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The Source of Peace in a Chaotic World

In the beginning there is darkness and chaotic. It was unproductive God brings order

Matthew 4:15-17

¹⁵“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

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Promise, to Proof, to Praise

Waiting for the consolation (that which offers comfort, refreshment or restoration) of Israel

My eyes have seen your salvation: a light and the glory of your people

Salvation and light brings both consolation at crisis

Jesus reveals the secret thoughts of those who oppose the divine aim

Maggi and shepherds rejoice over his birth while Herod plots his death.

He can die in peace knowing that God is trustworthy and keeps his promises.

Jesus brings order to chaos so that we can have rest, find peace. In seeking Jesus we can be at peace with God, Be at peace with ourselves, and strive to live a peace with those around us.

We then become a sign to others as Jesus was to us. Col 1:27
the hope of glory

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Have you noticed any chaos in the world, in others or in yourself? Simeon was promised he would see God's answer and when he was led by the Spirit to Jesus he burst forth in praise to the God who keeps his promise to save people from the dark chaotic world of sin. God offers peace but many refuse peace. (Luke 2:25-35)

From dark and chaotic to stability and peace, “It’s Good”