

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. & v]in-judgment and [loc. & v]in-righteousness from the now even /forever. The zeal of-The **LORD** of-Hosts shall-do this” (Isa.9:6,7 LXX APT).

Part 34

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-three 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 unequaled 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 considered twelve reasons why The Lord Jesus Christ Came to Earth.

- 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.
- L. He Came to Testify to The Truth.

IV. When He Came to Earth.

We considered four aspects of this fact: When He Came; How He Came; What He Said When He Came; and What Was Seen When He Came.

V. Where The Prince of Peace Is Now.

This fifth aspect of our study is divided into four components which are:
A. Where Is He Now? B. When Did He Get There? C. What is He Doing There? and D. How Long Will He Be There?

V. Where The Prince of Peace Is Now!

According to Progressive Revelation as Scripture was recorded, the earliest revelation that The Lord Jesus Christ ascended to Heaven and is no longer upon Earth requires that we consider the dating of each New Testament Book. Only The Gospels of Luke and Mark and The Acts give any details of The Ascension of The Christ, but 1 Thessalonians and Romans were recorded prior to these in the order of progression. Therefore the order of consideration shall be different than the order in which most Bibles are printed.

A. Where Is The Prince of Peace Now?

1. According to Paul, the Apostle to ⁰Gentiles (1 Thes.4:16; Rom. 10:6).

Twice he referred to the fact that The Lord Jesus Christ is presently being in Heaven.

- a. He shall descend from Heaven (1 Thes. 4:16).

In His First Epistle that he wrote to The Thessalonians, He validated the fact of The Lord Jesus Christ's residence in Heaven by this statement in 1 Thessalonians 4:16. Since He shall descend from Heaven, He must be in Heaven first, where He still is now. This event shall take place at the Rapture when The Prince of Peace shall rise up from His Throne alongside His Father and shall call away His Bride composed of disciple-saints to meet Him in the air to be with Him forever in Heaven.

- b. He is in Heaven (Rom. 10:6).

Paul briefly referred to the fact that The Lord Jesus Christ is presently being in Heaven, when in A.D. 57-58, he asked this question of the Roman saints in 10:6, "Who shall-ascend into The Heaven? (that^{this} is-in-order to-lead Christ down), This question expected a negative answer. The question is meaningless if The Lord Jesus Christ was not in Heaven when Paul wrote.

Therefore Paul indicated twice that The Lord Jesus Christ is presently ministering in Heaven.

2. According to Luke (24:50,51; Acts 1:3,6,9-11).

Luke, the Beloved Physician was a Gentile traditionally from (**Ahntee-oh-kheh-eeah**) Antioch of Syria, recorded His Gospel in A.D. 55-58 and ended It by reporting the last moments of The Lord Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace, on Earth before His departure and ascension into Heaven, where He presently continuously abides. However, he added to his Gospel record that progressive revelation, which he since learned under Paul's discipleship, in A.D. 63 when he recorded the account of Acts of The Apostles. Progressive Revelation is a vital consideration in developing History and Doctrine.

The first full record of the departure of The Lord Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace from Earth was written as stated above by Luke in A.D. 55-58 (Lk. 24:50,51). We noted the approximate location from which The Lord Jesus Christ ascended on the west side of the south-east peak of The Mount of Olives. leading toward **Baythah-néeah** (Bethany). From there He departed from His disciples and was carried up in a shaped cloud into The Heaven.

3. According to Mark, Son of Mary and cousin of **Bahrnáhbahs** (16:19).

Although Mark was brief, he clarified the place to where in Heaven The Lord Jesus Christ went when He ascended. Please note that the Greek noun that The Holy Spirit used when Mark was driven to record his Gospel, the plural of the Greek word **δεξιός** (dehks-eeós). This plural indicates that He receives greater attention and that He is more intimate than merely occupying a place or sitting at The God's right

hand. This plural is used in The Original Greek New Testament multiple times, in fact twenty-five times in the New Testament alone.

At this point we suspended our study of Where The Lord Jesus Christ is now. There is one more account to consider. John, the beloved disciple and youngest and longest living disciple wrote a vivid description of His appearance in Heaven.

