



Peace with Others

Two thousand years ago a small nation awaited a coming savior.

Their prophet Isaiah, hundreds of years earlier, had predicted a time when a king would be born that would bring lasting peace.

Here is what Isaiah prophesied:

Out of the stump of David's family will grow a shoot—
yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root.

And the Spirit of the LORD will rest on him....
He will delight in obeying the LORD.
He will not judge by appearance
nor make a decision based on hearsay.

He will give justice to the poor
and make fair decisions for the exploited.
The earth will shake at the force of his word...

In that day the wolf and the lamb will live together;
the leopard will lie down with the baby goat.
The calf and the yearling will be safe with the lion,
and a little child will lead them all.

Nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,
for as the waters fill the sea,
so the earth will be filled with people who know the LORD.

-- select verses from Isaiah 11 (NLT)