

THE PRINCE OF PEACE

Isaiah 9:6,7

“⁶For unto us Child is born, unto us 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**. ⁷Of 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” (Isa. 9:6,7).

The Translation of The Septuagint Rendering of The Old Testament

“⁶Since unto-us Educable-Child [aor. pass.]was-being-beggotten, unto-us Son [aor. pass.]was-given: the principality of-Whom became upon the shoulder of-His: and the name of-His is-being-called Messenger of-Great Counsel, for I-shall-bring peace upon the rulers[^{magistrates}] and health to-Him. ⁷The principality of-His great!^[nom. of excl.] and to-the Peace of-His there-is no limit; upon the throne of-David and The Kingdom of-His, to-set-straight and to-establish [^{loc. év}]in-judgment and [^{loc. év}]in-righteousness from the now even /forever. The zeal of-The **LORD** of-Hosts shall-do this” (Isa.9:6,7 LXX APT).

Part 31

Introduction:

We have been studying the seven aspects of the second of six facts about The Lord Jesus Christ as to **Who The Prince of Peace Is**. These are:

I. What is Peace; II. Who The Prince of Peace Is; III. What He Came To Do; IV. When He Came; V. Where He Now Is; VI. When He Comes Again. In the last thirty lessons we completed the first two facts, **What is Peace** and **Who The Prince of Peace Is**. Then we considered the third fact **What He Came to Do** and so far we have covered the first eight reasons of at least twelve reasons and unequalled achievements The Prince of Peace came to Earth to perform. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself declared the first seven reasons during His life on Earth. Then there are five more reasons for His coming that were declared by John at the end of his life between A.D. 90-94.

III. What The Lord Jesus Christ Came to Do.

We have already considered the first seven reasons why The Lord Jesus Christ Came to Earth, the first seven (A-G) of which The Prince of Peace declared of Himself and the last five reasons (H-L) were declared by John, The Beloved Disciple before his death.

- A. He Came to Do The Determined Will of His Father, The God.
- B. He Came to Die in order to Fulfill The First Exploit.
- C. He Came to Summon Sinners unto Repentance.
- D. He Came to Set Humans at Variance and Division between Close Family Members.
- E. He Came to Reveal and Demonstrate The God’s Miraculous Power and Authority.
- F. He Came to Ignite Fire onto the Earth.
- G. He Came to Give His Natural Life in Exchange for many Sinners.
- H. He Brought The Word of The God into Being.
- I. He Came to Reveal The God’s Person.
- J. He Came to Reveal The God’s Plan for Obtaining Eternal Absolute Life.
- K. He Came to Save The World.

We considered that John recorded that The Lord Jesus clarified two reasons for His coming into the world and then renounced a misconception the people had concerning His reason for coming. We noted that Scripture records three pertinent facts concerning His coming into The World: 1. Why He came into the World; 2. To Whom

He came into The World; and 3. What The Lord Jesus Christ did not come into the World to do and why.

1. Why The Lord Jesus Christ came into the World (Jn. 12:46-48).

- a. Firstly, He Himself came to be A-Light unto the World for the purpose of enabling everyone to escape from continually abiding in Eternal Darkness.
- b. Secondly, He came not to judge the world. He left that to The Word, which He constantly spoke, to do the judging in The Last Day. Some Israelites of The Lord Jesus Christ's day thought that His coming was to Judge the World including the Planet Earth with the people on it and everything that belongs to it. We considered that there are seven future Judgments that would take place in future time. They are:
First was The Judgment of The Disciple-Saints' Sins which occurred on 14, Nisan (April 3), A.D. 33 on Calvary when The Lord Jesus Christ was the sinner's substitute judged for The Disciple-Saints.
Second, The Judgment of The Disciple-Saints' Works shall occur in Heaven before The Judgment Seat of Christ.
Third, The Judgment of the Beast (The Anti-God) and The False Prophet (The Anti-Christ) shall take place in the Valley of Megiddo immediately after the Battle of Armageddon, where they shall be bound and cast absolutely continuously existing into The Lake of Fire while The Lord Jesus Christ rules the Earth with His saints.
Fourth, The Judgement of The Nations shall take place in The Valley of Jehoshaphat, also known as The Kidron Valley.
Fifth, The Judgment of Satan involves four segments. It first began at The Crucifixion of The Lord Jesus Christ at Calvary and be spread over many years; ending in the Lake of Fire for all Eternity.
Sixth, The Judgment of The Wicked Angels by The Lord Jesus Christ and His disciple-saints in The Great Day, before Eternity begins.
Seventhly, The Final Judgement before The Great White Throne that appears, and all remaining dead-ones are resurrected and judged according to their works and condemned Eternally to the Lake of Fire.
- c. Thirdly, He Came in Order to Save The World and gave five reasons why He came to Earth. These were derived from the list of forty-three synonyms for the word 'save' in **Sisson's Synonyms**. The uses of these five synonyms were fulfilled by The Lord Jesus Christ as recorded herewith.

