

# World peace?

Five examples of God's power to compel nations to live in peace

The first Christmas brought God's promise - "On earth peace"! Luke 2.14. When will God show that he has power to neutralise warmongers? *He already has!*

**First**, when Pharaoh's chariots pursued Israel, Moses said to the people, Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the lord." Exodus 14.13. *God then destroyed Pharaoh's army before their eyes!*

**Second**, *God can make war highly unprofitable for invaders.* After "the Lord struck the Ethiopians", the people of Judah "carried away very much spoil . . . they plundered all the cities." 2 Chronicles 14.11-15.

**Third**, during another threat to Jerusalem, *God said, "You will not need to fight"* 2 Chronicles 20.17. What happened? The attackers destroyed themselves! Then Judah's people "were three days gathering the spoil because there was so much." verse 25.

**Fourth**, *when God heard prayers* from Judah's king and his prophet Isaiah, he "sent an angel" to destroy Sennacherib's army. 2 Chronicles 32.20-23.

**Fifth**, *God can thwart attacking armies without bloodshed!* It happened when Syria's king sent a great army against Israel (2 Kings 6.14-23), and again when Syria's army besieged Samaria. 2 Kings 7.6-7.

Jesus is now offering his peace as a gift! John 14.27. So far no nation has taken up his offer.

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In the end time, God, the *author of peace* (1 Corinthians 14.33), will invite Jesus, the *Prince of Peace* (Isaiah 9.6), to establish *universal peace* (Isaiah 2.4).

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