4. According to John the Beloved Disciple (Rev. 1:9-18).

⁹I, John, / \both\ the brother-of-yours& and /fellow-/\ partaker [loc. év]in-the tribulation and /loc. év/in the\ ⁰Kingdom and patient-endurance /in-union-with-\ Christ Jesus, emerged [loc. év]in-the island, the-one^ being-titled, **Páhtmohs**, for-the-sake-of The Word of-The God and for-the-sake-of the judicial-evidence [obj.gen.]for Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I-emerged [loc. év]in-the-state-of-being ⁰loc. év]in-Spirit [tm. loc. év]on-The-Day pertaining-to ⁰Lord[Sunday] and I-heard in-back-of-me a great sound[call or voice] as of a trumpet, ¹¹repeatedly saying, What &you-are-seeing, write into a scroll and send [it] to the seven churches / \The-ones\ **leis** for év]in-Ephesus[Ehfehsohs], and in-**Smúrnah**, and in-**Pérgahmohs**, and in-**Thuháhteh-eerah**, and in-**Shrdeh-ees**, and in-**Feelahdéhl-feeah**, and in-**Lah-ohdéé-keh-eeah**. [Mss. div. majj. Mss. omit this, but cf. vs.8;21:6;22:13] /Myself. I-am-continuously-being The Alpha and The Omega, The First and The Last\; ¹²and /there\ \ I-wholly-turned to-see the voice[mtny.: voice for speaker] whichever [spoke] [was-repeatedly-speaking] with me. And after-wholly-turning, I-beheld seven golden lampstands. ¹³And in-midst-of the seven lampstands a-resembling-One+ to ⁰Son of-(a-hu)Man standing-clothed-with a-robe-reaching-down-to-the-feet and [cons. perf. pass. ptcp.]being-standing-girded-around-with a-golden belt [loc. πρός]at the breasts. ¹⁴Now the head and the hair& of-His white, as / \if white wool, as snow, and the eyes of-His as a-flame of-fire, ¹⁵and the feet of-His, similar-ones-to fine-brass, [ints. perf. pass. subs. ptcp.]&ones-having-been-burned as by-means-of-a-smelting-furnace, and the voice of-His, as ⁰sound of-many waters, ¹⁶and having [posn. év]at-His right hand seven stars and a large, sharp, two-edged broad-sword continually-proceeding out-of the mouth of-His and the countenance of-His as the sun continually-shining in its+ miraculous-power. ¹⁷And when I-beheld Him, I-fell [loc. πρός]at the feet of-His as a-dead-one+. And He-placed the right /hand\ of-His upon me, while saying /to-me\,

Stop fearing! Myself, I-am-continuously-being The First and The Last, ¹⁸and The+ Absolutely-Living-One and I-became dead. And lo! I-am-continuously-absolutely-living unto the Ages of-the Ages /for /ever and /evermore, Amen!\ And I-continually-hold the keys of-The Death and of-The **Ha-idays**[tmp. abode of departed human spirits]? (Rev.1:9-18 APT).

Here the youngest, longest living, beloved disciple has recorded the best depicted and most detailed latest description of The Lord Jesus Christ as He appeared to John in Heaven in A.D. 96 or less than four years later revealed in Scripture. It vividly depicts Him as The Lord Jesus he knew on Earth clothed like the High priest of The Old Testament with a white Priestly Robe covering His body down to His exposed feet at the bottom of The Robe. Then as John lifted His eyes upon The Lord Jesus, he observed that He was girded around at the breasts with a golden belt and then noted that His head and hair were woolly white as snow and His eyes as a flame of fire.

Then he returned his eyes to His exposed feet which looked like burnished brass which had been burned as by means of a smelting furnace. This appearance came about by The Eternal Fire of The God's wrath that He endured on The Cross for three hours from noon until 3:00 P.M. as a substitute sacrifice for all people and the world. This burning that He endured in His crucified body for all people and The World, during those three hours of darkness from noon until 3:00 P.M. on Friday, 14 Nisan (April 3) A.D. 33. (If you wonder how three hours could take the place for all the people that ever lived or shall live,

remember that a substitute is one who replaces another for a short time.)

When John beheld Him like this, He fell at His feet as a dead man. Then after placing His right hand upon Him, The Lord Jesus Christ commanded John to stop fearing and then identified Himself as continually being The First and The Last and The Continuously Absolutely Living One forever and evermore or unto the Ages of Ages. He claimed to be The One who persistently holds the keys of Death and of **Háh-hdays**, The Temporary Abode of Departed Human Spirits.

This vivid description is another contribution to the proofs that the Crucified Lord Jesus Christ is resurrected and ascended into Heaven where He is now and is awaiting the time to arise and descend firstly to receive His Bride, The Church, composed of all regenerated humans dead and alive to Himself, in the air and take them to Heaven in glorified bodies to be with Him forevermore.

