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2 United Nation

- This fall the United Nations will be celebrating its 65th anniversary.
- At the end of WWII, 50 countries met to formulate a vision for peace, prosperity, and basic human rights.
- However, the fulfillment of this vision still seems a long way off.
- Today some even refer to the United Nations as the Divided Nations.

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- The UN has endured scandal and crisis, changes in leadership, conflict and controversy all through its history.
- War is still prevalent in the world, as are abuses of human rights and economic injustice.
- In many ways the UN has been helpful and in others not so helpful in achieving justice and peace for all people.

4 United Nations

- For while human institutions are often limited by human frailty and failure, vision is something altogether different.
- So where does the United Nations get its inspiration to bring peace to the world?
- You will find it on a wall just outside its building.

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6 Peacemakers

- Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. (Matthew 5:9 NIV)
- Noble prize for Peace.
- All kinds of peace organizations around the world.
- Men like Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr, and Nelson Mandela have all been singled out for their commitment to non-violent actions.

7 Where is Peace?

- The problem with the world is not that we lack the desire for peace, but it is our ignorance to a spiritual reality.
- Mankind as a whole is under a curse and is in need of redemption first and foremost.
- So when we look to do good, there is another force within that wages war against us. (See Romans 7:7-25)

8 Things We shouldn't Do

- We are wasting our time when we throw money at a problem while ignoring its underlining problem.
- We are wasting our time when we try to disciple someone who is not spiritually born-again.

- We are wasting our time when we try to disciple someone who is spiritually born-again, but hardens their heart to the things of God.
- Expect world peace when in reality the world is mostly controlled by devil inspired people who refuse to acknowledge and follow God's ways.

9 Hope for the Nations?

- “Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory. In his name the nations will put their hope.” (Matthew 12:18-21 NIV)

10 Hope for the Nations?

- In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious. (Isaiah 11:10 NIV)
- My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. (Isaiah 51:5 NIV)

11 Hope for the Nations?

- He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes (appearances), or decide by what he hears with his ears (hearsay); but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions . . . Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. (Isaiah 11:3-5 NIV)
- He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. (Daniel 7:14 NIV)

12 The Lord's Return

- Gird your sword upon your side, O mighty one; clothe yourself with splendor and majesty. In your majesty ride forth victoriously in behalf of truth, humility and righteousness; let your right hand display awesome deeds. (Psalms 45:3-4 NIV)

13 The Lord's Return

- I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. . . . On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. (Revelation 19:11-16 NIV)

14 The Lord's Return

- And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain.
- He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.
- He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore . . . (Revelation 20:1–3 NIV)

15 Peace on Earth

16 The Work of the Devil

- The LORD said to Satan, “Where have you come from?” Satan answered the LORD, “From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it.” (Job 1:7 NIV)
- For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. (Ephesians 6:12 NIV)
- The great dragon was hurled down — that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. (Revelation 12:9 NIV)

17 Summary

- The devil roams the earth to deceive the nations not to trust God tempting them to act out of self-interest.
- He also roams the earth to deceive individuals not to trust God as well and join him in rebellion causing strife and turmoil to get what we feel is our right or entitlement.
- We must resist giving in to fear and the dark side and choose to trust God and follow in His ways.

18 Why Should the Nations Be Glad?

- Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. (Psalms 45:6 NIV)
- Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you. (Psalms 89:14 NIV)
- Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this. (Isaiah 9:7 NIV)

19 Why Should the Nations Be Glad?

- Justice will come to the earth and the enemies of peace will be destroyed.
- Satan’s will be bound. He will no longer deceive.
- Jesus will settle disputes among the nations where all parties are pleased and satisfied.

- Nations will then disarm and study war no more.
- The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. (Isaiah 11:6 NIV)

20  The Future