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The scripture plainly says *“The king’s heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.”* GOD raised up Egypt as a mighty warfaring nation just for the purpose of displaying HIS power in their destruction. HE directed the nation of Israel to destroy the heathen through warfare and HE chastened the disobedience of Israel through the same. HE raised up the Babylonians so that they might humble Israel by bringing her into captivity. Then as the Babylonians gloated in their own prosperity HE sent the Medes to render judgement upon them for daring to touch the LORD’s anointed. So we can obviously say that all wars are ordained or predestined by GOD to fulfill HIS divine purpose in the unfolding of history. Yet woe be to those nations who shed innocent blood.

The sons of GOD are instructed to be men of peace and to that end the LORD has ordained to work in them a love for it and a desire to see its increase in the earth. Yet the peace which the sons of GOD crave and seek HIM for is not just to see the absence of earthly conflict. They desire and enjoy a peace which passeth understanding. It is that peace which the LORD promised when HE said, *“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”* The sons of GOD desire a lasting peace whereas the men of this world are ready to go to war as soon as they feel threatened or believe that they have been wronged in some way.

The earthly city of Jerusalem shall never be a city of peace because it is not designed to be. The Jerusalem whose peace we are to pray for is that heavenly Jerusalem which is as a bride adorned for her HUSBAND: the kingdom of CHRIST, the CHURCH for which HE shed HIS precious blood. A prayer for peace in this city is one which shall indeed be heard and answered for this is the FATHER’S purpose; The peace of that city:

Is forever secured by the blood of CHRIST. *“And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.”* By the shedding of CHRIST’S blood once and for all there is remission of sin. The only barrier to peace between the LORD and HIS elect was in the sin of a broken law. GOD is satisfied with the blood of CHRIST and now we are reconciled to HIM by this same blood which satisfied the demands of HIS holy law.

Is multiplied by the knowledge of its inhabitants. *“Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,”*. The peace which is purchased by JESUS CHRIST is perfect but the knowledge of it by the saints is not. That is why it is necessary for us to publish peace and glad tidings unto the church. *“How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”* The reprobate are ever learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth but the sons of GOD learn continually of HIS purpose to give them peace.

Is the rule of its inhabitants. *“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.”* This is the principle which shall ever be the comfort of the LORD’S people. *“Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.”* We are exhorted in the scripture to *“If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.”* There is no place among GOD’S people for a cantankerous spirit or one that takes delight in strife, conflict and turmoil. We have been called unto peace.

Is the pure delight of all who dwell therein. *“And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”* Peace and hope go hand in hand. The more clearly a man sees his hope realized the more at peace he will be. *“Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.”* No man can have any expectation of acceptance with the LORD except that this gift be granted unto him. When a man possesses this hope then peace like a river will flood his soul and he shall be able to put all of his enemies to flight. *“Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”* Do you know this PEACE which passeth understanding?

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