

#155 Of the Seven – The Monroe Doctrine



President James Monroe

The Monroe Doctrine. The Monroe Doctrine was set forth by President James Monroe in a message he delivered to the Congress of the United States on December 2, 1823. It warned European powers against interfering in the affairs of countries in the Western Hemisphere, and specifically warned them not to involve themselves with the peoples of the Western Hemisphere “for the purpose of oppressing them, or controlling in any other manner their destiny.” The Monroe Doctrine also said that the American continents were “henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European powers.”

The Monroe Doctrine vs. the Holy Alliance. The Monroe Doctrine was precipitated by conditions in Europe as well as the Americas. The three leading monarchies of Europe, those of the Holy Alliance of Prussia, Austria, and Russia, in response to the French Revolution and the rise of Napoleon, and the rise of the spirit of independence against autocracies, had pledged themselves to “put an end to the system of representative government, in whatever country it may exist in Europe.” As most of the Spanish colonies in the Americas had by this time won their independence, it seemed quite possible that the Holy Alliance actually

might try to even restore Spain’s colonies in the Western Hemisphere. The Monroe Doctrine was warning European powers not to attempt such a restoration.



President James Monroe presented the Monroe Doctrine to Congress on December 2, 1823. Monroe, *standing*, is shown with members of his administration in this painting by Clyde De Land (1912).

Key Understanding: *The new world governments vs. the old world governments.* The spirit and language of the Monroe Doctrine were that of separating the New World’s types of government from the Old World’s types of government. It was announcing to the world that American democracy, which was spreading to the South American continent, was not like the tyrannical and colonizing spirit of the Old World. However, in the Lord’s eyes, America, the Beast, and the Eighth, is not a “redeemer nation” of mankind, and is not different than those of the Old World, because it was birthed fallen, and off the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, like “the seven.”

*Revelation 17:11 (KJV) And **THE BEAST** that was, and is not, even **HE IS THE EIGHTH**, and is **OF THE SEVEN**, and goeth into perdition.*

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