
- **It occurs in the farewell exclamation, **go in peace**, which somewhat corresponds to the expression, **may it go well with you**.**
- **He said to her; Daughter, your faith has made you well. **Go in peace**, and be in good health from your grievous sickness. (Mark 5:34)**
- **But he said to the woman; Your faith has saved you, **go your way in peace**. (Luke 7:50)**
- **But he said to her; Daughter, your faith has made you well, **go your way in peace**. (Luke 8:48)**
- **Yet a certain one of you says to them; **Go in peace**, keep warm and well fed, but you do not give them the necessities for their body, of what benefit is it? (James 2:16)**
- **Then Eli answered and said; **Go in peace**, and may the God of Israel grant your petition that you have asked of him. (1 Samuel 1:17)**

- And Jonathan went on to say to David; **Go in peace**, since we have sworn, both of us, in the name of Yehowah, saying; May Yehowah himself prove to be between me and you and between my offspring and your offspring to time indefinite. Accordingly David rose up and went his way, and Jonathan himself came into the city. (**1 Samuel 20:42**)
- With that David accepted from her hand what she had brought him, and to her he said; **Go up in peace** to your house. See, I have listened to your voice that I may have consideration for your person. (**1 Samuel 25:35**)
- And now return and **go in peace**, that you may not do anything bad in the eyes of the axis lords of the Philistines. (**1 Samuel 29:7**)
- So the king said to him; **Go in peace**. With that he rose up and went to Hebron. (**2 Samuel 15:9**)
- At this he said to him; **Go in peace**. Accordingly he went away from him for a good stretch of the land. (**2 Kings 5:19**)
- Since **peace** is not always the exact equivalent for the original-language words, the context must be taken into consideration to determine what is meant.
- For example, **to be sent away in peace** could signify being sent away amicably, with no fear of interference from the one granting permission to leave.
- That you will do nothing bad toward us just as we have not touched you and just as we have done only good toward you in that **we sent you away in peace**. You now are the blessed of Yehowah. (**Genesis 26:29**)
- However, he said; It is unthinkable for me to do this! The man in whose hand the cup was found is the one who will become a slave to me. As for the rest of you, go up in **peace** to your father. (**Genesis 44:17**)
- Accordingly Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him; I want to go, please, and return to my brothers who are in Egypt that I may see whether they are still alive. So Jethro said to Moses; **Go in peace**. (**Exodus 4:18**)

- To **return in peace**, as from battle, meant returning unharmed or victoriously.
- And I shall certainly **return in peace** to the house of my father, then Yehowah will have proved to be my God. (**Genesis 28:21**)
- All the people then began to return to the camp, to Joshua, at Makkedah in **peace**. Not a man moved his tongue eagerly against the sons of Israel. (**Joshua 10:21**)
- Hence he said also to the men of Penuel; When I return in **peace**, I shall pull down this tower. (**Judges 8:9**)
- It must also occur that the one coming out, who comes out of the doors of my house to meet me when I return in **peace** from the sons of Ammon, must also become Yehowah's, and I must offer that one up as a burnt offering. (**Judges 11:31**)
- And you men must say; This is what the king has said; Put this fellow in the house of detention and feed him with a reduced allowance of bread and a reduced allowance of water until I return in **peace**. (**2 Chronicles 18:26**)
- Upon that Micaiah said; If you **return at all in peace**, Yehowah has not spoken with me. And he added; Hear, all you peoples. (**2 Chronicles 18:27**)
- Then Jehoshaphat the king of Judah **returned in peace** to his own house at Jerusalem. (**2 Chronicles 19:1**)
- **Asking concerning the peace** of a person meant inquiring as to how he was getting along.
- At this he said to them; Is it **all right with him**? In turn they said; It is all right. And here is Rachel his daughter coming with the sheep! (**Genesis 29:6**) Footnote
- After this he inquired whether they were getting along well and said; Is your father, the aged man of whom you have spoken, **getting along well**? Is he still alive? (**Genesis 43:27**) Footnote
- **Working for the peace** of someone denoted working for that ones welfare.

