

GLOBAL PEACE—FROM WHAT SOURCE?

Note to the speaker:

Show how true peace is possible, even though mankind has never attained it. Highlight that the basis for true peace is made clear in the Bible and how Jehovah's Witnesses today give evidence in their lives of what God will do in establishing global peace

MULTITUDES YEARN FOR GLOBAL PEACE (5 min.)

World War I awakened widespread awareness of need for global peace

Need became evident because of destructive capabilities of modern weapons of war

World War II and nuclear threat made need even more urgent (*g96* 4/22 5-6)

Today, people everywhere are alarmed at international terrorism; civil unrest; and political, racial, religious, and tribal upheavals (*g96* 10/8 10; *w87* 5/15 11; *tp* 11)

Loud cries for global cooperation and peace being sounded earth wide (*g96* 10/8 9)

Global peace seen as only alternative to global anarchy

GLOBAL PEACE NOT ATTAINABLE THROUGH HUMAN EFFORTS (15 min.)

Not Jehovah's purpose that man should direct his own step (Jer 10:23)

Sinful inclination of mankind is toward selfishness and greed (Ge 8:21; Ec 8:9)

Human endeavors must be in harmony with Jehovah's purpose and direction (Ps 146:3; Mic 6:8)

Following World Wars I and II, world leaders spoke of peace

However, promises based on treaties, League of Nations, United Nations, political alliances, regional pacts between nations, and other schemes have all failed to put an end to armed conflicts

Instead of promises being fulfilled, conditions have grown progressively worse

For 50 years now, United Nations has been hailed as last hope for peace

Has failed to bring peace, just as did its predecessor, the League of Nations

Statements by world leaders show it is unrealistic to expect United Nations or other political systems to bring global peace (*w95* 10/1 4-5; *g95* 9/8 10; *g91* 9/8 9; *w88* 6/1 27-8; *g87* 6/22 13; *w86* 5/15 27; *g86* 1/22 29)

Record of man's quests for peace and his subsequent failures remind one of what the prophet Jeremiah wrote concerning the disappointment of unfaithful Judah (Jer 8:15)

Whole world lies in the power of the wicked one, and there can be no peace for those who refuse to submit to Jehovah's rule; they remain under Satan's control and influence (Isa 57:21; 1Jo 5:19)

As god of this system of things, Satan the Devil has blinded the minds of unbelievers and thus keeps them in spiritual darkness (2Co 4:4)

Since his ouster from heaven to the vicinity of the earth, he has been misleading all the nations—driving them headlong toward the war of Armageddon (Re 12:9; 16:14, 16)

GLOBAL PEACE ASSURED THROUGH JEHOVAH'S KINGDOM RULE (20 min.)

Jehovah has the power to rid the universe of the great peace disturber, Satan the Devil (Ro 16:20)

The first prophecy pointed to a Kingdom promise of deliverance and restoration of peace (Ge 3:15)

God progressively foretold steps he would take to restore peace to earth (Isa 2:4; 9:6, 7; Da 2:44)

Provided his Son as needed ransom and laid foundation for a Kingdom of peace by installing him as King on heavenly throne (Ps 2:6; 110:1, 2; Lu 1:32, 33; Heb 2:14)

Prepares 144,000 corulers to serve in heavenly government to administer blessings of peace for the earth (Lu 22:28-30; Re 5:9, 10; 14:1)

Outworking of Kingdom arrangement now well advanced; can be seen in restored spiritual estate of Kingdom heirs, with a spiritual paradise already being enjoyed by millions

Worldwide preaching of good news of Kingdom has gathered people into united society worshiping Jehovah under peaceful conditions (Ps 23:1-6; 29:11)

Superiority of Jehovah's Kingdom rule is noted even by those who are not part of Christian congregation [Cite statements of worldly observers extolling superior qualities demonstrated by Jehovah's Witnesses, as published in *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* See *Index* under JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES/Statements by Others/qualities]

What Jehovah's Kingdom rule has accomplished among his devoted servants is a foretaste of blessings in store for all obedient mankind in righteous new world (Isa 11:6-9)

Hostility on Satan's part still exists on earth because he is determined to hold on to his rule over fallen mankind (Ps 2:1-3; Re 12:12)

Hostility will end shortly with overthrow of all wickedness (Re 20:1-3; 21:1)

Under peaceful Kingdom rule of 1,000 years, mankind will be restored to perfection on an earthly paradise (1Co 15:24-28)

GLOBAL PEACE A REALITY FOR THE NEAR FUTURE (5 min.)

Millions now rightly entertain hope of survival into righteous new world (Re 7:14)

Wicked will perish, while meek ones will find delight in abundance of peace (Ps 37:10, 11)

Not only practical but also urgent that we should now look to Jehovah, the heavenly Source, for global peace
(Zep 2:1-3; Re 21:1-4)

(Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section. Not all cited texts need be read or commented on)

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