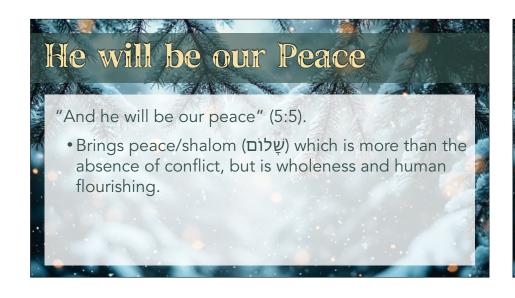


## "He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of Yahweh" (5:4). • "Shepherd" was a stock image for rulers in the ANE and Israel, but especially evokes David. • Embodies the ideal Israelite ruler, entirely dependant on Yahweh.



"If we want to reflect on what shalom is, we only need to look at a thing and imagine what it would be like if it were whole. What would it be like if the world was whole? If nations, communities, and homes were whole? That's peace in the Hebrew Bible." – Aaron Higashi, Presence & Absence, 16.

He will be our Peace

## "And he will be our peace" (5:5). • Brings peace/shalom (שָׁלוֹם) which is more than the absence of conflict, but is wholeness and human flourishing. • Isaiah's vision of the Messiah as the "Prince of Peace" who will usher in "endless peace" (Isa 9:5, 7).



## Jesus makes peace: through his death and resurrection, he has made peace with God on our behalf (Rom 5:1; Eph 2:14; Col 1:20). Jesus gives peace: gifts us his peace through the Holy Spirit (John 14:27; Gal 5:22; Phil 4:6-7; Col 3:15).

## Jesus enables peace: because of the Spirit's work in transforming us, our relationships are to be characterized by peace (Rom 12:18;14:9; Eph 4:3). Jesus encourages peacemaking: as followers of Christ we are called to live lives characterized by peacemaking (Matt 5:9; James 3:18).