- You must **not work for their peace** and their prosperity all your days to time indefinite. (**Deuteronomy 23:6**)
- For a person to **die in peace** could mean his dying a tranquil death after having enjoyed a full life or the realization of a cherished hope.
- As for you, you will go to your forefathers in **peace**; You will be buried at a good old age. (**Genesis 15:15**)
- Now, Sovereign Lord, you are letting your slave **go free in peace** according to your declaration. (**Luke 2:29**)
- And you must act according to your wisdom, and not let his gray hairs **go down in peace to Sheol**. (**1 Kings 2:6**)
- The prophecy concerning Josiah's being gathered to his own graveyard in **peace** indicated that he would die before the foretold calamity upon Jerusalem.
- That is why here I am gathering you to your forefathers, and you will certainly be gathered to your own graveyard in **peace**, and your eyes will not look upon all the calamity that I am bringing upon this place. And they proceeded to bring the king the reply. (**2 Kings 22:20**)
- Here I am gathering you to your forefathers, and you will certainly be gathered to **your graveyard in peace**, and your eyes will not look upon all the calamity that I am bringing upon this place and its inhabitants. Then they brought the reply to the king. (**2 Chronicles 34:28**)
- At that Hezekiah said to Isaiah; The word of Yehowah that you have spoken is good. And he went on to say; Is it not so, if **peace** and truth themselves will continue in my own days? (**2 Kings 20:19**)
- The righteous one himself has perished, but there is no one taking it to heart. And men of loving-kindness are being gathered to the dead, while no one discerns that it is because of the calamity that the righteous one has been gathered away. (**Isaiah 57:1**)

- He enters into peace, they take rest upon their beds, each one that is walking straightforwardly. ([Isaiah 57:2](#))
- The righteous one is depicted as entering into **peace** at death, thereby escaping calamity.

•• Acquiring Peace

- **Yehowah is the God of peace**
- For God is a God, not of disorder, **but of peace**. As in all the congregations of the holy ones. ([1 Corinthians 14:33](#))
- Finally, brothers, continue to rejoice, to be readjusted, to be comforted, to think in agreement, to live **peaceably**, and the God of love and of peace will be with you. ([2 Corinthians 13:11](#))
- May the very God of **peace** sanctify you completely. And sound in every respect may the spirit and soul and body of you brothers be preserved in a blameless manner at the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. ([1 Thessalonians 5:23](#))
- Now may the God of **peace**, who brought up from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep with the blood of an everlasting covenant, our Lord Jesus. ([Hebrews 13:20](#))
- **And the Source of peace.**
- May Yehowah lift up his face toward you and assign **peace** to you. ([Numbers 6:26](#))
- Look! There is a son being born to you. He himself will prove to be a restful man, and I shall certainly give him rest from all his enemies all around, for Solomon is what his name will become, and **peace** and quietness I shall bestow upon Israel in his days. ([1 Chronicles 22:9](#))
- In **peace** I will both lie down and sleep, for you yourself alone, O Yehowah, make me dwell in security. ([Psalms 4:8](#))
- Yehowah himself will give strength indeed to his people. Yehowah himself will bless his people with **peace**. ([Psalms 29:11](#))

- He is putting **peace** in your territory, with the fat of the wheat he keeps satisfying you. (**Psalms 147:14**)
- Forming light and creating darkness, making **peace** and creating calamity, I, Yehowah, am doing all these things. (**Isaiah 45:7**)
- May the God who gives **peace** be with all of you. Amen. (**Romans 15:33**)
- For his part, the God who gives **peace** will crush Satan under your feet shortly. May the undeserved kindness of our Lord Jesus be with you. (**Romans 16:20**)
- It being a fruit of his spirit.
- On the other hand, **the fruitage of the spirit** is love, joy, **peace**, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faith. (**Galatians 5:22**)
- For this reason true **peace** can be had only by those who are at peace with God. Serious transgressions put a strain on a persons relationship with God and cause the individual to be disturbed. The psalmist said; There is no **peace** in my bones on account of my sin.
- There is no sound spot in my flesh because of your denunciation. There is no **peace** in my bones on account of my sin. (**Psalms 38:3**)
- Those who desire to seek and pursue **peace** must therefore turn away from what is bad, and do what is good.
- Turn away from what is bad, and do what is good, seek to find **peace**, and pursue it. (**Psalms 34:14**)
- Without righteousness, there can be no **peace**.
- Let the mountains carry **peace** to the people, also the hills, through righteousness. (**Psalms 72:3**)
- As for loving-kindness and trueness, they have met each other, righteousness and **peace**, they have kissed each other. (**Psalms 85:10**)
- And the work of the true righteousness must become **peace**, and the service of the true righteousness, quietness and security to

time indefinite. (Isaiah 32:17)

