



Prince of Peace Is He Worthy of the Title?

“Prince of Peace”

Sounds good, doesn't it?

For many, thinking of the birth of Jesus causes warm feelings—and we can use such feelings in these times!



A Worthy Title?

Some 700 years before Christ's birth, Isaiah prophesied that Messiah would be the “Prince of Peace.”¹

Is Jesus *worthy* of the title? If not, good feelings about His birth are really based on a fairy tale—a fib, a lie.

As we look around *outside*, the world has been *anything* but peaceful since His birth. As we look *inside*—if we are honest with ourselves—many would admit that there is not much peace there either.

Nevertheless, He *is* worthy of the title—and all who seek peace can rejoice in His birth!

Messiah - Mighty Warrior or Meek Lamb?

At His birth, Israel was looking for a warrior to rescue her from oppressive Rome. Jesus did not come as a conquering king, however, but as a *meek servant*—and most of Israel didn't recognize Him as Messiah.³

The prophets did foresee the promised Messiah as a Lion and conquering King² But they *also* described another aspect of Him: Messiah would be a Suffering Servant.⁴

His first coming wasn't about making the world peaceful, but making peace between God and man.⁵

Why No Peace?

Why do we lack peace? Our moral failings, called *sin*, have made us adversaries to a Holy God.⁶

The Hebrew word for peace is "Shalom." It means completeness, health, and wellbeing.

There is a rift between God and man that *cannot* be repaired by religion or all the good things we may do.⁷

Sin taints everything. Our sin affects our families, our city, and our nation. We're all guilty. We will answer to a Holy God. It's *that* bad.

Jesus came to give Himself as a sacrifice for our sins. He made peace possible between each of us and God. As Lamb of God,⁸ He conquered our worst enemy, sin. Through Him, God offers reconciliation to any who will believe in Jesus and receive Him as Lord.⁹

And the Lion and conquering King part? Stay tuned for His Second Coming!¹⁰

A Choice for Us

Each of us has a choice to make about Jesus. The bumper sticker may seem silly, but it is true:

No God, No Peace. Know God, Know Peace.

Jesus is the foretold Prince of Peace. He can give you a peace that even frightening times cannot disturb.

The question is, will you have Him as King of your *life*?

*Peace be to you and yours
this Holiday and New Year.*

¹Isaiah 9:6 - "He shall be called ...Prince of Peace." "Christ" is Greek for the Hebrew "Messiah"

²See, e.g., Psalm 2, Gen. 49:9, Rev. 5:5

³John 1:11

⁴Isaiah 53:1-12

⁵John 3:17

⁶Romans 3:23

⁷Ephesian 2:8,9

⁸John 1:29

⁹John 1:12; 3:16

¹⁰Rev. 19:11

