

Glory to God in the Highest

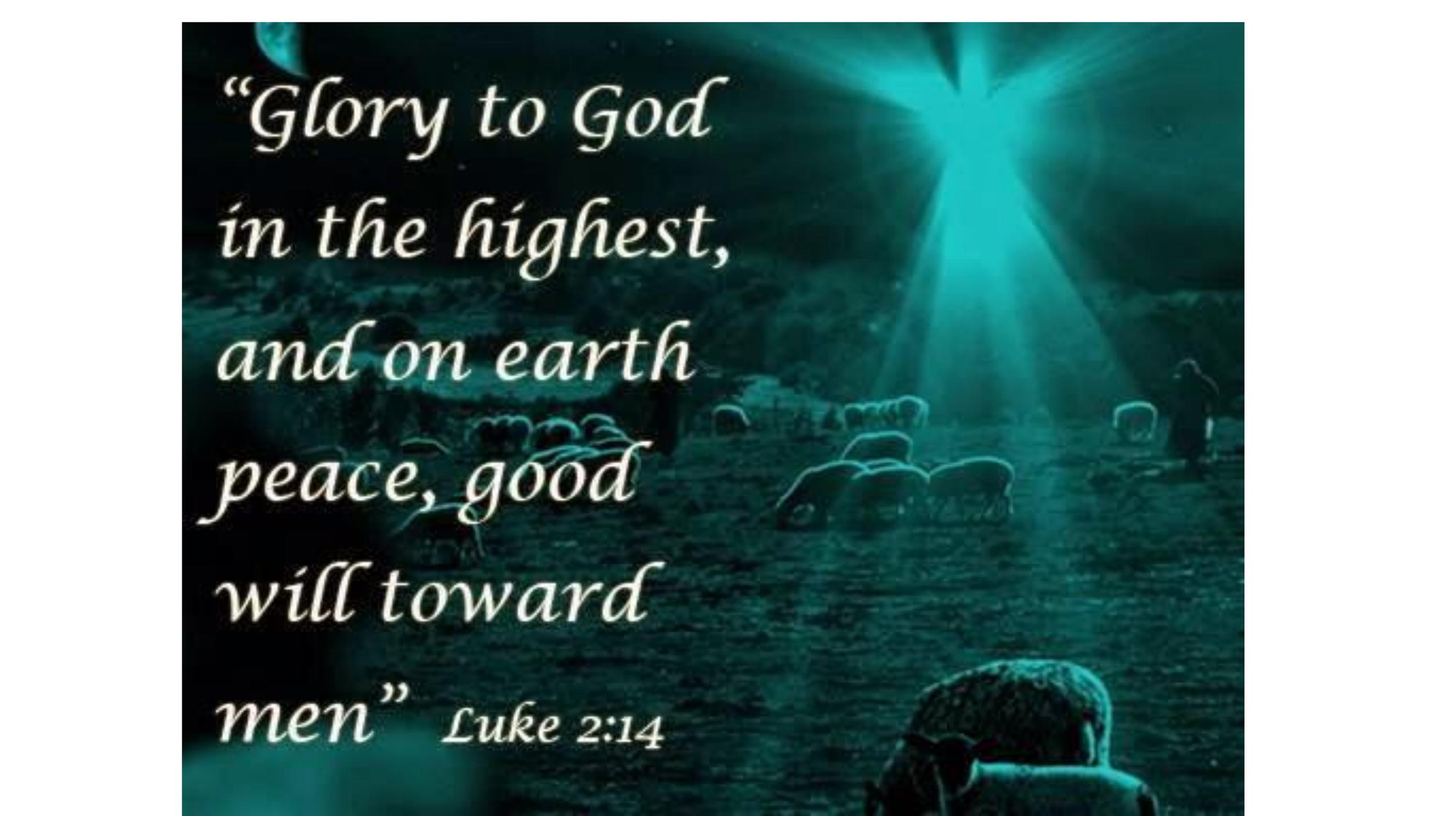
Luke 2:14

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The Plan

- Sir, this is no ordinary baby! God's big announcement
- Christmas Card "Meme"
- What is Peace?



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to



No Ordinary Baby: God's Big Announcement

Time period from last revelation until the birth of Jesus

- United Kingdom
- Divided Kingdom
- Assyrian Captivity
- Babylonian Captivity
- Roman Occupation)
- Rise of the synagogue
- 600 years of silence...(Intertestamental period

Outline of Chapter 1

- Intro 1-4
- Appearance to Zechariah: John the Baptist 1:5-24
- Birth of Jesus foretold, announcement to Mary 1:26-38
- Mary Visits Elizabeth 1:39-45
- Mary's Song 1:46-56
- Zechariah's Song 1:57-79
- Growth of John the Baptist 80

Outline of Chapter 2 (Birth Narratives)

- Jesus Birth 2:1-7
- Shepherds announcement and praise 2:8-21
- Presentation in the temple 2:21-24
- Praise from Simeon 2:25-35
- Praise from Anna, 2:36-38
- Growth of Jesus 2:39-40

This is the story of God breaking into history:
Jesus the Messiah as come!