- **That is why the wicked cannot have peace.**
- **There is no peace, Yehowah has said, for the wicked ones. (Isaiah 48:22)**
- **There is no peace, my God has said, for the wicked ones. (Isaiah 57:21)**
- **No, but the very errors of you people have become the things causing division between you and your God, and your own sins have caused the concealing of his face from you to keep from hearing. (Isaiah 59:2)**
- **For your own palms have become polluted with blood, and your fingers with error. Your own lips have spoken falsehood. Your own tongue kept muttering sheer unrighteousness. (Isaiah 59:3)**
- **There is no one calling out in righteousness, and no one at all has gone to court in faithfulness. There has been a trusting in unreality, and a speaking of worthlessness. There has been a conceiving of trouble, and a bringing of what is hurtful to birth. (Isaiah 59:4)**
- **The eggs of a poisonous snake are what they have hatched, and they kept weaving the mere cobweb of a spider. Anyone eating some of their eggs would die, and the egg that was smashed would be hatched into a viper. (Isaiah 59:5)**
- **Their mere cobweb will not serve as a garment, nor will they cover themselves with their works. Their works are hurtful works, and the activity of violence is in their palms. (Isaiah 59:6)**
- **Their own feet keep running to sheer badness, and they are in a hurry to shed innocent blood. Their thoughts are hurtful thoughts, despoiling and breakdown are in their highways. (Isaiah 59:7)**
- **The way of peace they have ignored, and there is no justice in their tracks. Their roadways they have made crooked for themselves. No one at all treading in them will actually know peace. (Isaiah 59:8)**

- On the other hand, **peace** is the possession of those who are fully devoted to Yehowah, love his Law.
- Abundant **peace** belongs to those loving your law, and for them there is no stumbling block. (**Psalms 119:165**)
- And heed his commandments.
- O if only you would actually pay attention to my commandments! Then your **peace** would become just like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea. (**Isaiah 48:18**)
- When Christ Jesus was on earth, neither the natural Jews nor the non-Jews were at **peace** with Yehowah God. Having transgressed God's law, the Jews had come under the curse of the Law.
- Now the Law does not adhere to faith, but he that does them shall live by means of them. (**Galatians 3:12**)
- Christ by purchase released us from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse instead of us, because it is written: Accursed is every man hanged upon a stake. (**Galatians 3:13**)
- As for the non-Jews outside God's covenant, they had no hope and were without God in the world.
- That you were at that particular time without Christ, alienated from the state of Israel and strangers to the covenants of the promise, and you had no hope and were without God in the world. (**Ephesians 2:12**)
- However, by means of Christ Jesus both peoples were given the opportunity to come into a **peaceful** relationship with God. Pointing forward to this was the angelic announcement made to shepherds at Jesus birth;
- Glory in the heights above to God, and upon earth **peace** among men of goodwill. (**Luke 2:14**)
- The **peaceful** message proclaimed by Jesus and his followers appealed to **friends of peace**, that is, to persons desiring to be reconciled to God.
- And if the house is deserving, let the **peace** you wish it come

upon it, but if it is not deserving, let the peace from you return upon you. (**Matthew 10:13**)

