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Part 4 — Prince of Peace

Isaiah 9:6

Prince = a *head* person (of any rank or class): captain, chief, general, governor, keeper, lord, master, prince, ruler, steward. (*Strong Concordance*)

Peace = *safe*, that is, (figuratively) *well, happy, friendly*; health, prosperity, peace: favour, rest, safe, salute, wholly. (*Strong Concordance*)

1. Sometimes in order to have peace there must first be WAR.

“He (the evil king) will be a master of deception and will become arrogant; he will destroy many without warning. He will even take on (WAR) the Prince of princes (Jesus Christ) in battle, but he will be broken, though not by human power.”

~ Daniel 8:25 (NLT)

Jesus is the Prince of princes.

- Your marriage may have to go through war before it finds peace.
- Your parenting may have to go through war before it finds peace.
- Your soul may have to go through war before it finds peace.
- Your financial situation may have to go through war before it finds peace.
- Your health may have to go through war before peace.

2. Here is the AMAZING thing: You can have peace in the midst of war!

- In order to have peace in the midst of war your faith must be in the Prince of princes.
- Jesus is the peace in the midst of the storm.

He was born in the midst of storms:

“Herod was furious when he realized that the wise men had outwitted him. He sent soldiers to kill all the boys in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under, based on the wise men’s report of the star’s first appearance. Herod’s brutal action fulfilled what God had spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

*“A cry was heard in Ramah —
weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeps for her children,
refusing to be comforted,
for they are dead.” ~ Matthew 2:16-18 (NLT)*

He’s an expert at bringing peace in the midst of storms:

“Then Jesus got into the boat and started across the lake with his disciples. Suddenly, a fierce storm struck the lake, with waves breaking into the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him up, shouting, “Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!” Jesus responded, “Why are you afraid? You have so little faith!” Then he got up and rebuked the wind and waves, and suddenly there was a great calm. The disciples were amazed. “Who is this man?” they asked. “Even the winds and waves obey him!” ~ Matthew 8:23-27

To know true peace you must know the Prince of princes.



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