From these four recorders of Scripture, Paul, Luke, Mark, and John we have an understanding of the fact that The Lord Jesus Christ is resurrected, ascended, and is presently located in Heaven on the Rights of The God, His Father.

B. When Did He Get There? (Acts 1:3,9).

The only source for dating The Ascension of The Lord Jesus Christ is the book of Acts recorded by Luke who was an accurate researcher of “all things from the first one by one sequentially concerning compiling an authentic Narrative^[History]” (Lk. 1:1) “of all things which Jesus began both to do and to teach” (Acts 1:1). We shall excerpt Acts 1:3,9.

“² . . . the apostles . . . ³To-whom also, ^[artl. aor. tmp. inf]after-the-act-of- Him -suffering, He-presented Himself Absolutely-Living ^[instr. év]by-means-of-many ^[convincing]demonstrative-proofs by-repeatedly-making-appearance-of-Himself to-them through forty days and saying the-things~ concerning The Kingdom of-The God. . . . ⁹And after-saying these~ things, while-they-kept-looking, He-was-lifted-up and a-shaped-cloud assumed ^[to-take-up-being-under] Him away from the eyes of-theirs” (Acts 1:3,9).

Since the date of The Lord’s Crucifixion death was stated in a previous lesson, a reminder of the date is stated again as Friday, 14 Nisan (April 3), A.D. 33 and His Resurrection on the third day, Sunday at c. 4:15 A.M. (according to A Chronological Harmony of The Gospels in back of APT by D.F.W. p. 34-36). Three days, but c. 36 hours after His death from 3:00 P.M., Friday to c. 4:15 A.M. Sunday, April 16 amounted to three days and three nights as The God and The Jews then counted time, which is any part of a day or night is considered one day and a night.

So the time between Resurrection and final Ascension into Heaven was forty days: from Sunday, 16 Nisan (April 5) to Thursday, 25 Iyar (May 14) A.D. 33, when He finally departed from His disciples on Earth and arrived an instant later in Heaven and sat down on His Throne on the rights of His Father on Thursday, 25 Iyar (May 14) A.D. 33.

C. What is He Doing There? (Rom. 8:34; Heb. 6:18-20; 9:24,25).

There are three passages in The New Testament that indicate what he is constantly doing in Heaven, one in Romans and two in Hebrews recorded in that order.

a. The First Occasion is Romans 8:34.

³⁴Who ^[is] ^[pres. subs. ptc.]+The-One-condemning- wicked-humans -to-punishment^{[Ps. 37:33]?} Christ^[excl. nom] ^[tmp. aor. ptc.]The-One-after-dying-off, moreover rather also ^[aor. mid. ptc.]raised-Himself-up Who even is-continuously ^[loc. of plc. (Ps. 110:1)] on-The ⁰rights& of-The God, Who also continuously-intercedes in-behalf-of us” (Rom. 8:34 APT).

Here Paul, motivated by The Holy Spirit, indicated that The Resurrected-ascended Christ is The One Who is condemning wicked humans to

punishment. Previously in our study we observed that The Prince of Peace plainly stated that He did not come to judge the world but to save the world but The Word that He has spoken on Earth shall judge in the Last Day. But here The Scripture has stated bluntly that The Lord Jesus Christ Himself shall condemn the wicked-unregenerated humans to punishment, that is He shall pronounce the Judicial result of how one reacted to what The Word of The God had spoken by the Lord Jesus Christ while He was on Earth. Thus the difference between the judgment and the condemnation because of that judgment is clearly distinguished.

Here it is specified that The Lord Jesus Christ is in Heaven and fulfilling His role as Great High Priest continuously interceding on behalf of us, the ones fulfilling the role of redeemed, regenerated disciples-saints, who have committed their lives to be His bondslaves forever.

There are two other occasions necessary to consider of what Paul disclosed concerning where The Prince of Peace is continuously abiding and ministering on our behalf until He takes us up to be forever with Himself. These are found in The Epistle to Hebrews written in late Spring, A.D. 63, five years before he was martyred. Although Paul longed to reach His People with The Gospel and in sorrow and unceasing anguish in his heart, he constantly pled to be cursed away to destruction from Christ in behalf of His kinsmen, yet he spent his life reaching Gentiles. But The God granted Him to minister to his own people in writing a treatise entitled The Epistle To Hebrews By Paul The Apostle.

b. The Second Occasion is Hebrews 6:18-20.

