

# ***An Unexpected Christmas Peace***

ADVENT 2025 – Part 2

December 7, 2025

<sup>6</sup> *For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.*

*And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

<sup>7</sup> *Of the greatness of his government and peace  
there will be no end.*

*He will reign on David's throne  
and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it  
with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and forever.*

*The zeal of the Lord Almighty  
will accomplish this.*

**Isaiah 9:6-7**

<sup>13</sup> *Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,*

<sup>14</sup> *“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”*

<sup>15</sup> *When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”*

**Luke 2:13-15**

## **The Confusion: What is this peace that Jesus brings?**

- **Jesus was not born for global peace.**

<sup>9</sup> *When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.”*

<sup>10</sup> *Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.*

**Luke 21:9-10**

- **Jesus was not born for internal peace.**

*<sup>51</sup> Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. <sup>52</sup> From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup> They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."*

**Luke 12:51-53**

*<sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

**Philippians 4:6-7**

*Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord strong and mighty,  
the Lord mighty in battle.*

**Psalms 24:8**

*The Lord is a warrior;  
the Lord is his name.*

**Exodus 15:3**

*<sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.*

**1 Corinthians 15:24-26**

## **Small Group Discussion Questions for the Week of December 7, 2025.**

### **Opening**

1. What was the circumstance, setting, and situation in which you last experienced a strong sense of personal peace?

### **Digging Deeper into the Scriptures**

Read Isaiah 9:6-7 and Luke 2:13-15.

1. How does understanding Jesus as both "a child born" and "a son given" shape your view of Him?
2. In what ways can you seek Jesus as your "Wonderful Counselor" in your current life circumstances?
3. How does recognizing Jesus as "Mighty God" influence your trust in His power and authority?

### **Applying the Scriptures**

1. What mindset has to change to experience the peace of the "Prince of Peace" in your daily life?
2. Read Philippians 4:6-7 and talk about how to practically apply this in your life.