

#311 The Image of the Beast – The Divided United Nations



The big five (5) allies of World War II which became the victors over Hitler's Third Reich and Japan – the Republic of China, France, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, and the United States – became the five (5) permanent members of the United Nations Security Council. The picture *above right* is of delegations of the “Big Five” meeting in San Francisco at the U.N. Conference, May 20, 1945.



Key Understanding #1: *The divided United Nations.* However, the ensuing Cold War between the United States and the USSR would divide these former allies and divide the world, often leaving the United Nations deadlocked in ineffectiveness.

Here is **#311–Doc 1**, showing **the balance of power** between East and West after World War II.

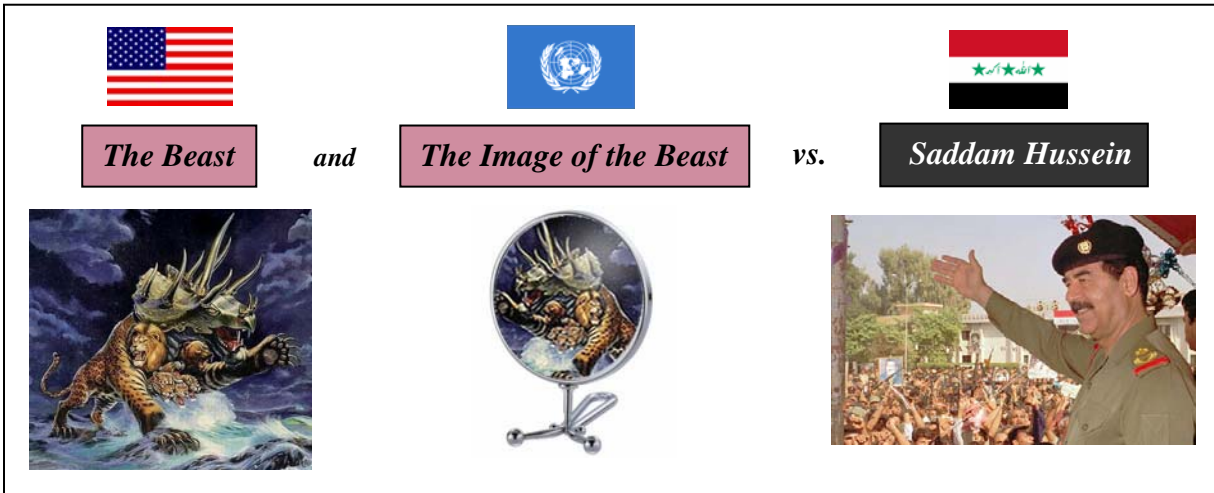
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Moreover, after years of civil war (1946-1949) in China, Mao Tse-Tung's government of Communist China overthrew Chiang Kai-shek's government of the Republic of China (Nationalist China). The Nationalists fled to the island of Taiwan. Which one of these two would represent the permanent Security Council seat of China at the United Nations? The question of the membership of Communist China came up at every United Nations General Assembly from 1950 to 1971. In 1971, the Assembly voted to expel Nationalist China (Taiwan) from the United Nations and admit Communist China, known as the People's Republic of China. This further divided the five (5) permanent members of the United Nations Security Council.

Now we will return to the **Very Important Point in Unsealing #302**: The United Nations began developing in earnest during World War II, when the Allies against Hitler's Third Reich were often referred to as the “united nations.” These “united nations” included both the United States and the Soviet Union. Thus, when the United Nations was formed upon its agreed upon “self-determination” principles, it was rendered ineffective because of the ensuing Cold War that split the world and the members of the United Nations. **However, as the Soviet Union was weakening during 1989-1991, heading to its December 1991 demise, there finally became a more genuine unity within the United Nations, as they joined together and were led by the United States against Saddam Hussein-led Iraq in the 1991 Gulf War.**

Key Understanding #2: The 1989-1991 weakening of the Soviet Union would help to unite the nations of the *Image of the Beast* United Nations in support of the *Beast* United States in its 1991 Gulf War against Saddam Hussein-led Iraq in the land of Old Babylon.

The Key Understanding #2 above is in prophecy as concerns the *Image of the Beast* in Revelation 13:11-15. We have led up to it, and we will soon (but not yet) be explaining why that is so. However, let's go ahead and read through the passage with the understanding that we will later see a significant part of the passage's fulfillment attached to the events mentioned in Key Understanding #2.



Revelation 13:11-15 (KJV) *And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.*

12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 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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