- (1) He came to rescue the World and the inhabitants thereof from bondage to Satan and perishing with him in The Lake of Fire (Mt. 6:13; 2 Cor. 1:10; Rev. 20:10,12,15)..
- (2) He came to redeem the World and the inhabitants thereof from bondage in slavery to Sin and Satan (Gal. 3:13; Rev. 5:9).
- (3) He came to extricate the world and the inhabitants thereof from Sin and Eternal suffering and ultimately reverse the curse for a thousand years while Satan is confined to the Abyss (Rev. 20:1-3 cf. Isa. 11:1-9ff).
- (4) He came to extricate the world and the inhabitants thereof from the entanglement in Sin and the snare of the Devil (Gal. 1:4; Rom. 6:17).
- (5) He came to free the world and the inhabitants thereof i.e. all creation from bondage to Sin and death (Rom. 6:18-22; 8:2-4,21; Gal. 5:1).

Then we considered:

2. To Whom The Lord Jesus Christ came to Earth in order to save. It was to His very own possessions and people that He came to Earth in order to save. But His own people rejected Him. His own Nation and leaders rebelliously refused Him. Instead they put Him to death by Roman Crucifixion. Then He provided the means and extended the opportunity

to whoever determinedly wills to persistently commit trust unto His Name to be begotten (Regenerated) and exchange Masters and become His bonds slave and receive the authority to become a child of The Godhead. Then we considered:

3. What The Lord Jesus Christ did not come into the World to do and why.

The Lord Jesus Christ did not come to communicate by Himself directly to the people of the whole world of His generation apart from His own people, but He left The Word or The Message of Reconciliation for those He disciplined to do that by means of discipleship in the Power of The Holy Spirit, Whom He sent on The Day of Pentecost to complete His ministry to every soul in every place on Earth. This was completed by the disciple-saints of the first century by mid A.D. 62 (Col. 1:5,6,23). But how sadly the disciple-saints, with exception of the few, have failed in this matter of discipleship! Yet **we are commanded** by The Lord Jesus Christ Himself to: be reconciled, to be disciplined, and to disciple and command others to: be reconciled, be disciplined, and be ambassadors in behalf of The Lord Jesus Christ.

Now we shall consider the twelfth reason for The Lord Jesus Christ to come To Earth:

L. He Came to Testify to The Truth (Jn. 8:39,40; Jn. 18:37; Mt. 22:16; Mk. 12:14; Lk. 20:20,21).

1. The Two Occasions When Lord Jesus Christ Testified that He Publicly Spoke The Truth (Jn. 18:37; 8:39,40).

A. The Lord Jesus Christ's Own Judicial Testimony Before and To Pilate, The Governor, in His First Trial on The Day of His Crucifixion (Jn. 18:37).

It wasn't until the the early morning c. 7:30 A.M., Friday April 3 (14 Nisan), A.D. on the day of His crucifixion at the end of His physical life, while standing the first time in trial before Pilate, the Governor, that The Lord Jesus Christ openly declared His reason and purpose for coming into the world. He expressed to Pilate that He "came to testify to The Truth," which He persistently did as He ministered during the last three years of His Life. This fact is supported by His very enemies that hated Him and sought to put Him to death by means of crucifixion by getting the Roman governor of the territory to decree that it be done. This shall be substantiated by Scripture later in our lesson.

But let us first begin by considering The Lord Jesus Christ's own claim of the reason for coming into the world, to Pilate in The Judgment Hall called Praitoreohn (Jn. 18:37).

³⁷In-response /Pilate^[Peeláhtohs] said to-Him, So-then Yourself, You-are King, are-You\$ not? /Jesus answered, Yourself, you-are-saying that Myself, I-am-continuously-King. Because-of-this I-Myself-have-been-begotten and ^[pup. evs]for-the-purpose-of this ^[itr.v.perf]I-have-come into the world in-order-that ^[dram. 2 aor. subjv.]I-testify^[give judicial evidence] to-The Truth. Everyone who^[art.asprm.] is-being ^[source]of-The Truth ^[Bauer, p. 32, 4.] is-persistently-listening-to-follow the voice of-mine" (Jn. 18:37 APT).

Jesus emphasized two important aspects for His continuously being King on Earth: 1. He has been begotten which requires a father, The God **and** a mother, Mary, to give birth; and 2. He has come into the world, therefore as King of all humanity. But He is seldom recognized to be Sovereign King requiring supreme loyalty, respect, submission and proper recognition as Supreme Sovereign throughout all humanity. We all need to ask ourselves, Have I really recognized and given the Lord Jesus Christ His rightful place in my life as Absolute Sovereign over me in every aspect? There is

or shall be a very solemn and serious consideration which should be life-changing in everyone who shall seriously consider this.