- **Wherever you enter into a house say first; May this house have peace.** (**Luke 10:5**)
- **And if a friend of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if there is not, it will turn back to you.** (**Luke 10:6**)
- **He sent out the word to the sons of Israel to declare to them the Good News of peace through Jesus Christ, this One is Lord of all others.** (**Acts of Apostles 10:36**)
- **At the same time this message caused divisions in households, as some accepted it while others rejected it.**
- **Do not think I came to put peace upon the earth, I came to put, not peace, but a sword.** (**Matthew 10:34**)
- **Do you imagine I came to give peace on the earth? No, indeed, I tell you, but rather division.** (**Luke 12:51**)
- **The majority of the Jews rejected the message and thus failed to discern the things having to do with peace, evidently including repentance and acceptance of Jesus as the Messiah.**
- **To give light to those sitting in darkness and death's shadow, to direct our feet prosperously in the way of peace.** (**Luke 1:79**)
- **So he came into all the country around the Jordan, preaching baptism in symbol of repentance for forgiveness of sins.** (**Luke 3:3**)
- **Just as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet; Listen! Someone is crying out in the wilderness; Prepare the way of Yehowah, you people, make his roads straight.** (**Luke 3:4**)
- **Every gully must be filled up, and every mountain and hill leveled down, and the curves must become straight ways and the rough places smooth ways.** (**Luke 3:5**)
- **And all flesh will see the saving means of God.** (**Luke 3:6**)

- The next day he beheld Jesus coming toward him, and he said; See, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world! (**John 1:29**)
- This is the one about whom I said; Behind me there comes a man who has advanced in front of me, because he existed before me. (**John 1:30**)
- Even I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing in water was that he might be made manifest to Israel. (**John 1:31**)
- John also bore witness, saying; I viewed the spirit coming down as a dove out of heaven, and it remained upon him. (**John 1:32**)
- Even I did not know him, but the very One who sent me to baptize in water said to me, Whoever it is upon whom you see the spirit coming down and remaining, this is the one that baptizes in Holy Spirit. (**John 1:33**)
- And I have seen it, and I have borne witness that this one is the Son of God. (**John 1:34**)
- Their failure resulted in the destruction of Jerusalem by the Roman armies in **70 C.E.**
- Saying; If you, even you, had discerned in this day the things having to do with **peace**, but now they have been hid from your eyes. (**Luke 19:42**)
- Because the days will come upon you when your enemies will build around you a fortification with pointed stakes and will encircle you and distress you from every side. (**Luke 19:43**)
- And they will dash you and your children within you to the ground, and they will not leave a stone upon a stone in you, because you did not discern the time of your being inspected. (**Luke 19:44**)
- However, even the Jews who did accept the Good News of **peace** were sinners and needed to have their transgressions atoned for so as to enjoy peace with Yehowah God.
- Jesus death as a ransom sacrifice cared for this need. As had been foretold:

- But he was being pierced for our transgression, he was being crushed for our errors. The chastisement meant for our **peace** was upon him, and because of his wounds there has been a healing for us. ([Isaiah 53:5](#))
- Jesus sacrificial death on the torture stake also provided the basis for canceling the Mosaic Law, which divided the Jews from the non-Jews. Therefore, upon becoming Christians, both peoples could be at **peace** with God and with one another.
- The apostle Paul wrote; Jesus is our **peace**, he who made the two parties one and destroyed the wall in between that fenced them off.
- By means of his flesh he abolished the enmity, the Law of commandments consisting in decrees, that he might create the two peoples in union with himself into one new man and make peace, and that he might fully reconcile both peoples in one body to God through the torture stake, because he had killed off the enmity by means of himself.
- And he came and declared the Good News of peace to you, the ones far off, and **peace** to those near, because through him we, both peoples, have the approach to the Father by one spirit.
- For he is our **peace**, he who made the two parties one and destroyed the wall in between that fenced them off. ([Ephesians 2:14](#))
- By means of his flesh he abolished the enmity, the Law of commandments consisting in decrees, that he might create the two peoples in union with himself into one new man and make **peace**. ([Ephesians 2:15](#))
- And that he might fully reconcile both peoples in one body to God through the torture stake, because he had killed off the enmity by means of himself. ([Ephesians 2:16](#))
- And he came and declared the Good News of **peace** to you, the ones far off, and peace to those near. ([Ephesians 2:17](#))
- Because through him we, both peoples, have the approach to the Father by one spirit. ([Ephesians 2:18](#))

