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Voice of Triumph

*The fruit of that righteousness will be peace; its effect will be
quietness and confidence forever."*

Psalms 32:17 (NIV)

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KINGS AND PRIESTS UNTIL GOD FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION

God, *El Elyon*, supreme Ruler of all the universe; His dominion is all encompassing and everlasting. Melchizedek, the King-Priest as Jesus Christ blesses Abraham: "Melchizedek *king of righteousness* king of Salem, *shalom* i.e., *peace* (ancient Jerusalem) brought out bread and wine [for them]; He was the priest of God Most High. And Melchizedek blessed Abram and said, "Blessed (joyful, favored) be Abram by God Most High, Creator *and* Possessor of heaven and earth; And blessed, praised, *and* glorified be God Most High, Who has given your enemies into your hand." And Abram gave him a tenth of all [the treasure he had taken in battle]," Gen. 14:18-20. Abraham realizes his covenant of peace with God: "The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the people and keep the goods (spoils of battle) for yourself." But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand *and* sworn an oath to the LORD God Most High, the Creator *and* Possessor of heaven and earth, that I would not take anything that is yours, from a thread to a sandal strap, so you could not say, 'I [the King of Sodom] have made Abram rich.' I will take nothing except what my young men have eaten, and the share of the spoils belonging to the men [my allies] who went with me—Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their share of the spoils," Gen. 14:21-24. *El Elyon* prophesies His kings and priests for Moses to impart: 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I carried you on eagles' wings, and brought you to Myself. Now therefore, if you will in fact obey My voice and keep My covenant (agreement), then you shall be My own special possession *and* treasure from among all peoples [of the world], for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation [set apart for My purpose].' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." So Moses called for the elders of the people, and told them all these words which the LORD commanded him, Ex. 19:4-7. David records the LORD's dominion to the King-Priest and kings-priests: The LORD (Father) says to my Lord (the Messiah, His Son), "Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet [subjugating them into complete submission]." The LORD will send the scepter of Your strength from Zion, *saying*, "Rule in the midst of Your enemies." Your people will offer themselves willingly [to participate in Your battle] in the day of Your power; In the splendor of holiness, from the womb of the dawn, Your young men are to You as the dew. The LORD has sworn [an oath] and will not change His mind: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." The LORD is at Your right hand, He will crush kings in the day of His wrath. He will execute judgment [in overwhelming punishment] among the nations; He will fill them with corpses, He will crush the chief men over a broad country. He will drink from the brook by the wayside; Therefore He will lift up His head [triumphantly]," Ps. 110. Paul unpacks the king-priest's commission on earth. "Let not then your good be evil spoken of: for the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another," Rom. 14:16-19. Peter shows you as God's chosen: "But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A CONSECRATED NATION, A [special] PEOPLE FOR *God's* OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellences [the wonderful deeds and virtues and perfections] of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were NOT A PEOPLE [at all], but now you are GOD'S PEOPLE; once you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY," 1 Pet. 2:9-10. John delivers two messages to the Seven Churches about the kings and priests: John, to the seven churches that are in [the province of] Asia: Grace [be granted] to you and peace [inner calm and spiritual well-being], from Him Who is [existing forever] and Who was [continually existing in the past] and Who is to come, and from the seven Spirits that are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful *and* trustworthy Witness, the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who [always] loves us and who [has once for all] freed us [or washed us] from our sins by His own blood (His sacrificial death)—and formed us into a kingdom [as His subjects], priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory *and* the power *and* the majesty and the dominion forever and ever. Amen," Rev. 1:4-6. "You have made them to be a kingdom [of royal subjects] and priests to our God; and they will reign on the earth," Rev. 5:10. Peace *shalom* in Hebrew is completeness, soundness, welfare safety, tranquility, friendship, and covenantal harmony from *shalam* i.e., be in a covenant of peace.

Thought for Transformation

Inherit and inhabit peace. "Peace I leave with you; My [own] peace I now give and bequeath to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. [Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled.]" John 14:27. "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]" John 16:33.

Jesus Commands Shalom

"And He was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake Him, and say unto Him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And He arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And He said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? Mark 4:38-40. "And He said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace," Luke 8:48. "Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you," John 20:19.

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