The beloved disciple, John recorded Pilate's response. He asked the question, "What is Truth?" Then he exited and weakly sought to release Jesus without stirring a revolt. Then he appeased the crowd of aggravated and angry Jewish leaders but failed to learn what Truth is, even though the personification of Truth stood before him.

When The Lord Jesus Christ stated to Pilate the purpose for His Coming to Earth He used the Greek verb *ἐλήλυθα* (elályuthah), an iterative perfect which stresses the ongoing fact or existing state (of Truth) or condition of His coming into the world. He came as Truth incarnate.

The Greek verb *μαρτυρήσω* (marturāsō), is a dramatic 2 aorist subjunctive which is an idiomatic use of the aorist tense for emphasis in which the writer or speaker expresses a present action or event is at the threshold of being completed. The subjunctive (potential) mood is used because the potentiality of purpose is involved. To sum up the full meaning of His stated purpose for coming into the world to Pilate, He made it clear that He has come into the world for the express purpose in order to testify and give judicial evidence (not only to and before Pilate, the governor, but also to His own people to The Truth, and this was then on the threshold of being completed. In reality this judicial testimony was demonstrated by means of His majestic work, Word and Miracles, which had transpired for the previous three and a third years would be fully completed in two stages between 8:30 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. when His Breath expired that day and thirty-six hours later at 3:00 A.M. Sunday, He arose and ascended to complete His High Priestly Redemption Ministry, thus providing Perfect Peace and Complete Salvation with all its phases to all who hear and acknowledge The Truth.

Then The Lord Jesus Christ immediately followed this purpose statement (Jn. 18:37d,e) with a means of proof both of Redemption and Full Salvation by 'persistently-listening-to-follow the voice an summons of His,' heard by reading or hearing His Word proclaimed publicly or privately, when quoted, is proof that claiming persistent committed Trust in Him is not true, but is in reality, a false claim or a farce. We all would do well to carefully compare and consider the true spiritual condition and the reality of the meaning that The Lord Jesus Christ intended by stating this Truth and encourage one another either, on the one hand to continue to persist in hearing, listening to follow in complete obedience all that the Word of His says or on the other hand to begin in reality to persistently listen and personally follow in complete obedience all that the Word of God says. If this were done conscientiously by every redeemed person, His Church would have greater impact on the world in which we live and there would be a marked difference between those who are Truly Redeemed and confess to be so and those who apparently are not and only profess to be Redeemed, while still in bondage to sin and Satan.

In our present English-speaking world the precise meaning of Scripture is assumed to be loosely treated by partial or occasional performance but the Greek language, in which Scripture was originally recorded, is precise and detailed as to how what is recorded is to be understood and performed in detail in every day

life. Understanding and realizing this is overwhelming at first. But when one has completely, not partially, yielded to The Lord Jesus Christ, The Holy Spirit prompts and enables the obedient one to fulfill all that The God requires of him or her.

Although this was the second time the The Lord Jesus testified of His coming to publicly testify to The Truth, it is the strongest emphasis of the two times He so testified. The record of the first time that He testified follows.

B. The Lord Jesus Christ's Testimony before and to the Pharisees in the guarded treasury of The Temple on 23 Tish'ri (October 15), A.D. 32 after the incident with the woman found in the act of adultery (Jn. 8:3-11). Following this incident, a confrontation with the Pharisees ensued, in which a controversy over The Lord Jesus Christ's claim that He was slipping away to His Father, Whom they were unable to perceive and to go where they were unable to go (Jn. 8:23:19,21). In response they claimed that Abraham was their Father, to which He responded with the following, (Jn. 8:39c-42).

‘³⁹ . . . If^[sec.cl.cond] (and-it-is-not-true) you[&] were children^[rel. emp.] of-the Abraham, &you-would-continually-do the works of-the Abraham. ⁴⁰But now &you-are-seeking to-kill Me, A-Human^[gen.] Who has-spoken to-you[&] The Truth, which I-heard alongside^[by-the-side-of] The God. This-thing Abraham did-not-do. ⁴¹Yourselves, you-are-continually-doing the works of-the father of-yours. In-response they-said to-Him, Ourselves we-have-not-been-begotten out-of fornication^[Hos. 2:4]. We-have One Father^[Deut. 32:6], The God. ⁴²Jesus said to-them, If^[sec.cl.cond] (and-it-is-not-true) The God were your[&] Father, &you-would-ever-continually-love^[sovereignly-prefer-over-self-and-others] Me. For Myself, I-exited out-of-The God and ^[intnsv. perf.]I-have-arrived. For neither came-I on-account-of Myself, but^[on-the-cont.] That⁺ One sent^[w/ comm.] Me’’ (Jn. 8:39c-42 APT).

