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Dear Associates and Friends,

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“[Assassination in Scripture](#)” is the doctrinal article for October 2024. It is a survey of assassinations that were attempted and successful as described in both the Old and New Testaments. “Assassination” is a public action of murder for political or religious reasons, and sometimes for both. It is different from war, which is a corporate act of killing people.

Beginning with the murder of Cain killing Abel, I present most assassinations presented in the Bible. Yes, there are many such killings mentioned in Scripture. See if your list agrees with mine. Let me know if I left out any assassinations that should be mentioned.

I wrote the article because of two “close calls” with former President Donald Trump, who is running for reelection to that office in the November 5, 2024 United States national election. I end the article by discussing Christ’s death on the tree of crucifixion. Was it an assassination? You might not think some assassinations qualify to be included in the list.

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### *An Interesting United Nations Proposal*

On September 18, 2024, the United Nations General Assembly voted and approved a proposal that should be both a surprise and a warning to everyone. The UN General Assembly vote indicated the consensus of the governments of the world, and the opinions of each country’s ruling groups. At present, such proposals and votes have little effect beyond news and propaganda value for each country, unless the Security Council decides to confirm that proposal.

The United States voted “No” to the proposal in the General Assembly, and the U.S. government would likely vote the same if such a proposal went to a vote before the Security Council. There are 15 member nations on the Security Council, ten nations are elected to be members on a revolving basis. Five countries are “permanent members” of the Security Council. Each of the permanent members has a veto power over any action before the Security Council.

The five permanent members are: China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, and the United States. All are nuclear powers. The current most populous nation in the world (and a nuclear power) is India.<sup>1</sup> India probably should be a permanent member of the Security Council. If the General Assembly and Security Council each vote to approve a proposal, such as sanctioning a nation for terrorism, then it is possible the UN members might recommend military action. This occurred when North Korea invaded South Korea in 1950. Since that time, the UN has had a small military component supplied by member states. The UN-sponsored website *UN News* has a September 18, 2024 article, “[UN General Assembly demands Israel end ‘unlawful presence’ in Occupied Palestinian Territory.](#)” Here is a blurb from the article.

**“The United Nations General Assembly on Wednesday voted overwhelmingly to adopt a**

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<sup>1</sup> India is now the most populous nation in the world, China is second (with a negative population growth), the United States is third, Indonesia fourth, Pakistan fifth, and Nigeria sixth. See “[List of countries by population](#)” updated July 2024.

**resolution that demands that Israel ‘brings to an end without delay its unlawful presence’ in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.”**

This surprising action by the UN General Assembly received a “no” vote from the United States, a permanent member of the Security Council. If the proposal goes to the Security Council, the United States may change its vote. Such are the political realities. There were 124 nations for the resolution, 14 against, and 43 nations abstaining. A change in sentiment by the United States after the election might occur.

**The General Assembly further demanded that Israel return land and other “immovable property”, as well as all assets seized since the occupation began in 1967, and all cultural property and assets taken from Palestinians and Palestinian institutions.**

**The resolution also demands Israel allow all Palestinians displaced during the occupation to return to their place of origin and make reparation for the damage caused by its occupation.**  
(Emphasis mine, DWS)

If this proposal would become enforceable in international law, there would be pressure on Israel to give back the entire Old City of Jerusalem. This would include the “true” site of the Temple above and a bit west of the Gihon Springs, King David’s Tomb, and even the false “Temple Mount” which is actually the remains of Fort Antonia. Many Christian churches in the Old City also might become mosques. All archaeological research would cease, but I doubt this will happen. All things are in the hands of God.

Why is the UN putting forth such a proposal? It is trying to diminish Israel and lessen its support among the world’s nations, who would like to access Israel’s technical advances. The UN was founded with a goal of forming a world government. Whether the UN knows it or not, Jerusalem will be important to such a world government. But that goal is still far off, but when antichrist appears, the governing structure will be in place. The antichrist will only need to turn “on the switch.”

World government cannot work without honest leadership, protected by a strong Bill of Rights limiting those who govern. That is not possible under the current condition of humanity where, **“The First Priority of EVERY organization, whether a government, a corporation, or a religious denomination, is the continued survival, health, and growth of the organization.”**<sup>2</sup> Most kingdoms and countries are so corrupt, they barely function because graft and corruption are in every government and society. Honesty is an exception. To thrive and grow, organizations either oppress their own people, their neighbors, or other countries. There are few exceptions, and they only last a short time.

The UN desires to create governmental ruling powers to control countries around the world. This current UN proposal to “give back” the Old City of Jerusalem was done to gauge acceptance for creating a “ruling” initiative backed up with financial and political leverage, influence, and eventually military force. This current proposal, UN policy makers believe, would be popular around the world, and give the UN license to demand return of the Old City of Jerusalem to Palestinian rule. The status of all Jewish property would be reevaluated according to the status quo when Israel became a country in 1948. The true goal is to further isolate Israel from other nations. It would gut the Jewish identity of Israel.

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<sup>2</sup> See my 2002 Commentary, [“The Decline of the Churches”](#) where I list 6 priorities of every human institution.