“¹⁸in-order-that, by-means-of two unchangeable[immutable] matters [instr. **év** lin-which& lit-is] impossible ⁰for-God to-lie, we- [artl. subs. temp. aor. ptc.] the-ones-after-successfully-fleeing-for-refuge, -continually-have a-strong encouragement to-take-hold-tightly [obj. gen.]to-the previously-set hope, ¹⁹which we-continually-have as an-Anchor of-the soul both certain[sure] and steadfast and [Who] [att. crem. aor. pres. mid. ptc.]also-enter-of-ourselves into the inner~ |place| separated by the full [abl of sep]curtain ²⁰where Jesus, ⁰Forerunner in-behalf-of-us, entered and became High Priest for /eternity according to the order of **Mehl-khee-sehdéhk.**” (Heb. 6:18-20 APT).

Here The Lord Jesus in Heaven is likened to an anchor safely secured in the harbor to insure that the boat or ship shall certainly reach the land to which it is attached. He has reached the destination, Heaven and the soul that is anchored shall surely and safely reach that destination even though storm and weather attack. The disciple of The Lord Jesus Christ can rest assured in every kind of threat that the enemy of the soul may make, that he or she shall surely reach the shoreline where The Anchor is securely imbedded.

Not only is The Lord Jesus Christ our Anchor securely imbedded in Heaven, where our Cable of Faith is securely attached, but additionally He is our Forerunner in the Race of Faith, Who has successfully entered The Holy of Holies and became our Eternal High Priest continuously interceding on our behalf.

c. The Third Occasion is again in Hebrews (9:24,25).

“²⁴For The Christ did- not-enter into ⁰Holy Places made with hands, figures[antitypes] of-the genuine ones, but on the contrary into the Heaven Itself, now to appear Himself in-the face[in /person] before [obj. gen.]The God in-behalf-of us. ²⁵Neither that He offer Himself many times, even-as the high-priest [intrv. pres.]repeatedly-enters [loc. **év**]into-the-Holy-Places [distr. **κατά**era[cycle of seasons] by era with blood belonging-to another” (Heb. 9:24,25).

In this Passage Paul compares The Great High Priesthood of The Lord Jesus Christ with the High Priests of The Old Testament under Law. He compares The Locality of Service, The Frequency of Service, and The

Offering of each priesthood.

(1) The Locality of Service: on Earth verses Heaven Itself.

(A) The High Priestly Service on Earth in The Tabernacle or later in The Temple, which was made with human hands, offered repeatedly many times the blood of the sacrifice of cloven hoofed animals without blemish (Ex. 12:5 cf. Lev. 23:12,18) applied to The Mercy Seat on the altar in the Holy of Holies.

(B) The High Priestly Service in Heaven Itself initially began with The Resurrection-ascension of The Lord Jesus Christ as The Great High Priest (Heb. 5:5,6 cf. 1:5; Acts 13:33;Ps. 2:7) and perpetually continues until His Father tells Him to return for all the redeemed, regenerated members of His Church (Mt. 24:36,37; Mk. 13:32).

(2) The Frequency of Service.

(A) The High Priestly Service on Earth only cleared the high priest's sins and the sins of The Nation of Israelites for until the next Passover or until one sinned again, in which case a specific sacrifice according to the sin must be offered before The High Priest. This service on Earth was repeatedly offered year after year into The Holy of Holies, but other sacrifices for individuals were offered after each sin was committed. This occurred repeatedly many times throughout the year or era (cycle of four seasons).

(B) The Lord Jesus Christ's High Priestly service in Heaven was necessary only once forever and included for every human who identifies with The Lord Jesus Christ by repentance and earnest determined committed faith proved by personally being disciplined and repeatedly disciplining others in a growing relationship in Christ Jesus The Lord.

(3) The Offering of Each Priesthood.

(A) The Offerings of the earthly priests for themselves first and for the individual Israelites varied according to which of the five types of offerings that are specified by The Lord God to be presented before Him according to the reason for each type of offering (cf. Lev. 1:1-7:38).

(B) The Lord Jesus Christ's High Priestly Ministry was one single unusual offering of own His Sinless, spotless, unblemished, mature, male, human body suffering as a substitute, which only performs for a short time. He suffered for six hours hanging on the cross under the torment of The Eternal Fire and Brimstone, a sample of which all unregenerated sinners shall endure for all eternity.