- But glory and honor and **peace** for everyone who works what is good, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. (**Romans 2:10**)
- For there is no partiality with God. (**Romans 2:11**)
- And through him to reconcile again to himself all other things by making **peace** through the blood he shed on the torture stake, no matter whether they are the things upon the earth or the things in the heavens. (**Colossians 1:20**)
- Indeed, you who were once alienated and enemies because your minds were on the works that were wicked. (**Colossians 1:21**)
- He now has again reconciled by means of that ones fleshly body through his death, in order to present you holy and unblemished and open to no accusation before him. (**Colossians 1:22**)
- Provided, of course, that you continue in the faith, established on the foundation and steadfast and not being shifted away from the hope of that Good News which you heard, and which was preached in all creation that is under heaven. Of this Good News I Paul became a minister. (**Colossians 1:23**)
- The **peace** of God, that is the **calmness and tranquillity that result from a Christians precious relationship with Yehowah God, guards his heart and mental powers from becoming anxious about his needs.**
- He has the assurance that Yehowah God provides for his servants and answers their prayers. This puts his heart and mind at rest.
- **Do not be anxious over anything**, but in everything by prayer and supplication along with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God. (**Philippians 4:6**)
- And the **peace of God that excels all thought will guard your hearts and your mental powers** by means of Christ Jesus. (**Philippians 4:7**)
- Similarly, the **peace** that Jesus Christ gave to his disciples, based on their faith in him as God's Son, served to calm their hearts and minds.

- Although Jesus told them that the time was coming when he would no longer be with them personally, they had no reason to be concerned or to give way to fear. He was not leaving them without help but promised to send them the Holy Spirit.
- But the helper, the Holy Spirit, which the Father will send in my name, that one will teach you all things and bring back to your minds all the things I told you. ([John 14:26](#))
- I leave you **peace**, I give you my **peace**. I do not give it to you the way that the world gives it. Do not let your hearts be troubled nor let them shrink for fear. ([John 14:27](#))
- I have said these things to you that by means of me you may have **peace**. In the world you are having tribulation, but take courage! I have conquered the world. ([John 16:33](#))
- Also, let the **peace** of the Christ control in your hearts, for you were, in fact, called to it in one body. And show yourselves thankful. ([Colossians 3:15](#))
- The **peace** that Christians enjoyed was not to be taken for granted. They were to be **peaceable**, that is, they were to be peacemakers, going out of their way to establish and to maintain peace.
- And to give them more than extraordinary consideration in love because of their work. Be **peaceable** with one another. ([1 Thessalonians 5:13](#))
- To preserve **peace** among themselves, they had to exercise care so as not to stumble fellow believers.
- Therefore let us not be judging one another any longer, but rather make this your decision, not to put before a brother a stumbling block or a cause for tripping. ([Romans 14:13](#))
- I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is defiled in itself, only where a man considers something to be defiled, to him it is defiled. ([Romans 14:14](#))
- For if because of food your brother is being grieved, you are no longer walking in accord with love. Do not by your food ruin that one for whom Christ died. ([Romans 14:15](#))

- Do not, therefore, let the good you people do be spoken of with injury to you. (**Romans 14:16**)
- For the kingdom of God does not mean eating and drinking, but means righteousness and **peace** and joy with Holy Spirit. (**Romans 14:17**)
- For he who in this regard slaves for Christ is acceptable to God and has approval with men. (**Romans 14:18**)
- So, then, let us pursue the things making for **peace** and the things that are upbuilding to one another. (**Romans 14:19**)
- Stop tearing down the work of God just for the sake of food. True, all things are clean, but it is injurious to the man who with an occasion for stumbling eats. (**Romans 14:20**)
- It is well not to eat flesh or to drink wine or do anything over which your brother stumbles. (**Romans 14:21**)
- The faith that you have, have it in accord with yourself in the sight of God. Happy is the man that does not put himself on judgment by what he approves. (**Romans 14:22**)
- But if he has doubts, he is already condemned if he eats, because he does not eat out of faith. Indeed, everything that is not out of faith is sin. (**Romans 14:23**)
- In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus stated,
- Happy are the **peaceable**, since they will be called sons of God. (**Matthew 5:9**) Footnote
- Moreover, the fruit of righteousness has its seed sown under **peaceful** conditions for those who are making peace. (**James 3:18**)
- Christians were counseled to pursue **peace** and to do their utmost to be found at peace with God.
- So, flee from the desires incidental to youth, but pursue righteousness, faith, love, **peace**, along with those who call upon the Lord out of a clean heart. (**2 Timothy 2:22**)