Here in this first occasion of testifying to The Truth, The Lord Jesus clarified the contrast between doing the works of His Father and doing the works of the father of all unrepentant and unregenerated people, whose father is Satan. He declared that the benefit for those who have repented and committed trust results in becoming Sons of God The Father. May I ask which of these two is truly your spiritual Father?

2. The Testimony of the Various Religious Factions of Israelites to The Fact that The Lord Jesus Christ Taught on The Basis of Truth occurred on Wednesday, two days before His Crucifixion. (Mt. 22:16; Mk. 12:14; Lk. 20:20,21).

a. The Testimony of the Pharisees and the Herodians to The Lord Jesus Christ's teaching on the Basis of Truth (Mt. 22:16; Mk. 12:14).

These texts refer to two political parties in Israel with great influence in two aspects in the local governing of life, the Pharisees and the Herodians.

(1) The Pharisees were the most numerous and influential legalists formed into the extremist and largest religious cult and political party in Israel. They were the religious leaders of Israel who upheld the strictest conformity to and observance of The Law, but also upheld their own traditions, by which they rendered The Word of The God null and void by oral precepts which they delivered to the people. The leaders of this strong religious cult at first were critical of The Lord Jesus Christ which then emerged into outright opposition. When this failed to abate His popularity and esteem they resorted to find a way to have the Roman Governor to

eliminate Him by condemning Him to a crucifixion death.

(2) The Herodians were not descendents of Herod the Great, but rather Israelites who formed a political party that favored and willingly submitted to the Roman Empire and consistently supported the Herods, whose ancestor, Herod the Great was appointed by Julius Caesar to govern their territory. They were enemies of The Pharisees who objected to paying tribute to Caesar, to which the Herodians readily submitted.

However the Pharisees were so impassioned and zealous about getting rid of Jesus that they decided to approach Him in the pretense of obtaining clarification of and authorization of their position of opposing paying the poll tax (v. 17). So they condescended to go to and conspire with the Herodians in order to trap The Lord Jesus so that they could go to the governor with a reason for executing Him. Notice their approach to The Lord Jesus. They first acknowledged that they perceived that He taught on the basis of Truth and that it was not a care to Him concerning how anyone thinks or responds because He looks not on the facial appearance of humans. They acted as though they expected Him to give a straight answer. But He saw through their plot and both factions were amazed and marveled at His answer.

b. The Testimony of The Chief Priests and Scribes to The Lord Jesus Christ's teaching on the Basis of Truth (Lk. 20:20,21).

(1) The Chief Priests were living family members belonging to the high priestly family, who were presently ruling or older men who had previously served their time in the office of the high priest.

(2) The Scribes were divided into groups of Levites, one of which was involved in copying The Law of Moses and the other was involved in teaching The Law. These expounded The Law and progressively took liberties to expand the text.

Chief members of these two factions formed The Συνέδριον (Sunéhdreeohn) Sanhedrin, which was The Supreme Council (Court or Tribunal) of the Jewish nation, before whom The Lord Jesus Christ was tried and then demanded Pilate that He be crucified.

These four factions of religious leaders of His People who were His enemies, gave this attestation to The Lord Jesus Christ's testimony to the fact that He always spoke The Truth early in the afternoon on Wednesday two days before His crucifixion. This testimony by these prominent religious and political people gave credence and provides judicial testimony that they acknowledged and heard what He taught and recognized it as The Truth **and** not only rejected It, but sought to extinguish The Fact of This Truth and annihilate The Person of Truth.

Everyone who does not commit persistent trust to The Lord Jesus Christ shall absolutely **not** escape serious eternal condemnation at the Great White Throne upon Which The Lord Jesus shall be seated in The Final Judgment Day when judgment shall be declared by Him. There is no way for anyone to avoid that eternal sentence, however hard or by whatever means one may try! Therefore it behooves you and me to be sure or make sure that we and our loved ones and friends have the evidence that we do persistently trust in and possess The Truth and Everlasting Life in full assurance. That evidence is demonstrated by persistently abiding in The Light and in Truth, being personally disciplined, and consecutively discipling others.

Conclusion: In our study of The Prince of Peace, today we reviewed the twelfth reason for The Lord Jesus Christ to come to Earth as Prince of

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Application: What shall you and I do to be sure each of us has the proper and complete evidence that we have appropriately responded to and persistently possess The Truth and Everlasting Life?

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For next week: **THE PRINCE OF PEACE: III. part 32: What He Came To Do When He Came to Earth.** Please read and meditate upon: Jn. 1:11,14; Mt. 1:18-23; Lk. 2:1-7; Heb. 10:1-10.