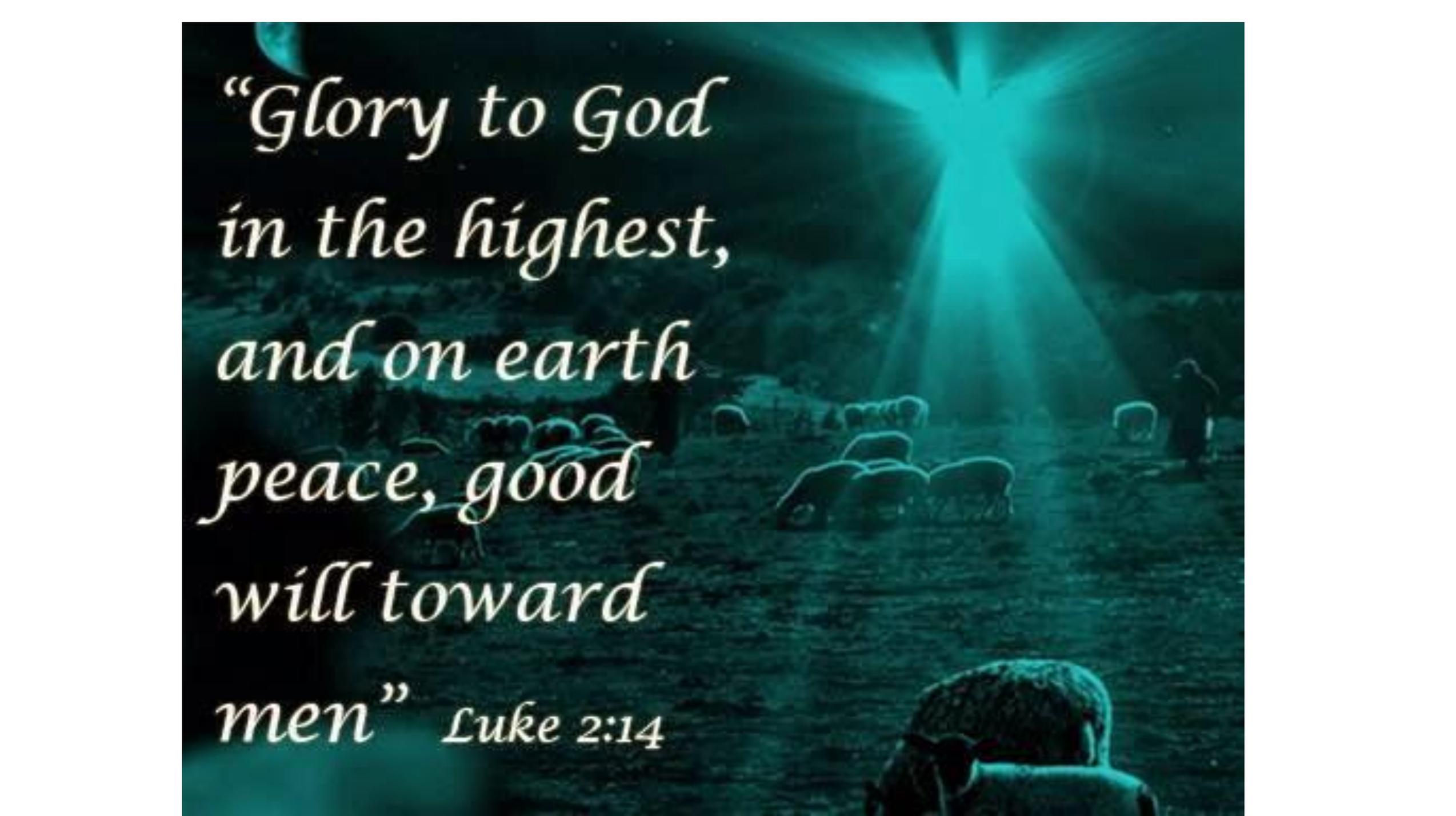
Part 2: Christmas Card Meme

Luke 2:8–14 (NIV)

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

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



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The Shepherds—Wow!!!

The Coming of the “Prince of Peace”

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest,
and on *earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!*”

The Holy Bible: English Standard Version. (2016). (Lk 2:13–14).
Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

- Psalm 29:11 (NIV)
- 11 The LORD gives strength to his people;
- the LORD blesses his people with peace.

- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;
- no deeds can compare with yours.
- 9 All the nations you have made
- will come and worship before you, Lord;
- they will bring glory to your name.
- 10 For you are great and do marvelous deeds;
- you alone are God.

• The New International Version. (2011). (Ps 86:8–10). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

- 17 The fruit of that righteousness will be peace;
 - its effect will be quietness and confidence forever.
 - 18 My people will live in peaceful dwelling places,
 - in secure homes,
 - in undisturbed places of rest.
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- The New International Version. (2011). (Is 32:17–18). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

- 18 If only you had paid attention to my commands,
 - your peace would have been like a river,
 - your well-being like the waves of the sea.
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- The New International Version. (2011). (Is 48:18). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

5 Every warrior's boot used in battle
and every garment rolled in blood
will be destined for burning,
will be fuel for the fire.

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.

The New International Version. (2011).
(Is 9:5–7)

7 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.

- 7 How beautiful on the mountains
- are the feet of those who bring good news,
- who proclaim peace,
- who bring good tidings,
- who proclaim salvation,
- who say to Zion,
- “Your God reigns!”
 - . (2011). (Is 52:7)

Part 3: What is Peace? Four Senses

Shalom: Peace Be Unto You (Irene)

- The heavenly visitors indicate that heaven is impressed by what God has achieved, εἰρήνη, “peace,” is here the OT ,שָׁלוֹם šālôm. It is not simply an inner disposition or the absence of war, but evokes a whole social order of well-being and prosperity, security and harmony

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
77 to give knowledge of salvation to his people
in the forgiveness of their sins,
78 because of the tender mercy of our God,
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in
the shadow of death,
• to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

- The Holy Bible: English Standard Version. (2016). (Lk 1:76–79). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

1. Shalom: Overall Well-Being

2. Absence of War

- Thanks to those who defend our country!
- Thanks to God that we do not live in a time of war!

3. Peace with God



Unless there is a spiritual
renaissance, the world will know no
peace.

— *Dag Hammarskjöld* —

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4. Inner Peace

- Know God; Know Peace.
- No God, No Peace.