

Why do the Nations Rage?

January 10th marks the dubious distinction of being the anniversary of the convening of both the League of Nations in 1920 and the United Nations in 1946.

The League of Nations was established in the aftermath of World War I to promote dialogue among nations and prevent war. Progressive U.S. President Woodrow Wilson pushed the idea, apparently believing that tyrants could be talked out of tyranny. Americans were unconvinced and never joined. Tyrants in Japan, Italy, and Germany ignored the League of Nations, and it collapsed in the flames of World War II.

After the war, the League of Nations was resurrected as the United Nations. In the beginning the U.N. was somewhat successful and even supported the formation of Israel in 1947. The U.N. also supported the Korean War against Communist aggression in 1950, but only because the Russians were boycotting the U.N. when the vote was taken. Thereafter the Cold War overwhelmed most U.N. opportunities, and the U.N. became largely a propaganda entity.

The end of Colonialism and the birth of new nations brought a burst of hope to the U.N. However, most of the new nations were taken over by tyrants and the U.N. became something of a club for authoritarian governments. While the tyrants use the U.N. for their propaganda purposes, putting countries like Iran on the human rights committee is not calculated to produce any real advances in human freedom. Naturally, the tyrants oppose the freedom agendas of the U.S. and the other democracies, as is currently evidenced by the outrage over the removal of fellow tyrant Nicolas Maduro.



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A particular target of the authoritarian governments of the U.N. has been the democratic state of Israel. Acts of terrorism, wanton attacks on civilians by rockets, and military aggression against Israel are routinely ignored, while Israel is condemned for defending herself. The U.N. has condemned Israel for "endangering peace" by building settlements, while ignoring the refusals of Palestinians to recognize Israel's right to exist and their continuing policy of placing a bounty on murdered Israelis. Then, America had to use its Veto to keep the tyrant majority of the U.N. from supporting Hamas after the horrific attack of Israel.

Why do the nations rage? The Bible says that they want to throw off the restraints on their evil activities (Psalm 2:1-3). They are at war with God's plans and purposes, especially as it relates to Israel.

The only force consistently standing against the tyrant majority in the U.N. has been the U.S., which has a Security Council Veto. We must pray that the U.S. will continue to stand up to the tyrants and enemies of Israel.

Still, it is a tragedy that the United Nations, which responded to the Holocaust by supporting the formation of Israel, now has employees who participated in the Holocaust of October 7th, 2023. Perhaps we should let someone else fund the UN club for Tyrants and their Antisemitic program.

Even so, let us not forget to pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

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