

Shiloh

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Shiloh, The Place

- When the Israelites crossed The Jordan River into the Promised Land, they established the Tabernacle at Shiloh.
- Inside the Tabernacle was the Ark of the Covenant, the Word of God.



Shiloh, The Place

- The name Shiloh means *peace and rest*.
- Where God and his word dwell, it is peaceful.



Shiloh, The Place

- Joshua 18:1
- From the time of Joshua until about 1050 BC, Shiloh was the central city for administration and worship for the twelve tribes of Israel.



God's Judgment Against Shiloh

- Jeremiah 7:12
- What happened to Shiloh, the city?
- Evil and wickedness caused God to go against the city
- God supported an enemy to chastise Shiloh (*could happen to America*)



Shiloh, The Place

- Many American towns & cities have Bible names e.g.
 - Bethlehem, PA
 - Zion, Illinois
 - Salem, OR



Shiloh, The Place

- In Tennessee, there is a city called Shiloh.
- In April of 1862, in the two day Battle of Shiloh, 24,000 soldiers died. Yankees lost 13,000; Rebels 11,000.



Shiloh, The Person

- Genesis 49:10
 - “The scepter shall not depart from Judah nor a lawgiver from between his feet until **Shiloh** come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.”



Scepter

- The scepter was a rod held in the hands of a King to symbolize authority.
- Matthew 27:29
 - When Christ was mocked, on the way to his crucifixion, a rod or scepter was put in his hand.



Judah

- Judah, the land was named for of 1 of the 12 tribes led by Judah.
- When the Northern Kingdom was destroyed, all of Israel became known as Judah.
- Word “Jew” comes from Judah.



Shiloh, The Person

- “Shiloh” means one who brings rest and peace.
- Jewish scholars say that “Shiloh” is the coming Messiah, that the Jews are waiting for today.



Shiloh, The Person

- In Genesis 49:10 the Bible prophesied a coming messiah, or the coming Christ, called Shiloh, who will bring peace and rest.



Shiloh, The Person

- Matthew 11:28-29
 - “Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly of heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.”



The Coming Shiloh

- Isaiah 9:6
- The prophet Isaiah foretold of the coming Shiloh, whom he called “The Prince of Peace.”



Shiloh, The Person

- In Micah 5:2-5 the prophet foretold of the coming Shiloh, saying:
 - “But thou, Bethlehem Ephrata, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth...”
 - “...this man shall be the Peace.”



A Restless World

- There is an old expression:
“There is no rest for the wicked.”
- Isaiah 57:20-21
- We live in a wicked world.
- Most people do not have peace and rest in their souls.



A Restless World

- Every week in the Kitsap Sun there are articles about people doing wicked, evil things.
- These evil actions are repeated in thousands of cities across America every day.



Shiloh, The Person

- The scepter shall not depart from Judah until Shiloh comes.
- The Scepter was held by Judean Kings until it departed in 70 AD.
- Shiloh had to come before that time.
- Christ did come and foretold the end of Judah (Jerusalem and the temple).



Celebrating Shiloh's Birth

- Christmas was originally intended to be the day to celebrate the coming of Shiloh, the Messiah, or Christ who was sent to bring Peace on Earth, good will toward men, and rest for the soul.



Celebrating Shiloh's Birth

- Christmas has evolved into one of the most tiring times of the year. The busiest time at the malls. The busiest time at the Post Office. The busiest time at work. The busiest time at home.
- What a way to celebrate the one God sent to bring us peace and rest.



Philippians 4:7

- “And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”



The World Doesn't Understand

- The missionary C.T Studd was led of God to be a missionary to Africa, to the cannibals.
- He led one of the most powerful chiefs to the Lord.



The World Doesn't Understand

- The chief said that he finally found peace.
- One day an unsaved European trader approached the Chief and made fun of his conversion.



Peace Beyond Understanding

- The drunken, sinful trader asked the chief what good Christianity was.



Peace Beyond Understanding

- The chief looked at the trader and said: “If it were not for Christianity, you would be cooking in my pot right now.”
- Shiloh brought the cannibal peace and rest that passeth all understanding.



Benefits of Christianity

- Those who reject Christ may not appreciate how they indirectly benefit by others being Christians.
- That drunken trader would have been killed had the chief not become a Christian.
- Christians save employers money.



Psalm 85:10

- “Righteousness and peace have kissed.”
- When you meet Shiloh, he brings peace, rest and righteousness.



Psalm 85:10

- When you are living right, trying your best to follow the Scriptures, there is an incredible peace.
- When you are sneaking around in sin, there is no peace. Sin results in a restless, troubled soul.



Salvation Brings Peace

- Isaiah 52:7 “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”



Salvation Brings Peace

- True peace begins with salvation, after the good news (the gospel).



Luke 1:78-79

- “Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us.
- To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet in the way of peace.”



The Lost Christmas

- Who at Christmas concentrates on Shiloh?
- Ask 100 people at the mall who Shiloh is and most will probably guess a rock star.



The Lost Christmas

- The real Christmas story is about the coming of Shiloh – he who brings peace and rest.
- Luke 2:9-14
- Peace comes first by Christ's salvation, then by following his word.



Colossians 1:19-20

- For it pleased the Father, that in Him should all fullness dwell;
- And having made peace through the blood of his cross...



Ephesians 2:14

- For he is our peace.
- For Shiloh is our peace.
- Shiloh was sent of God to bring peace and rest to our souls.



Shiloh The Gift of God

- Christmas, should be the time when we celebrate the coming of Shiloh, who brings peace and rest to this troubled world.



Peace With God

- It is not just peace on earth between men.
- It is first and foremost peace between God and man.



Peace For The Berean Class

- As Berean Class members age, there is potential for us to lack peace and rest in our souls.
- Failing health, a sinful world.
- Friends and family disappointing us
- Our souls can lack peace and rest.



John 14:27

- Peace I leave with you
- My peace I give unto you
- Not as the world giveth peace
- Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.



Isaiah 26:3

- “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.”



God's Promise

- For those who have received the gift of salvation:
- We get a new body,
- a new home,
- With an 'eternal' lifetime warranty!



Genesis 10:49

- Shiloh is coming – he who brings perfect peace and rest.



Christ-Like

- The word Christian means follower of Christ.
- Christians are supposed to be like Christ.
- If Shiloh was sent from God to bring peace and rest, Christians should bring peace and rest to others.



Promote Peace

- Your home should be a place of peace and rest.
- Mom and dad (or grandpa and grandma) should not be fighting in the living room, while the children are fighting in the bedroom.



Promote Peace

- True Christians should be the ones promoting peace in the home, in the neighborhood, at work, and in the church.



Promote Peace

- It brings special blessings.



Blessed Are The Peacemakers

- Matthew 5:9
 - Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.



Colossians 3:15

- And let the peace of God rule in your hearts.
- When you have peace in your heart, your soul is at rest.



Perfect Peace and Rest

- Like a river glorious,
Is God's perfect peace.
- Over all victorious
in its bright increase.
- Perfect yet it floweth,
fuller every day.



Perfect Peace and Rest

- Perfect yet it groweth,
deeper all the way.
- Stayed upon Jehovah,
hearts are fully blest.
- Finding as he promised,
perfect peace and rest.



Personal “Shiloh”

- Romans 15:13
 - “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.”

