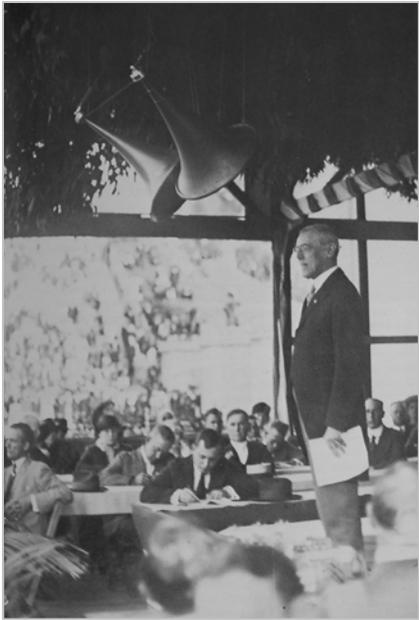


#305 The Image of the Beast – The League of Nations

While the impetus for the founding of the League of Nations came from U.S. President Woodrow Wilson, and while the League of Nations was the Image of the Beast, the Beast itself did not become a part of the League of Nations. This was because Wilson had strong opponents in Congress that barred the United States from entering the League. They felt that America had already had too much involvement in European affairs, and did not desire America to be a part of Europe's international disputes any more.



Woodrow Wilson in San Diego in September 1919 during his attempt to gain public support for the League of Nations

Wilson fought hard for America's entry into the League of Nations, but lost. Here is the story. After the signing of the Treaty of Versailles on June 28, 1919, Wilson returned to the United States on July 8, 1919. He presented the Versailles Treaty to the U.S. Senate for approval. A group of Republican Senators led by Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts strongly objected to the promises that Wilson had made concerning American involvement in the League. The Senators would not ratify the Treaty unless certain changes were made regarding the involvement of the U.S. in the League. Wilson said that the requests of Lodge would cripple the League, and he refused to accept Lodge's demands. Wilson then went on a long speaking tour of the West by train, pleading for public support for the League, attempting to go over the head of the Senate. But he broke down from overwork before the tour was complete. On October 2, 1919, he suffered a severe stroke and was very ill for a time. He recovered enough to run the government but did not regain his old powers of leadership. The result was that the Senate vote to ratify U.S. involvement in the League of Nations was defeated.

Due to lack of U.S. involvement and many other reasons – particularly that of its success not being ordained by God – the great experiment of the League of Nations to bring peace to the world would fail, made clear by the outbreak of World War II.



Key Understanding:
The post-World War I League of Nations (*left*) failed, but the post-World War II United Nations (*right*) would take the League's place as the Image of the Beast.



*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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