

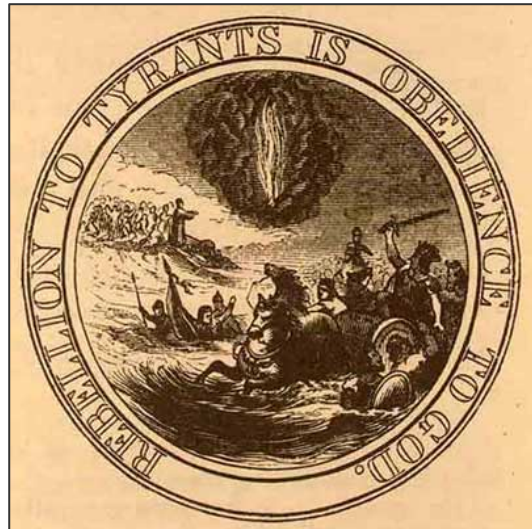
## #301 The Image of the Beast – Rebellion against Tyrants is Obedience to God

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### The United States: Rebellion against tyrants is obedience to God.

Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin had proposed that the Great Seal of the United States proclaim the motto “Rebellion against tyrants is obedience to God.” That is the spirit of the United States, of course, fully outlined and justified in the Declaration of Independence.

In the story of America’s Great Seal, a particularly relevant chapter is the imagery suggested by Benjamin Franklin in August 1776. He chose the dramatic scene described in Exodus, where people confronted a tyrant in order to gain their freedom.



“Pharaoh sitting in an open Chariot, a Crown on his head and a Sword in his hand, passing through the divided Waters of the Red Sea in Pursuit of the Israelites: Rays from a Pillar of Fire in the Cloud, expressive of the divine Presence and Command, beaming on Moses who stands on the shore and extending his hand over the Sea causes it to overwhelm Pharaoh.”

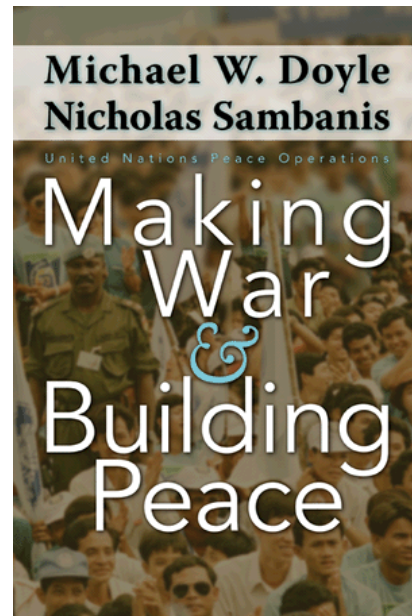
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### The United Nations: Rebellion against tyrants is to be expected.

The doctrine of the United Nations implicitly recognizes that “Peace through Tyranny” is wrong, and that people have the right to rebel against Tyranny, thereby destroying “Peace.” Thus, the foundational formula for world peace is “World Peace through Democracy,” or “World Peace through Self-determination.”

**Key Understanding: Both the United States Beast and the ‘Image of the Beast’ United Nations attach themselves to the spirit that the right to rebel against a tyrant validates unrest and lack of peace, and that world peace can truly come only through “Self-determination.”**

*Isaiah 2:4 (KJV) And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: **and THEY SHALL BEAT THEIR SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES, and their spears into pruninghooks: NATION SHALL NOT LIFT UP SWORD AGAINST NATION, NEITHER SHALL THEY LEARN WAR ANY MORE.***



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