

to those who make peace. It does not give grace to those who merely speak of peace. We read in Jeremiah, "Cursed are they that say, Peace, Peace, but he that ~~etc~~ out of their mouth, they even prepare war against him." There are many in our day who are calling for peace but calling for the sort of peace which means exposing ourselves to complete subjugation by the forces of evil. In the present age it is impossible to ~~do away~~ disarm and do away with police and with locks ~~x~~ on our doors, and simply place ourselves ~~x~~ at the mercy of all that is wicked. Verse seven proceeds to tell us that His government and His peace are to keep ~~cont~~ constantly increasing. There is to be no end of this; in other words, it is not simply a static thing. The activity of our Lord is never simply something that is fixed and unchanging. God is unchanging in His character and in His ~~attribu~~ attributes but He is ~~ever-~~ very active. His activities, His emotions, His thoughts are real. They are not merely figures of speech. The government ~~is~~ of Christ is <sup>to</sup> <sup>into</sup> spread ~~to~~ every country during this age ~~until~~ and among every group of ~~people~~ upon this earth there will ~~x~~ be some whose government is upon His shoulders. Then the time will come when He will return ~~vx~~ and with great force will put out of His kingdom all that is evil and establish His Kingdom over the ~~entire~~ entire world. Nothing ~~x~~ is to stop the increase of His government over the entire world. Nothing is to stop the increase of His government and of His peace.

He is to reign upon the throne of David, we read. He is also called the Son of David. ~~Did the~~ The time of David and Solomon ~~was~~ the golden age of Hebrew history to which the people look back in all future ages. The throne of David is to be taken over by His greater son and a time is to be established over all the earth when He will rule in glory and power. On Christmas day we celebrate