D. How Long Will He Be There?

We cannot know exactly how long He will be ministering as our Great High Priest in Heaven because The Lord Jesus Christ Himself answered His Disciples question regarding the destruction of Jerusalem, the miraculous sign of His coming presence, and the consummation of the age (Mt. 24:3ff; Mk. 13:4ff; Lk. 21:7ff). His answer described the end of this age in which we presently live and His return to set up His Kingdom. At the time He said these things, The God's Progressive Revelation was limited to the nation of Israel. There were only two hints of The Church Body to begin existing in the future. These were recorded in Matthew (16:18; 18:17) but no other reference until the Day of Pentecost when the Church began Her existence (Acts 2:47).

However the Lord Jesus distinctly declared to His Disciples after describing The Great Tribulation through which Israel would suffer before The Coming Presence of The Son-of-the-Human shall take place. He concluded His discourse with,

“³⁶Now concerning that /day and /hour not-one perceives^[is-aware], neither the angels-of-the& Heavens, except My /Father alone” (Mt. 24:36 APT).

Therefore since The Lord Jesus stated that even He does not know the day nor the hour wherein He will come again, it is futile for anyone to try to predict a date as to when that will be. Several whom claim to have studied The Scriptures and quoted portions from Them have tried, failed and proved themselves to be false prophets and unregenerated. We can only sense the nearness of that event by taking into consideration the events that occur on Earth in light of what indications Scripture has stated as signs of its nearness, but we must absolutely cease any further prognostication. Anyone who attempts to decide and declare a date or time is reflecting his or her identification with Satan as unregenerated with a false profession!

Although The Lord Jesus Told His disciples that no one can know when He is to return, not even Himself, He gave some guidelines concerning what shall take place before He returns to Earth to set up His Earthly Kingdom to reign a thousand years. Those signs certainly were intended to guide Israel to get ready for His Return to Earth. But as for what is known as The Rapture of His Church Body being taken up to meet Him in the air shall take place seven plus (?) years before His Return to set up His Millennial Kingdom. This also shall help Israel to prepare for His Return but only provides impetus to anticipate and expectation of His coming in the air for His Church at any time these signs begin to occur. Some of these signs have already been and are continuing to take place on Earth which means His coming for His Church is rapidly nearing. These have prompted false prophets to err in announcing the day of His coming for His own as Doom's Day for the world because they have been confused in discerning the difference between what is known as the Rapture and The Revelation, both of which Scripture titles The Coming Presence of The Lord Jesus Christ.

In order to determine some indication of the nearness of His Coming Presence known as the Rapture we may consider such Scriptures as Matthew 24:3-44 and Luke 21:7-36 (please take time to look up and read these passages).

Since no one, including The Son of The God, knows even the hour that The Lord Jesus Christ is returning in the air for His Church, no one should attempt to determine it. At the time The Father has determined, He shall tell His Son to rise from His throne and descend to take up His Bride, The True Church, all the Redeemed-Regenerated people from Pentecost, Sunday, 6 Sivan (May 24), A.D. 33 until the very hour that He descends to the air to receive them. Then His High Priestly Ministry in Heaven shall be ended and He then shall take up His Judgship on The Judgement Seat of Christ in Heaven (Rom. 14:10; 1 Cor. 5:10).

Conclusion:

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This fifth aspect of our study is divided into four components which are:

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- c. The Third Occasion is again in Hebrews 9:24,25. Here The Great High Priesthood of The Lord Jesus Christ is compared with the High Priests of The Old Testament under Law in three areas: The Locality of Service, The Frequency of Service, and The Offering of Each Priesthood.

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But The Lord Jesus Christ's High Priestly Ministry was one single unusual offering of His own Sinless, spotless, unblemished, mature, male, human body suffering as a substitute, which only performs for a short time. His Sacrificial Ministry lasted for six hours, three under the torment of The Eternal Fire and Brimstone.

How grateful we should be for all that He suffered in order to deliver us from Sin and Eternal Suffering in the Lake of fire. We can only return our thanks by true repentance and complete surrender of **All we have and are** to Him and live the rest of our lives seeking to be discipled and discipling others!

Application: What shall you and I do the rest of our lives to please Him in return for all He has done for us? **DFW**

For next week: THE PRINCE OF PEACE part 35: When He Comes Again. Please read and meditate upon: (1 Thes. 4:16-18; 1 Cor. 15:52-58; Rom. 14:10-12; 2 Thes. 1:6-10; 2:1-12; 2 Cor. 5:7-11).