

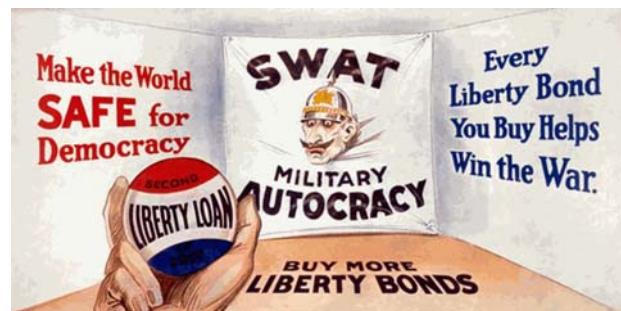
## **#288 The Image of the Beast – World Peace through a Partnership of Democratic Nations, part 1, Wilson’s April 2, 1917, War Message**

Let’s begin to understand why the League of Nations/United Nations serve(d) as the Image of the Beast.

**Question:** Because of the events of World War I, what was the President of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, attempting to build in the Image of the United States, and why?

**Key Understanding and Answer:** In his April 2, 1917, War Message to Congress, Woodrow Wilson hoped for the establishment of a Partnership of Democratic Nations, to bring a permanent peace to the world. This original vision of a hoped-for Partnership of Democratic Nations, sometimes alternately described as a League of Peace, became the post-World War I League of Nations.

In Unsealing #178, we covered Woodrow Wilson’s April 2, 1917, War Message. In it, Wilson suggested that a “partnership of democratic nations” could bring peace to the world.



President Woodrow Wilson entered the packed and cheering chamber of the House of Representatives at 8:32 p.m., April 2, 1917. His speech would end at 9:11 p.m. Few persons in the chamber ever forgot the electric drama of that evening.

**“A steadfast concert for peace,”** the President said, **“can never be maintained except by a partnership of democratic nations.** No autocratic government could be trusted to keep faith within it or observe its covenants.” Hence the assurance for the future peace of the world that had come with the recent wonderful news of what occurred in Russia. Wilson continued, “now it [the Romanov autocracy] has been shaken off and the great, generous Russian people have been added in all their naive majesty and might to the forces that are fighting for freedom in the world, for justice, and for peace. **Here is a fit partner for a league of honour.”**



President Woodrow Wilson delivering his “the world must be safe for democracy” speech to Congress on April 2, 1917

“We are glad,” Wilson went on, “to fight thus for the ultimate peace of the world and for the liberation of its peoples, the German peoples included: for the rights of nations great and small and the privilege of men everywhere to choose their way of life and obedience.

**The world must be made safe for democracy.** Its peace must be planted upon the tested foundations of political liberty. We have no selfish ends to serve. We desire no conquest, no dominion. We seek no indemnities for ourselves, no material compensation for the sacrifices we shall freely make. We are but one of the champions of the rights of mankind. We shall be satisfied when those rights have been made as secure as the faith and the freedom of nations can make them.”

Wilson’s words that “the world must be made safe for democracy” became known to all in the U.S. as the reason for America’s entrance into World War I.



The League of Nations

***Revelation 13:13-15 (KJV)** And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,  
14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, **that they should make an image to the beast,** which had the wound by a sword, and did live.*



*15 And he had power to give life unto **the image of the beast,** that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.*

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