- Pursue **peace** with all people, and the sanctification without which no man will see the Lord. (**Hebrews 12:14**)
- But let him turn away from what is bad and do what is good, let him seek **peace** and pursue it. (**1 Peter 3:11**)
- Hence, beloved ones, since you are awaiting these things, do your utmost to be found finally by him spotless and unblemished and in **peace**. (**2 Peter 3:14**)
- Therefore, they had to fight against the desires of the flesh, as these would cause them to be at enmity with God.
- For the minding of the flesh means death, but the minding of the spirit means life and **peace**. (**Romans 8:6**)
- Because the minding of the flesh means enmity with God, for it is not under subjection to the Law of God, nor, in fact, can it be. (**Romans 8:7**)
- So those who are in harmony with the flesh cannot please God. (**Romans 8:8**)
- The fact that remaining in a **peaceful** relationship with God was necessary for divine approval lends much weight to the oft-repeated prayerful expression, may you have **peace**.
- To all those who are in Rome as God's beloved ones, called to be holy ones; May you have undeserved kindness and **peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (**Romans 1:7**)
- May you have undeserved kindness and **peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (**1 Corinthians 1:3**)
- May you have undeserved kindness and **peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (**2 Corinthians 1:2**)
- May you have undeserved kindness and **peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (**Galatians 1:3**)
- And all those who will walk orderly by this rule of conduct, upon them be **peace** and mercy, even upon the Israel of God. (**Galatians 6:16**)

- **May you have undeserved kindness and **peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:2)**
- **May the brothers have **peace** and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 6:23)**
- **May you have undeserved kindness and **peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:2)**
- **Christians also wanted others to enjoy **peace**. Therefore, shod with the equipment of the Good News of **peace**, they carried on their spiritual warfare.**
- **And with your feet shod with the equipment of the Good News of **peace**. (Ephesians 6:15)**
- **Even within the congregation they waged warfare in overturning reasonings that were out of harmony with the knowledge of God, so that these reasonings did not damage their relationship with God.**
- **For the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, but powerful by God for overturning strongly entrenched things. (2 Corinthians 10:4)**
- **For we are overturning reasonings and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are bringing every thought into captivity to make it obedient to the Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:5)**
- **However, it was not a verbal fight or quarrel, not even when correcting those who had deviated from the truth. With reference to handling cases of those who had departed from a right course, the apostle Paul counseled Timothy;**
- **But a slave of the Lord does not need to fight, but needs to be gentle toward all, qualified to teach, keeping himself restrained under evil. (2 Timothy 2:24)**
- **Instructing with mildness those not favorably disposed, as perhaps God may give them repentance leading to an accurate knowledge of truth. (2 Timothy 2:25)**
- **And they may come back to their proper senses out from the**

snare of the Devil, seeing that they have been caught alive by him for the will of that one. (2 Timothy 2:26)

• Peaceful Rule

- The Son of God, as the one to have the princely rule upon his shoulder, is called the **Prince of Peace**.
- For there has been a child born to us, there has been a son given to us, and the princely rule will come to be upon his shoulder. And his name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, **Prince of Peace**. (Isaiah 9:6)
- To the abundance of the princely rule and to **peace** there will be no end, upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom in order to establish it firmly and to sustain it by means of justice and by means of righteousness, from now on and to time indefinite. The very zeal of Yehowah of armies will do this. (Isaiah 9:7)
- It is, therefore, noteworthy that Christ Jesus, while on earth, showed that his servants should not arm themselves for physical warfare, when saying to Peter;
- Then Jesus said to him; Return your sword to its place, for all those who take the sword will perish by the sword. (Matthew 26:52)
- Figuratively speaking, those who became Christians beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning shears. They learned war no more.
- And he will certainly render judgment among the nations and set matters straight respecting many peoples. And they will have to beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning shears. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, neither will they learn war anymore. (Isaiah 2:4)
- This and God's past activities, especially in connection with Israel during Solomon's reign, point to the **peace** that will prevail during Jesus rule as King.
- Regarding Solomon's reign, the Bible reports;
- For he was holding in subjection everything this side of the River,

