

THE FIRST PEACE CONVENTIONTEXT: LUKE 2: 13,14.

"And suddenly there was with the angel
a multitude of the heavenly host,
praising God, and saying,

"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, and on
earth PEACE, GOOD WILL toward men."

I. MAN-MADE PEACE:

(International Conferences since
the World War)

A. VERSAILLES, January 18- 1919

To make terms of peace with
GERMANY,
to punish those found guilty of
causing the World War,
to create a League of Nations

The "security pacts" were not
ratified by the United States
--HENCE THEY NEVER BECAME
OPERATIVE.

B. WASHINGTON, November 19, 1921

Disarmament conference called by
President of the United States.

Result was: Five Treaties and
several agreements--

1. The Five-Power Treaty, signed
by U.S., Great Britain,
France, Italy & Japan.

2. Submarine & Poison Gas Treaty
by the same powers.
3. Two 9-Power Treaties.

C. CANNES, January 6-12, 1922

Conflicting aims.

Ended abruptly.

Security pact never ratified.

D. THE HAGUE, June 15, 1922

Conference for studying economic conditions, in particular those of Russia,--

BROKE UP with allegations that it was being used as a blind for Soviet propaganda.

E. GENEVA, Sept. 1, 1924

Fifth Assembly of League of Nations.

Anglo-French security pact --

famous protocol intended to
make war IMPOSSIBLE by means of arbitration.

Protocol was rejected later by
the new British Gov't.

F. GENEVA, Nov. 3/¹⁹²⁴and Jan. 16, 1925

General Conference for purpose of CURBING INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC IN OPIUM.

Chief producing & distributing nations would take no definite & immediate steps, & U.S. & CHINESE

II. ARCH De TRIUMPH

Napoleon isolated at St. HELENA.
(Island)

He built that arch of peace.

III. WORLD WAR

Kaiser banished to HOLLAND.

IV. FORMING OF CZECHO-SLAVAKIA COLONIES.

V. ARMISTICE

"EVERYTHING SETTLED."

NO MAN'S LAND.

VI. WAR SCARE OF 1938!

(a) HITLER - CZECHO-SLAVAKIA

(b) MUNICH 4-POWER TREATY:

1. HITLER
2. MUSSOLINI
3. ADDALIAR
4. CHAMBERLAIN

VII. A.P. of L.

C.I.O. Strikes

JAPAN and CHINA

"WARS AND RUMORS OF WAR."

VIII. CHAMBERLAIN ---

"Seek peace and pursue it...."

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(NEW TESTAMENT)

I. WHY SHOULD THE ANNOUNCEMENT BE MADE TO
THE SHEPHERDS?

(a) Effect beyond their narrow
circle and kind.

II. FITTING THAT ANGEL VOICES SHOULD ATTEND
such an event.

- (a) Shepherds recorded their song.
- (b) The glory lingers upon the hillsides.
- (c) Music of that song still ECHOES
in all lands.

- (d) Every generation turns to
listen with wonder and hope.

III. THE SELECTION OF 2 or 3 PEASANTS,

- (a) The message
(b) The time
(c) The place

--ALL SIGNIFICANT.

It was no un-meaning Shepherds.
Hills.

IV. NO LONGER WITHIN SECRET SHRINE,

BUT--

Out in OPEN fields,

Symbol of Divine Presence glowing
through darkness,

hallowed common life --

ALL ranks and classes.

V. ANGELS' ANNUNCIATION could be VERIFIED

by sight.

- (a) SIGN ATTESTED VERACITY OF MESSENGER.
(b) ANGELS stood on SOLID EARTH,
in SERRIED RANKS,
ROW on ROW.

(c) CROWDING FORMS encircling
GLORY ON EVERY FACE
--EAGER SYMPATHY
--PRAISE-FILLED LIPS

(d) ANGELS CAN SPEAK WITH THE
TONGUES OF MEN WHEN THEIR
THEME IS THE LORD.

VI. "ON EARTH PEACE" --

The song drops from HEAVENLY lips.

"P-E-A-C-E" --

what a scene of

strife,

discord,

unrest --

EARTH MUST SEEM TO THESE
CALM SPIRITS!

HOW VAIN & PETTY OUR EARTHLY
STRUGGLES MUST LOOK!

---LIKE THE BUSTLE OF AN
ANT-HILL!

VII. CHRIST'S WORK IS TO BRING PEACE INTO
ALL HUMAN RELATIONS --

Those with God,

" men,

" circumstances.

- (1) PSALM 34:14 "Depart from evil, and do good:
seek peace, and pursue it."
- (2) LUKE 1:79 "To give light to them that sit
in darkness & in the shadow of
death, TO GUIDE OUR FEET INTO THE
WAY OF PEACE."
- (3) MARK 4:39 "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."
- (4) MARK 5:34--Re. Woman with plague:
"And He said unto her, DAUGHTER, thy
faith hath made thee whole: go in PEACE,
and be whole of thy plague."
- (5) LUKE 10:5,6
"And into whatsoever house ye enter,
first say,
PEACE BE TO THIS HOUSE.
And if the son of peace be there,
your peace shall rest upon it: if not,
it shall turn to you again."
- (6) JOHN 14:27
"PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU, My peace I
give unto you: not as the world
giveth, give I unto you. LET NOT
YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED, neither let
it be afraid."

(6) LUKE 19:37, 38

"And when He was come nigh, even now
at the descent of the mount of Olives,
the whole multitude of the disciples
began to rejoice and praise God with
a loud voice, for all the mighty works
that they had seen;

"SAYING, BLESSED BE THE KING THAT
COMETH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD;
PEACE IN HEAVEN,
and GLORY IN THE HIGHEST."

(7) LUKE 24:36

(At JERUSALEM where disciples
were gathered together.)

"And they told what things were done
in the way, and how He was known of
them in breaking of bread.

"And as they thus spake, JESUS Himself
STOOD IN THE MIDST OF THEM, and saith
unto them,

PEACE BE UNTO YOU."

(NOTE: JESUS IS USHERED IN WITH PEACE,
and GOES OUT WITH PEACE.)

(8) ROMANS 14:19

"Let us therefore follow after the
things which make for PEACE, and
things wherewith one may EDIFY another."

(9) EPHESIANS 2:14

"For HE IS OUR PEACE, Who hath made
both one, and hath broken down
the middle wall of partition
between us."

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CHRIST, IN COMMISSIONING HIS DISCIPLES, said:

(Matthew 10:16)

"BEHOLD, I send you forth as SHEEP
IN THE MIDST OF WOLVES: be ye
therefore WISE AS SERPENTS, and
HARMLESS AS DOVES."

ISAIAH 11:6-8 "The wolf also shall dwell
with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down
with the kid; and the calf, and the young
lion, and the fatling together; and a
little CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM."