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2. *no nation known to me has a Peace Department*

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3. Under this song of "peace when there is no peace" they have lulled this Samson strong America to sleep while the Delilah of sin has been slowly but surely clipping her locks away.
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4. To have that peace that "passeth understanding" you will have to come to Jesus: Prince, Prize, Cost of Peace. *Phil. 4:7*

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