

## Arrival (#4)

### *The Missing Peace*

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<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village in Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel will come from you, one whose origins are from the distant past. <sup>3</sup> The people of Israel will be abandoned to their enemies until the time when the woman in labor gives birth to her son. Then at last his fellow countrymen will return from exile to their own land. <sup>4</sup> And he will stand to lead his flock with the LORD's strength, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. Then his people will live there undisturbed, for he will be highly honored all around the world. <sup>5</sup> And he will be the source of our peace. Micah 5:2-5

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others--the armies of heaven--praising God: <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to all whom God favors." <sup>15</sup> When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Come on, let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this wonderful thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." <sup>16</sup> They ran to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. Luke 2:13-16

Isn't it possible that the lack of peace we see in our world is just an indicator of the internal peace that is often absent in our personal lives?

looking back - the first advent

*Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Romans 5:1*

Because of Christmas, I can have peace with God.

the quest for world peace

Luke 21 – a picture of what is to come

looking forward - the second advent

Our hope for world peace will find its fulfillment in the Second Coming of Christ

What can I do today to promote peace?