- from Tiphseh to Gaza, even all the kings this side of the River, and **peace** itself became his in every region of his, all around. (**1 Kings 4:24**)
- And Judah and Israel continued to dwell in security, everyone under his own vine and under his own fig tree, from Dan to Beer-sheba, all the days of Solomon. (**1 Kings 4:25**)
 - Look! There is a son being born to you. He himself will prove to be a restful man, and I shall certainly give him rest from all his enemies all around, for Solomon is what his name will become, and **peace** and quietness I shall bestow upon Israel in his days. (**1 Chronicles 22:9**)
 - As is evident from other scriptures,
 - In his days the righteous one will sprout, and the abundance of **peace** until the moon is no more. (**Psalms 72:7**)
 - And he will have subjects from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. (**Psalms 72:8**)
 - And they will actually sit, each one under his vine and under his fig tree, and there will be no one making them tremble, for the very mouth of Yehowah of armies has spoken it. (**Micah 4:4**)
 - Be very joyful, O daughter of Zion. Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem. Look! Your king himself comes to you. He is righteous, yes, saved, humble, and riding upon an ass, even upon a full-grown animal the son of a she-ass. (**Zechariah 9:9**)
 - And I shall certainly cut off the war chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem. And the battle bow must be cut off. And he will actually speak **peace** to the nations, and his rulership will be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. (**Zechariah 9:10**)
 - This actually took place that there might be fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet, saying; (**Matthew 21:4**)
 - Tell the daughter of Zion, Look! Your King is coming to you, mild-tempered, and mounted upon an ass, yes, upon a colt, the offspring of a beast of burden. (**Matthew 21:5**)

- This served as a pattern of what would take place under the rule of Christ Jesus, the One greater than Solomon, which name comes from a root meaning, **peace**.
- The queen of the south will be raised up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of **Solomon**, but, look! Something more than Solomon is here. (**Matthew 12:42**)

· Peace Between Man And Animals

- Yehowah God promised to the Israelites, if obedient; I will put **peace** in the land, and you will indeed lie down, with no one making you tremble, and I will make the injurious wild beast cease out of the land.
- And I will put **peace** in the land, and you will indeed lie down, with no one making you tremble, and I will make the injurious wild beast cease out of the land, and a sword will not pass through your land. (**Leviticus 26:6**)
- This meant that the wild animals would stay within the confines of their habitat and not bring harm to the Israelites and their domestic animals.
- On the other hand, if the Israelites proved to be disobedient, Yehowah would allow their land to be invaded and devastated by foreign armies.
- As this would result in reducing the population, wild animals would multiply, penetrate formerly inhabited areas, and do injury to the survivors and their domestic animals.
- I shall not drive them out from before you in one year, that the land may not become a desolate waste and the wild beasts of the field really multiply against you. (**Exodus 23:29**)
- And I will send the wild beasts of the field among you, and they will certainly bereave you of children and cut off your domestic animals and reduce the number of you, and your roads will actually be desolated. (**Leviticus 26:22**)
- And the king of Assyria proceeded to come up against all the land and to come up to Samaria and lay siege against it for three

years. (2 Kings 17:5)

- In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria and then led Israel into exile in Assyria and kept them dwelling in Halah and in Habor at the river Gozan and in the cities of the Medes. (2 Kings 17:6)
- Subsequently the king of Assyria brought people from Babylon and Cuthah and Avva and Hamath and Sepharvaim and had them dwell in the cities of Samaria instead of the sons of Israel, and they began to take possession of Samaria and to dwell in its cities. (2 Kings 17:24)
- And it came about at the start of their dwelling there that they did not fear Yehowah. Therefore Yehowah sent lions among them, and they came to be killers among them. (2 Kings 17:25)
- So they sent word to the king of Assyria, saying; The nations that you have taken into exile and then settled in the cities of Samaria have not known the religion of the God of the land, so that he keeps sending lions among them, and, look! They are putting them to death, inasmuch as there are none knowing the religion of the God of the land. (2 Kings 17:26)
- The **peace** promised to the Israelites in connection with the wild animals differed from that enjoyed by the first man and woman in the garden of Eden, for Adam and Eve enjoyed full dominion over the animal creation.
- Further, God blessed them and God said to them; Be fruitful and become many and fill the earth and subdue it, and have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and every living creature that is moving upon the earth. (Genesis 1:28)
- By contrast, in prophecy, like dominion is attributed only to Christ Jesus.
- What is mortal man that you keep him in mind, and the son of earthling man that you take care of him? (Psalms 8:4)
- You also proceeded to make him a little less than godlike ones, and with glory and splendor you then crowned him. (Psalms 8:5)

- You make him dominate over the works of your hands, everything you have put under his feet: (**Psalm 8:6**)
- Small cattle and oxen, all of them, and also the beasts of the open field. (**Psalm 8:7**)
- The birds of heaven and the fish of the sea, anything passing through the paths of the seas. (**Psalm 8:8**)
- For it is not to angels that he has subjected the inhabited earth to come, about which we are speaking. (**Hebrews 2:5**)
- But a certain witness has given proof somewhere, saying; What is man that you keep him in mind, or the son of man that you take care of him? (**Hebrews 2:6**)
- You made him a little lower than angels, with glory and honor you crowned him, and appointed him over the works of your hands. (**Hebrews 2:7**)
- All things you subjected under his feet. For in that he subjected all things to him God left nothing that is not subject to him. Now, though, we do not yet see all things in subjection to him. (**Hebrews 2:8**)
- But we behold Jesus, who has been made a little lower than angels, crowned with glory and honor for having suffered death, that he by God's undeserved kindness might taste death for every man. (**Hebrews 2:9**)
- Therefore, it is under the government of Jesus Christ, a twig out of the stump of Jesse, or God's servant David, that **peace** will again prevail between men and the animals.
- And there must go forth a twig out of the stump of Jesse, and out of his roots a sprout will be fruitful. (**Isaiah 11:1**)
- And the wolf will actually reside for a while with the male lamb, and with the kid the leopard itself will lie down, and the calf and the maned young lion and the well-fed animal all together, and a mere little boy will be leader over them. (**Isaiah 11:6**)
- And the cow and the bear themselves will feed, together their young ones will lie down. And even the lion will eat straw just

like the bull. (**Isaiah 11:7**)

- And the sucking child will certainly play upon the hole of the cobra, and upon the light aperture of a poisonous snake will a weaned child actually put his own hand. (**Isaiah 11:8**)
- They will not do any harm or cause any ruin in all my holy mountain, because the earth will certainly be filled with the knowledge of Yehowah as the waters are covering the very sea. (**Isaiah 11:9**)
- The wolf and the lamb themselves will feed as one, and the lion will eat straw just like the bull, and as for the serpent, his food will be dust. They will **do no harm nor cause any ruin** in all my holy mountain, Yehowah has said. (**Isaiah 65:25**)
- And I will raise up over them one shepherd, and he must feed them, even my servant David. He himself will feed them, and he himself will become their shepherd. (**Ezekiel 34:23**)
- And I myself, Yehowah, will become their God, and my servant David a chieftain in the midst of them. I myself, Yehowah, have spoken. (**Ezekiel 34:24**)
- And I will conclude with them a covenant of **peace**, and I shall certainly cause the injurious wild beast to cease out of the land, and they will actually dwell in the wilderness in security and sleep in the forests. (**Ezekiel 34:25**)
- These last cited texts have a figurative application, for it is obvious that the **peace** between animals, such as the wolf and the lamb, there described did not find literal fulfillment in ancient Israel.
- It was thus foretold that persons of harmful, beastlike disposition would cease their vicious ways and live in **peace** with their more docile neighbors.
- However, the prophetic use of the animals figuratively to portray the **peaceful** conditions to prevail among God's people implies that there will also be **peace** among literal animals under the rule of Christ Jesus, even as there evidently was in Eden.